

MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council
Via Zoom, Monday, 14 September 2020, 7:00pm
MINUTES

- 20/079. Apologies:** Cllr Broughton, Cllr Hoskyn, BClIr Hones, BClIr Cloke, BClIr Bridge
In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Harries, Cllr Read, Cllr King, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Santry, CClIr Wagland, L Brown, Clerk & RFO.
- 20/080. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 July 2020**
The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 13 July 2020 were approved by all.
- 20/081. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Village Councillors**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 20/082. Public Question Time - public to advise in advance of attendance**
No members of the public were in attendance.
- 20/083. Updates from Essex County Council and Brentwood Borough Council**
There were no Borough Councillors in attendance.
- Cllr Wagland advised that there is a lot of useful information on the ECC website in relation to Covid19. The issue of graffiti in the underpass was discussed. Cllr Wagland has been trying to get a response from The Rangers but the Environmental Health Team might be the next option if we do not get a response soon. Local police officers are also looking at the recent spate of anti-social behaviour that this is possibly linked to.
- Cllr Wagland has put through the entrance to Thoby Lane as a priority for pot hole repairs in the village. The issue of edges at St. Anne's Road is also being put forward if there are funds available, whilst the heave on Roman Road should come under the ordinary Highways system and has been forwarded to them for information.
- Cllr Wagland advised that there will be some funding available soon for issues with footpaths. If there are any severe concerns with footpaths in Mountnessing details of these, along with photographs should be sent to Cllr Wagland as soon as possible.
- 20/084. Finance.**
The monthly payments and receipts for August 2020 were agreed and approved by all.
- 20/085. Vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the village – what can be done?**
Cllr Stephenson has been in contact with the local patrol police regarding the recent spates of graffiti, vandalism and antisocial behaviour in the village. He is arranging a meeting to see how they can assist us with these issues in Mountnessing. The police have made a record of the graffiti as some of the language was very political and concerning.
- 20/086. Update on guidance re use of Coronation Field**
The Essex Playing Field Association have sent though useful advice regarding the misuse of Coronation Field. Our priority is to make people aware that this is not a public space, it is owned and maintained by MVC and that there are regulations involved in using the land.
MVC need to set out the regulations, agree a policy, create new signage to display this and ensure the information is clearly displayed on the website.
It was agreed that this would be completed by 1st March 2021

- 20/087. Updates on Cricket Club and use of the changing rooms**
The cricket season ends in Mountnessing on 20 September 2020. Ahead of the new season MVC need to discuss terms with the club including related costs, maintenance of facilities and frequency of matches. The Clerk will issue an invoice pro rata for this season.
A plumber is meeting Cllr Stephenson on site later this month to address the issues that the recent report raised with regards to the changing rooms.
- 20/088. Update on the improvements at the Village Hall and the Village Hall reopening**
The ladies and gentlemen's toilets are now virtually complete. A CIF grant has been applied for to enable work on the disabled/baby changing toilet to go ahead. The VH Committee may also submit an application to the Brentwood Community Fund for these works.
- 20/089. Update on the Tennis Club and the use of the Windmill Court**
MVC are awaiting a new lease proposal from the Tennis Club which is based upon a standard LTA model lease. A separate agreement will be required for use of the Windmill Court. Clerk to pursue this with the Tennis Club.
- 20/090. Proposal for bi-monthly meetings.**
It was proposed that whilst meetings still have to be virtual the frequency is reduced to once every two months. Extraordinary meetings can be called in between as deemed necessary. This was agreed until the end of the financial year at which point the need for more frequent meetings will be reassessed. Meetings will be held in November, January and March.
- 20/091. Proposal for additional support staff within Mountnessing Village Council**
It was proposed and agreed that the Village Council would investigate taking on additional admin support, and a caretaker to carry out odd jobs. The Clerk will work on a proposal and circulate as soon as it is available. It was recognised that at some point office space may become a requirement.
- 20/092. Planning**
1. Ingatestone Garden Centre.
The developer is appealing against BBC's non determination of an application. MVC will submit comments that cover the primary objection to this development being on greenbelt land but in view of the fact that the imminent LDP has indicated the land will be used for housing, will also stipulate what we would expect to be included in any build here. Previously submitted comments will also be reiterated.
 2. 20/01201/FUL - Holbrooks Stables.
There are concerns about the use of this site and the lack of progress in the development. MVC objects to the application for an extension but should the planning officer be minded to give permission then it will be strongly requested that the timeline for work is adhered to and activities taking place on site are monitored.
- For update:**
1. 20/00672/HHA – Hollins, Lower Road – Swimming Pool - **Withdrawn**
 2. 20/00756/HHA - 4 Burnthouse Lane – **Approved**
 3. 20/00954/FUL – Hunts Farm, Old Church Lane - **Refused**
 4. 20/01016/HHA – Swinburne, Lower Road - **Approved**
 5. 20/01061/HHA – 11 Church Close - **Pending**
 6. 20/01135/FUL- Master Johns, Thoby Lane - **Pending**
 7. 20/01151/HHA – Holly Cottage, Padhams Green - **Pending**
 8. Mountnessing Primary School – Works due to commence in November 2020.
- 20/093. Reports by Village Councillors on any issues with village assets that have arisen during regular risk assessments.**
The hedge at the Watermeadows which is adjacent to residents' properties will be cut in the next few weeks.

- 20/094. Essex Forest Initiative – identifying areas for planting trees.**
MVC will investigate further the possibility of new trees being supplied and planted in the village as part of the Essex Forest Initiative. The next wave for this is the end of 2021. Cllr Wagland will determine more information regarding the type of trees and how the process is expected to work.
- 20/095. Items for inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting - nothing arising.**
- 20/096. Date of Next Meeting: **Monday 9 November 2020, 7pm via Zoom****

Cllr Andrew Stephenson
Chairman

Mrs Laura Brown
Clerk & RFO