

MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL
Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council
Via Video Conference, Monday, 16 November 2020, 7:00pm
MINUTES

- 20/097.** In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Harries, Cllr Read, Cllr King, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Wagland, BClr Honess, BClr Cloke, BClr Bridge, L Brown, Clerk & RFO, F. Pannell-Buck (potential councillor).
Apologies: Cllr Broughton, **Absent:** Cllr Santry.
- 20/098.** **To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 September 2020**
The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 14 September 2020 were approved by all.
- 20/099.** **Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Village Councillors and recognition that MVC needs to 'recruit' new councillors.**
There were no declarations of interest. MVC confirmed that Cllr Kerry Hosityn has stepped down due to moving locations. Two positions are now available.
- 20/100.** **Update on additional support staff within Mountnessing Village Council**
The Caretaker position has been advertised but so far has no applicants. The information will be posted on Ingatestone Facebook news page and put in the forthcoming newsletter.
The additional admin support will be progressed after Christmas.
- 20/101.** **Public Question Time - public to advise in advance of attendance** – no members of the public in attendance who wished to ask questions.
- 20/102.** **Updates from Essex County Council and Brentwood Borough Council**
Cllr Wagland informed the meeting that ECC is making £3.9million available to assist the most vulnerable in the County at this time. They continue to request surplus laptops from businesses so that these can be distributed to homes where there are no computers, or due to home working and school need, so one in the household is not sufficient.
The pot hole fixing initiative is going well and Cllr Wagland urged MVC to put pot holes on the website and to send the number through to her with photos so that she can progress these.
Flooding on Roman Road is still being progressed through the relevant channels and Essex Highways are planning to attend in January 2021 when access has been made safe.

Cllr Honess has forwarded the list of requests to the NATs who are scheduled to attend Mountnessing in December. Repair of the bus shelter is not part of their remit and will need to be addressed separately.
BClr Cloke is now the Chair of Brentwood's Planning Committee and BClr Bridge is also a member of this committee.
BClr Bridge assured the meeting that the Brentwood Leisure Centre is only closed temporarily and that BBC are doing all they can to get this back open. The Brentwood Leisure Trust ran out of money and were unable to continue running the venue.
- 20/103.** **Local Development Plan**
The Borough Councillors confirmed that the LDP is still being progressed. Inspectors are visiting Brentwood's Planning Dept in December and February to discuss this further.
Ingatestone have submitted their initial draft of the Neighbourhood Plan to the planning department for consideration.
- 20/104.** **Finance.**
The monthly payments and receipts for October 2020 were agreed and approved by all.
The meeting was advised that a quote had been sought for the security and height restriction barrier needed for the Village Hall.

20/105. Update on the opening of Village Hall and St. John's Hall.

The Village Hall is fully closed at the moment due to Covid restrictions. A CIF grant has been successfully secured towards the disabled toilet upgrade, which will include baby changing facilities. St. John's Hall is closed to all except the Forget me Not support group.

20/106. Speeding within the village including a proposed calming mechanism and 'Speedwatch'.

A local resident has complained about speeding on Church Road and the possibility of a Speedwatch group was questioned. Due to the covid restrictions this is not something that can be acted upon at the moment but might be an option for the future. From information received this would need to be lead and run by residents, perhaps with MVC support. BCllr Cloke reminded the meeting that Speedwatch groups have no powers to prosecute and also no power of protection from drivers who may not wish to be recorded. CCllr Wagland advised the meeting that she is now the Chair of SERP, The Safer Essex Roads Partnership. It was agreed that a member of SERP would be invited to join the January Ordinary Meeting to advise what the local community can do to help reduce speeding in the village. This potentially can be opened up to local residents although it would be a video conference meeting.

Speeding on Thoby Lane and also the ongoing danger of the St. Anne's junction would be raised at this.

BCllr Cloke has applications in to look at the junctions of Thoby Lane and Church Road holistically.

MVC is looking at the possibility of putting 'gateways' in to the village – fences at the side of the road which give the illusion of narrowing and advise people that they are entering a village/built up environment. Further work will be done to determine the cost of these and whether any grants are available to help fund these.

20/107. Planning

For update:

1. 20/00954/FUL – Hunts Farm, Old Church Lane, (Removal of existing 2 bedroomed caravan with the benefit of lawful use and the retention of existing one bedroomed residential annexe to the main residence) - **Refused**
2. 20/01016/HHA – Swinburne, Lower Road (Raise the roof ridge by 650mm to allow for loft conversion to include three rear facing dormer windows and roof lights to side) - **Approved**
3. 20/01061/HHA – 11 Church Close (Part single, part two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extension with steps to garden)- **Refused**
4. 20/01135/FUL- Master Johns, Thoby Lane - (Single storey extension to an existing dwelling and cart lodge converted into residential dwelling with link to existing dwelling, outbuilding converted into annexe including open parking bay) - **Approved**
5. 20/01151/HHA – Holly Cottage, Padhams Green – (First floor rear/side extension to include alterations to roof, to include dormer window) – **Refused**
6. 20/01201/FUL – Holbrook Stables, Thoby Lane - Continued siting of construction materials on site including metal container for the enablement of the barn conversion – **Pending**
7. 20/01409/HHA – 19 Burnthouse Lane – rear veranda (retrospective) - **Pending**
8. Ingatestone Garden Centre – No update.

20/108. Reports by Village Councillors on any issues with village assets that have arisen during regular risk assessments.

The school are hoping to start work on the extension next month – dependent on the presence of badgers, which have been screened off but which seem to be finding their way back on site.

20/109. Items for inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting .

- Presentation and discussion with a representative from the SERP
- The policy for Coronation Field will be ready for approval at the next Ordinary meeting.

20/110. Date of Next Meeting: **Monday 11 January 2021**