

MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL
An Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council,
St John's Church Hall, Monday 13 September 2021, 7.00pm

MINUTES

21/065. To receive and agree apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Harries and Cllr Pennell-Buck

In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Read, Cllr King, Cllr Broughton, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Moore, BCllr and CCllr Wagland, BCllr Hones and BCllr Cloke.

21/066. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Village Councillors

There were no declarations of interest.

21/067. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 July 2021

The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 July 2021 were approved by all.

21/068. Public Question Time

No members of the public attended.

21/069. New Councillor

Cllr Stephenson welcomed Mr Andy Slevin to the meeting, and invited Mr Slevin to introduce himself to the Council. It was agreed that Cllr Stephenson would contact all the councillors before the next meeting to ensure their agreement for Mr Slevin to be co-opted as a new councillor.

21/070. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors

Cllr Cloke advised that whilst plans are still awaited in respect of the Thoby Lane junction. The mechanics of the design are yet to be decided as there are potential issues with regards ownership of land surrounding the junction.

Additional safety signage to be displayed at Widvale Road.

BCllr and CCllr Wagland is endeavouring to arrange for the Safer Essex Roads to attend a meeting.

BCllr and CCllr Wagland advised that a £500 contribution of grant funds had been made to the Elim Foodbank.

BCllr and CCllr Wagland to speak with the Village Clerk with regards grant application for a defibrillator or noticeboard.

BCllr and CCllr Wagland State of road and drainage into community site and flooding problems.

21/071. Finance

Cllr Stephenson advised that reports for July and August would follow due to the new Village Clerk only having completed training on the Rialtas System a few days ago.

A resolution was passed to change resolution existing 3.6. Cllr Read proposed and Cllr Stephenson seconded:-

In regards to the play area/outdoor gym, it was resolved (Sept 2021) that MPC would allocate a sum of money that could be used for any repairs that were identified in the BBC weekly inspections.

Any repairs - up to £250. Exercised by the Cllr with responsibility for maintaining this asset. To be reported at the next Council meeting.

Any repairs -up to £1000. Exercised by the Cllr with responsibility for maintaining this asset and the Clerk/RFO or chairman

Repairs above £1000 require full council approval

21/072. Update on Finger Posts repair/replacement

The finger post at Buttsbury is being renovated by a local resident with signage yet to be finished. A further five posts require replacement and volunteers may be required if we are unable to find a company to undertake the work.

21/073. Planning

Cllr Stephenson advised that the current plan submitted by Redrow for the former Ingatestone Garden Centre development was more pleasing and felt thoughts of the Village Council had been taken on board.

The concerns raised were:-

- The impact of a construction plan
- Facilities properly set up to ensure funded management companies with responsibility for children's play area, etc.
- The plan was appropriate and enforceable.

BCllr Cloke made aware of concerns with construction traffic and the impact on Shenfield School buses which park opposite all day during term times.

21/074. To discuss any works needed or on-going within the village including

Cllr Read advised that Ian Chatters will be planting a Turkish Oak Commemorative tree, when it was available and appropriate to plant, for a total cost of £100.00 inclusive of planting.

Cllr Stephenson advised that the security gate/barrier was progressing with materials having been received and powder coating to take place shortly.

Cllr King advised all playground repairs were up to date and he will chase the Wetpour repair.

Cllr King requested that areas of responsibility were re-established and shown as agenda items going forward.

Cllr Stephenson advised that a handyman has now been appointed.

Cllr Stephenson advised that grass cutting this year will exceed budget as additional cuts will be required in October.

Tennis Club

Cllr Stephenson advised that he met with the Chair of the Tennis Club and a rental charge of £1,425 per annum with an additional annual contribution of £100 towards the road. Legal costs £1,250

Allotments

Cllr Broughton advised he had been contacted by members of the allotments raising the question of who would be responsible for the cost of reducing trees on the allotment site. It was agreed this would be raised by Cllr Pennell-Buck at the English Charities' (Freeholders) meeting.

21/075. Items for inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting agenda

21/076. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11 October at 7.00pm at St John's Church Hall, Mountnessing ,

Chairman

Parish Clerk