

MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL
An Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council,
Mountnessing Village Hall, Monday 19 July 2021, 7.00pm

MINUTES

21/050. To receive and agree apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Harries and Cllr Moore.

In attendance: Cllr Stephenson, Cllr Read, Cllr King, Cllr Broughton, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Pennell-Buck, Cllr & BClr Wagland, BClr Hones and BClr Cloke.

21/051. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Village Councillors

There were no declarations of interest.

21/052. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 June 2021

The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 17 June 2021 were approved by all.

21/053. Public Question Time

No members of the public attended.

21/054. Use of Coronation Field for self-defence classes

It was agreed that the Cricket Club would be contacted and asked whether they were in agreement with the self-defence instructor's pupils to use the toilets. Any cleaning cost would need to be met by the instructor.

Agreed in principle that permission to be granted provided an arrangement can be reached in respect of the toilets. More information was required from the self-defence instructor on how the courses are to be run. Cllr Stephenson agreed to follow up.

It was agreed subject to the above conditions being met, a minimal annual amount would be charged for use of the field.

21/055. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors

BClr Hones drew our attention to the Summer of Fun being run by Brentwood Borough Council, with a safari trail and an art trail in Ingatestone. She also advised that on 6 August the Family Fun Day is to be held in Ingatestone

BClr Cloke advised of local road closures which were numerous in the area. It was noted that ECC Highways should be co-ordinating the road closures.

BClr Cloke advised work on the pelican crossing located between The George and Dragon and Mountnessing CofE Primary School is to commence imminently.

BClr Cloke advised of possible further road developments, specifically regarding the Church Road/Thoby Lane crossing. Cllr Wagland will liaise once plans are available.

BClr Cloke advised of the possibility of a medical centre being built in Stock Lane, Ingatestone within Ingleton House.

BCllr Cloke advised that Redrow Homes is yet to arrange a meeting with Brentwood Borough Council and they are not liaising with the parish councils yet.

BCllr Cloke asked when the lease expires on the civic amenity site and Cllr Pennell-Buck, Chair of John and Amy English Charity, own the land on which the civic amenity site is located and the lease runs out in 2022. A new lease will be negotiated prior nearer the time.

BCllr Cloke advised the rubbish on the A12 between Mountnessing and Brentwood has now been cleared. Further rubbish clearing will be carried out between Mountnessing to Margaretting. However, the slip road located at the Mountnessing end of Ingatestone will not be cleared due to Traffic Management issues.

Cllr Wagland advised there are funds available for parish improvements and it was agreed that our suggestion of a defibrillator would be appropriate use of funds.

Cllr Wagland stated a response is required to the consultation on the 20MPH speed limit in Ingatestone High Street to be made permanent. This is particularly important to make it easier to change elsewhere. She advised a degree of compliance is required for it to pass as it can be argued that lower speed limits can make a road more dangerous by non-compliant vehicles overtaking compliant vehicles.

Cllr MCKinney is receiving complaints from residents re speeding on Thoby Lane in the village. Cllr Wagland advised that we need to wait for the Thoby Lane junction to be done before we can do anything more. Details of the plan for the junction should be available by MVC September meeting.

Cllr Wagland was requested to arrange for a representative of the Safer Essex Road Partnership to attend the next meeting. She advised they cannot be lobbied on specific local problems.

21/056. Finance

The monthly payments and receipts for June 2021 were agreed and approved by all.

Cllr Stephenson advised a £4,500 VAT refund had been received.

Cllr Stephenson advised the lease for Mountnessing Tennis Club is due for renewal. Solicitors' fees for the new lease will be £2,500.00. Negotiations on how this will be met are underway with the club but these will have to be paid by the MVC in the first instance.

21/057. Update on Finger Posts repair/replacement

Five posts require replacement because they are going rotten due to old age. As yet, we haven't found a company to undertake the work.

21/058. Essex Play Association Grant Application

Cllr Stephenson will liaise with Cllr King over the playing fields' grant opportunities.

21/059. Play Area Repairs

Cllr King reported on the works needed and quotations received:-

- . The carousel doesn't seem to have a bearing problem after all. Agreed with the Brentwood Borough Council inspector that this is the case.
- . Wickstead have not yet responded in respect of the swing repair.
- . The Parish Council sign has been vandalised.
- . The multi-use climbing frame canopy will cost a minimum of £142.00 to repair.
- . The train bars have been stripped out and we are expecting a quotation of £500.00 to replace. Cllr King will send an email detailing action/costs.
- . Certain seats on the swings require replacement/repair.
- . A quotation required for the wetpour surrounding the roundabout.
- . A bench on the side of the park has had its top removed so new bolts are required to secure.

Everything on the Brentwood Borough Council report will be dealt with.

Cllr King proposed he be given a £250.00 limit to spend without two signatures. He will forward an email round for comments.

21/060. Newsletter

Cllr McKinney reported on the Newsletter and distributed a finished copy to be sent to the printer.

21/061. Planning

24 Burnthouse Lane
Battery Storage – going to planning committee
Master Johns Farm Thoby Lane – pending
17 Church Road – approved
Thoby Farm Cottage, St Annes Road – refused
The Elms – pending cycle track
27 Burnthouse Lane

21/062. To discuss any works needed or on-going within the village including

Commentative tree update from Cllr Read.

It was agreed that Ian Chatters would be contacted to talk to him about our choices and Cllr Read was to send photographs of possibilities to all councillors.

Prince Tree Surgery are looking at our tree survey to provide us with a quotation.

21/063. Items for inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting agenda

If available drawings for Thoby Lane /Church road junction

21/063. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13 September at 7.00pm at St John's Church Hall, Mountnessing ,

Chairman

Clerk