

MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL
An Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council,
St John's Church Hall, Tuesday 22 March 2022, 8.00pm

- 22/35. To receive and agree apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Broughton and Cllr Harries.
In attendance: Cllr King, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Moore, Cllr Pennell-Buck, Cllr Read
- 22/36. Co-option of Andy Slevin**
Andy Slevin was unanimously co-opted onto the Council following Cllr King's proposing the co-option and Cllr Pennell-Buck seconding.
- 22/37. Election of Chair**
Cllr Moore proposed and Cllr King seconded Cllr Slevin as Chair. Cllr Slevin was voted in as Chair following three votes for, no votes against and two abstained votes.
- 22/38. Election of Deputy Chair**
Cllr Read proposed and Cllr McKinney seconded Cllr Pennell-Buck be voted in as Deputy Chair. Cllr Pennell-Buck was unanimously voted in as Deputy Chair.
- 22/39. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Village Councillors**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 22/40. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors**
None received as no Borough or County Councillors were present.
- 22/41. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 February 2022**
The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 16 February 2022 were approved by all.
- 22/42. Public Question Time**
No members of the public attended.
- 22/43. Quiz Night**
Tickets are selling well, Cllr Hones has provided quiz questions and a reduced hall hire rate of £60.00 has been gratefully accepted.
- 22/44. Summer Fete**
- A working party has been established and regular updates will be provided to MVC. It was agreed that a clear audit trail of spending be kept and should further funds be required over and above those in the Fete Account, these would be considered by the MVC on an as and when basis.
 - A band has been booked to perform between 6 and 9pm and a karate demonstration will take place.
 - First aiding requirements have also been arranged.
 - It was also advised that Mountnessing Primary School are raising funds for the school from their stalls. It was agreed that a donation would be preferable rather than a fixed entry fee.
 - Costings to be kept and supplied in due course.
 - Union Flag bunting will be displayed.

- Marshalls/helpers will be clearly visible in tee shirts with windmill logo so they can be clearly identified.

22/45. 351 Bus Route

It was agreed BCIlr Wagland could be lobbied with regards the reduction in service of 351 bus route.

22/46. MVC Website

The need for a new website was agreed and research undertaken which will be reported back to MVC in due course.

22/47. Tennis Courts' Lease

Work is progressing well although there has been a slight issue with regards Windmill Court which requires further work. The invoice for legal work will be forwarded to Parish Clerk for payment processing.

22/48. Street Names

It was agreed we have no objection to the suggested botanical names proposed for Blossom Park.

22/49. Village Defibrillator

The purchase of a defibrillator and necessary accessories was unanimously approved.

22/50. Planning

It was unanimously agreed that the stance of the Village Council is that retrospective planning permission should be objected to outright and enforcement action taken.

22/51. MVC Website

The need for a new website was agreed and research undertaken which will be reported back to MVC in due course.

22/52. Risk Assessments on Village Assets and discuss any works needed or ongoing to the following:-

a. Childrens' play area and bus shelters

It was noted that Mark Ellis, the new handyman is doing a good job clearing the bus-shelters and work to repair/maintain will take place once the weather improves.

b. Village Car Park, Millenium Gardens and Recycling Area

Nothing to report.

c. Recreation Ground

Nothing to report.

d. Allotments

Nothing to report.

e. Water Meadows

Nothing to report.

f. Village Hall

Nothing to report.

g. St. John's Hall

Nothing to report.

h. Mountnessing Primary School

The building work has been slightly delayed and it is hoped the work will be finished during the summer holidays.

22/53. Items for Inclusion in next Ordinary Meeting Agenda

Follow up of tonight's items and Cllr Moore to provide an update on the tennis club lease.

22/54. Date of Next Meeting

The Annual General Meeting and ordinary meeting will take place on Monday 9 May 2022 at 7.00pm at St John's Church Hall, Mountnessing

Chairman

Parish Clerk