

MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL
An Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council,
St John's Church Hall, Wednesday 16 February 2022, 7.00pm

22/18. To receive and agree apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Ken Broughton.

In attendance: Cllr King, Cllr Harries, Cllr McKinney, Cllr Moore, Cllr Pennell-Buck, Cllr Read, BCllr Lesley Wagland and Cllr Noelle Hones .

22/19. Election of Temporary Chair

Cllr Pennell-Buck was unanimously voted as Temporary Chair.

22/20. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 January 2022

The minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 10 January 2022 were approved by all.

22/21. Temporary Election of Chairman

Cllr Pennell-Buck was unanimously voted as Temporary Chairman.

Cllr Pennell-Buck has offered to stand as Assistant Chairman to support Andy Slevin who has offered to stand as Chairman, once his co-option has been formalised. This will form one of the first agenda items at the next meeting.

22/22. Co-option of Andy Slevin

Co-option of Andy Slevin is expected at the next meeting following approval from Brentwood Borough Council.

22/23. Announcement and Declaration of Interests by Village Councillors

There were no declarations of interest.

22/24. Public Question Time

No members of the public attended.

22/25. To receive reports by Borough and County Councillors

BCllr Wagland advised of a Locality Fund Arrangement and requested suggestions from MVC for appropriate use of funding be with her by 31 March 2022. The possibility of using funding for fingerposts was raised.

BCllr Wagland also advised of a pothole initiative and requested contacting her directly with suggestions of one or two potholes for consideration.

Cllr Hones advised of the establishment of an Economic Development Team to promote the rise of high street businesses post-pandemic.

22/26. Finance

The Monthly Financial Statements and Bank Reconciliations for November and December 2021 were unanimously approved.

22/27. 2022/23 Budget

It was noted that a 5% increase in our precept, total precept of £42,000, has been approved from Brentwood Borough Council.

- 22/28. Litter**
MVC is keen to reduce litter and to consider ways to promote this message. A litter-pick is being organised.
- 22/29. Planning Applications**
Noted.
- 22/30. Quiz Night**
The capacity of the hall was confirmed as 150 and plans are progressing well.
- 22/31. Summer Fete**
It was agreed a working party be established and regular updates provided to MVC.
- 22/32. 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**
It was noted that the roof is now on and work is expected to be completed by the start of the new school year in September. Each year they will take on another class commencing with two reception classes progressing into two year one classes and two more reception classes etc.
- 22/33. 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.
- 22/34. Date of Next Meeting**
The meeting will take place on Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.00pm at St John's Church Hall, Mountnessing