



MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL
Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council
held at St Johns Hall, Monday 11th November 2024 at 7pm

- 24/104 Welcome and apologies for absence**
Apologies received and noted from BBCllr Sankey.
- 24/105 Declaration of interests**
No declarations received.
- 24/106 Approval of minutes from 14th October Ordinary Meeting of Council**
Minutes previously circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.
Unanimously approved. Proposed by Cllr Cloke, seconded by Cllr Dale.
- 24/107 Public Question Time (5 minutes per question)**
Resident Tracy Barnabas in attendance to observe the meeting with interest in joining the council as a Village Councillor.
- 24/108 Borough and County Councillor Updates – to include update on:**
LHP applications (Roman Road 30mph) – This is subject to review by the Highways Panel.
S106 monies from Blossom Park – Cllr Wagland confirmed that the S106 monies for the underpass enhancements has been ringfenced by Essex Highways. Cllr Wagland and Village Clerk to meet with Highways and discuss improvements needed to the underpass area.
Hope Close and Church Crescent Garage Site – Cllr Gorton confirmed that this had again been listed as a NATS task for the NATS team in December.
Regarding the removal of 2 trees from MVC owned land adjacent to the Hope Close garage site by BBC, Cllr Gorton confirmed that he would be liaising with BBC to obtain a resolution to the complaint raised by MVC to BBC for compensation of the unexpected expenditure by MVC to re fence the boundary to Hope Close garage area.

Cllr Gorton confirmed that all BBC owned garage sites in the Borough are being reviewed. Cllr Cloke noted that the Court View garage area had been omitted from BBC's list.

Cllr Wagland also confirmed that she is liaising with BBC with regards to the weed infestations around drains and gullies which need attention.

Cllr Gorton confirmed that the extra bins that had been requested for the village are still being pursued and remain subject to the Borough Bin Review by BBC.

24/109 Thoby Priory Update (JC)

No update received yet from BBC Planning Team. It was noted that MVC had received a letter from Alex Burghart MP regarding the Historic England involvement with the site.

24/110 Finger Post Update (JC)

Cllr Cloke is in discussions with BBC Finance Dept regarding the location of the grant given to MVC by SEPP to replace 4 broken fingerposts in the village.

24/111 Clerks update –

Finance – Agree October payments – Payment's list for October 2024 pre-circulated prior to the meeting. Payments proposed by Cllr Dale and seconded by Cllr Hones Cloke. Unanimously agreed.

Note Local Government pay award – Clerk advised council that the annual pay award for England had been agreed by NALC and was noted by council.

Lloyds Bank changes – Correspondence received from Lloyd's bank confirming a monthly charge will exist for the council bank accounts from 1st Jan 2025, this being £4.95 per month. Clerk advised that she had investigated other banks/societies, but most were more than the proposed charge by Lloyds. It was agreed that we would continue to bank with Lloyds for the near future.

Village office update – Clerk confirmed that the new office site in the village had been connected for phone and broadband and that all council equipment etc would be moved to the new site by 15th November.

Cricket Club – Clerk and Cllr Dale met with the Chairman and Captain of the Cricket club as an end of season meeting to discuss any issues. It was noted that there remains one season left with the current contract between MVC and HCC.

Tennis Club – Clerk confirmed that the leaves from the trees surrounding the club are becoming an issue on the new playing surfaces. Cllrs agreed that MVC has completed all tree works in line with the most recent tree survey and had complied with the tree works clause of the current contract between MVC and MTC.

24/112 25/26 Council Budget

Clerk confirmed that budget preparations ahead of discussions in January were underway and asked councillors for any input regarding potential projects for the 25/26-year budget. Cllr Cloke noted that office expenditure needs to be added to the budget, along with defibrillator upkeep and pest control for MVC maintained areas.

24/113 Christmas Lights

Cllr Cloke confirmed that the Christmas lights will be installed on the village green w/c 3rd December.

24/114 Planning Applications

- a) 23/01052/FUL – Thoby Priory – Pending**
- b) 24/00831/FUL – Hepburns – Pending**
- c) 24/01000/HHA – 11, The Elms – Pending**
- d) 24/00978/HHA – Millers – Pending**

Cllr Cloke confirmed that a Solar Farm application was due to be submitted to BBC for land near to Old Church Road. MVC will respond once the formal application had been received.

24/115 Village Risk Assessments: a) Coronation Field/Childrens Playarea/Village Hall Car Park (JC)

Cllr Cloke noted that the defib had been requested again, and that new batteries and pads would be required. Clerk to arrange.

Cllr Cloke confirmed it had been reported by residents that vehicles had been seen on the field at night (possibly quads gaining access via the footpath entrance behind the windmill). Clerk advised the potential to install a kissing gate mechanism at the entrance to the footpath and provided approximate costings for this. Cllrs unanimously agreed to pursue this and install on our boundary to the footpath. Cllr Wagland advised that this may be suitable for a Locality Fund grant application, Clerk to investigate and apply.

b) Watermeadows (KD) – Previously agreed tree works are due to begin 3rd December. Cllr Dale confirmed no other issues other than the discussion under 24/108.

c) Bus Shelters (PM) Cllr McKinney reported that some of the shelters in the village require some cosmetic attention. It was agreed to factor this into next year's council budget.

d) Village Green (SH) Cllr Hyde reported that the Tommy installation had been received well by residents.

e) Mountney Close/Burnthouse Lane (NHC) Cllr Hones Cloke reported that a resident had raised issues with regards to street parking in the

area. Cllrs Gorton and Wagland confirmed that this would fall under the remit of SEPP and clerk agreed to report the issues to the necessary area at SEPP. Confirmation is still required from BBC as to permission regarding a new bin at Burnthouse Lane footpath entrance.

f) St Johns & Village Hall (Clerk) Nothing to report. MVH AGM is scheduled for January 2025

24/116 Items for next month's agenda

Precept/Budget

Finger posts Update

24/117 Date of next meeting – Monday 13th January 2025

Meeting closed at 20.26pm