



MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council

held at St Johns Hall, Monday 13th May 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Slevin, Cllr Cloke, Cllr Hones Cloke, Cllr Dale, Cllr McKinny, Clerk L Fajimolu, BBCllr Gorton

- 24/27 Welcome and apologies received.**
Apologies were received from Cllr Hyde and BBCllrs Sankey and Wagland
- 24/28 Declaration of Interests**
No declarations were received.
- 24/29 Approval of Minutes from 8th April meeting**
Minutes were unanimously approved by show of hands, proposed by Cllr Cloke and Seconded by Cllr Dale.
- 24/30 Public Question Time (5 mins per question)**
No members of the public in attendance
- 24/31 Update from Borough and County Councillors – to include Fly Tipping and VAS Sign**
Cllr Gorton confirmed that he is regularly monitoring the reported fly tips in the area. Clerk asked if it would be possible to for BBC to amend the flytipping report to enable prepopulated boxes if you already hold a login to save time and repetitive information.
Cllr Cloke enquired as to where the spare VAS signs were being located to, Cllr Gorton to investigate. Cllr Gorton to update at next meeting with regards to the 30mph speed limit proposal for Roman Road.
- 24/32 Alan Marsh – Brentwood Borough Council**
Alan Marsh was unable to attend the meeting but provided a summary of the details he had intended to discuss. A summary sheet was passed to each Councillor. The council intend to create a Mountnessing Woodland Park on land north of the railway line adjacent to Hutton Country Park. MVC Cllrs requested further information regarding access, costs to MVC, location confirmation etc. Alan will attend the June Ordinary Council meeting to discuss further with councillors.
- 24/33 Thoby Priory Update – Cllr Cloke/Cllr Hones Cloke**

Cllr Cloke confirmed to councillors that a meeting had been set up with Alex Burghart MP for June 2024 for the residents concerned.
BBCllr Gorton confirmed that a new environmental document had been attached to the current planning application.

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Clerk Update - March Accounts/AGAR - Clerk confirmed that the accounts and necessary paperwork had been passed to the internal auditor for assessment and audit. Outcomes will be discussed at the Ordinary June meeting.

Reserves – Clerk reported to council following the year end reconciliations that it appears we are over reserved for tree and grounds maintenance. This work is precepted and fully budgeted for in the yearly precept therefore it had been recommended to remove this reserve. Clerk provided the necessary paperwork to all councillors and requested their permission to remove the reserve of £21,000. This was proposed by Cllr Cloke and seconded by Cllr Dale. Unanimous show of hands to carry resolution.

- **Handyman** – Clerk confirmed that the door frames at the pavilion had been refurbished and the locks on the changing room doors replaced.
- **Safe** – Ongoing, update in June 2024
- **To approve use of PO Box** – Following discussion in April's meeting, Clerk updated and confirmed set up details to councillors to set up a PO Box for MVC. Cllr Dale proposed, and Cllr Cloke seconded the proposal. The resolution was unanimously approved. Clerk to set up with Royal Mail.
- **Tree Survey** – Clerk confirmed enquiries for a tree survey for Coronation Field had been made with a recommended company. Clerk confirmed that the survey would cost approx. £540 with TJG Arboricultural Services. Cllr Dale proposed, and Cllr Cloke seconded. Unanimously approved. Clerk to arrange.
- **Cricket Match** – Awaiting details from cricket club
- **Police Update** – Essex Police have conducted speed checks on Roman Road, numerous tickets were issued, and cars stopped. Essex Police intend to visit regularly to conduct checks within the village.

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Fingerpost Sign Update – Cllr Cloke

Cllr Cloke confirmed that license details have been signed by Brentwood Council and that clerk is now in receipt of the license paperwork. Cllr Cloke to speak with Tracy Lynch regarding the release of the grant funding for posts.

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**Planning Applications – a) 23/01052/FUL – Thoby Priory (see 24/33)
b) 24/00339/FUL – The Delves, Lower Road**

Cllr Cloke confirmed that The Delves had received a planning refusal decision.

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Village Risk Assessments

a) Coronation Field, Childrens Playarea, Village Hall Carpark – Cllr Cloke

Twisted chains on the toddler seats have been fixed. Weekly safety inspections continue, conducted by Brentwood Council. Once the ground has dried out, the flooring in the play area needs to be reviewed.

b) Watermeadows – Cllr Dale – Grass cutting is needed, Clerk to speak to Greenscapes. Dumped rubbish at the Hope Close entrance to be reported as a flytip. BBCllr Gorton to report.

c) Bus Shelters – Cllr Mckinney – Overhanging greenery is still covering the sight line from the shelter near to the café. This is a NATS task for BBC and has been outstanding since March. Cllr Mckinney asked if there was an update on the new bins request for the shelters near to the subway and the Plough. BBCllr Gorton to speak with BBCllr Sankey for an update.

d) Village Green – Cllr Hyde – Clerk confirmed that the new notice board was due for delivery and discussions with the handyman were taking place for installation of the new board.

e) Burnthouse Lane/Mountney Close – Cllr Hones Cloke – Mountney Close playarea. BBCllr Gorton confirmed that the park area is definitely in need of refurbishment and re-siting. Clerk enquired as to whether there needs to be a right of way for Network Rail before any re-siting decisions are made. Cllr Gorton to investigate. Cllr Hones Cloke confirmed that if the park were re-sited to the green area on Heybridge Road opposite Mountney Close, the area would need to be fenced due to proximity to the road. Cllr Slevin suggested a resident's petition to highlight the need for change to BBC. Cllr Hones Cloke confirmed that she would design the petition and speak with residents to complete the petition.

f) St Johns Hall/Village Hall – Clerk – Nothing to report

g) Mountnessing School – Cllr Slevin – Nothing to report.

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Items to include in next meeting.

ROSPA Inspection of playarea

Internal Audit/AGAR/Notice of Rights Agreement

Pylons Response

Tree Survey

Financial Regulations Agreement

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Date of next meeting

Monday 10th June 7pm St Johns Hall