



MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Village Council

held at St Johns Hall, Monday 16th June 2025 at 6.30pm

In Attendance – Cllr Dale (Chair) Cllr Cloke, Cllr Hyde, Cllr Hones Cloke, Cllr Horton, Cllr Sankey, Clerk – L Fajimolu

- 25/37 Welcome and apologies for absence**
Apologies of absence received from Cllr Barnabas and Cllr Wagland.
- 25/38 Declaration of interests**
No declarations received.
- 25/39 Approval of minutes from 12th May 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council**
Minutes unanimously approved by show of hands. Proposed Cllr Cloke seconded Cllr Dale.
- 25/40 Public Question Time (3 minutes per question)**
A resident from River Court attended the meeting to raise the issue of pedestrian safety on the Widvale Road around the Elms. These issues are an ongoing issue which are being addressed in part by Cllr Gorton and his referral to the LHP. Cllr Cloke explained that MVC have no power to override Essex Highways. Cllr Cloke agreed he would speak with Highways to see if any improvements can be made to the resident's sight lines and the speed issue. Cllr Cloke to respond to the resident.
- 25/41 County and Borough Councillor Updates to include:**
MVC S106 Monies & Mountney Playarea
Elms Pedestrian Safety
Cllr Gorton updated the meeting. S106 monies for MVC have been established as totalling £23,550.00. Clerk was advised to raise an invoice to BBC for this amount. Cllr Sankey confirmed he would speak to BBC regarding the transfer of asset of Mountney Close play area to MVC. Cllr Gorton expected 269 Roman Road to be discussed at the forthcoming planning meeting at BBC.
- 25/42 Viewing Rights and AGAR Agreement**
Clerk circulated the AGAR and Notice of Rights reports for agreement.

Notice of Rights unanimously agreed. Proposed Cllr Dale seconded Cllr Hones Cloke.

AGAR report unanimously agreed. Proposed Cllr Dale, Seconded Cllr Hyde

Annual Governance Statement unanimously agreed. Proposed Cllr Dale seconded Cllr Cloke.

Reports duly signed and dated by Clerk RFO and Chair.

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Incursion Update and Costs

Chair – positive feedback and thanks received from several residents on how quickly MVC dealt with the incursion. Thanks were noted to Essex Police for all their assistance.

Cllr Hyde highlighted the need for an Incursion Policy and Disaster Recovery Plan for these kinds of situations. Chair confirmed this was in progress.

Cllrs agreed that changes were needed for the Thoby Lane entrance to Coronation Field and discussion ensued regarding extra bollard installation. Two quotes had been received and were discussed by councillors. Cllrs decided unanimously to use telescopic bollards as a secondary barrier and to also utilise the second quote which included shoring up the external fence are on the boundary and re-establishing the birdlip barrier around the pavilion. The quote for the bollards didn't include fitting. Cllr Cloke to ask the gate fitters for a cost to install.

25/44

Fingerpost Update & Village Car Park – Cllr Cloke

Cllr Cloke in contact with BBC regarding Fingerpost grant.

Potential for a village car park at Bakers Farm. Cllr Cloke in discussions with BBC regarding what form of planning would be needed. Cllr Cloke to confirm costings at next meeting.

25/45 Clerks Update – Accounts – Deferred to July to include full budget update

Cricket Club and Contract – update given on cricket season and contract.

Verge License with Essex Highways – Queries raised re bollard specifications by Essex Highways. Clerk to liaise with contractor to provide details by return.

Village Newsletter – Pre circulated draft newsletter agreed by Councillors. Clerk to arrange printing and distribution to residents.

Tennis Club Update- Contact received from Tennis Club regarding over hanging trees at the club. Clerk to arrange to visit and report back to council.

- 25/46** **Planning:** a) 23/01052/FUL – Thoby Priory -pending
 b) 24/00831/FUL – 269 Roman Road (referred to BBC planning committee)
 c) 25/00178/FUL – Holbrooks Stables – Pending
 d) 25/00161/FUL – Holbrooks Cottages – Approved
 e) 25/00522/HHA – 12 Court View, Pending
 f) 25/00235/HHA – 1, The Hamlet – refused
 g) 25/00349/HHA – 60, Mountney Close – Approved
 h) 24/01104/FUL – Plot 2 Roman Triangle – Approved
 i) 25/00392/HHA – Chelmwood, - Pending
 J) 25/00394/HHA – Chelmwood – Pending
 K) 25/00378/HHA – 375 Roman Road – Refused
 L) 25/00324/LBC – Windmill – Pending
 Update on Call for Sites Report – Cllr Cloke referenced the newly update BBC Call for Sites report and noted the sites listed for Mountnessing. Cllr Cloke confirmed these sites have no planning approval or any indication they will be used for housing.
- 25/47** **Village Risk Assessments:**
 a) **Coronation Field/Children’s Play area/Village Hall Car Park (JC)**
 To include discussion regarding Village Hall drainage National Lottery Grant for climbing wall. – Climbing wall, funded by National Lottery to be installed on Coronation Field on 21st July. Works scheduled for the Village Hall Carpark will be kindly completed by the company currently replacing footpaths in the village. Awaiting RoSPA inspection of play area following incursion.
 b) **Watermeadows (KD)** – Nothing to report
 c) **Bus Shelters (TB)**- Clerk advised damage to subway bus stop reported to Essex Highways.
 d) **Village Green (SH)**- Nothing to report
 e) **Mountney Close/Burnthouse Lane (NHC)**
 To include update from Cllr Cloke regarding subway refurbishment
 – See earlier discussions re play area. Cllr Cloke liaising with Cllr Wagland for refurbishment works on the subway.
 f) **St Johns & Village Hall (Clerk)** - Nothing to report. Hall Trustees meeting early July.
- 25/48** **Village Litter Pick** – Village Litter Pick taking place Sunday 13th July at 10am, meeting in the Village Hall. Details in the newsletter and Clerk to advertise locally. BBC confirmed hire of equipment.
- 25/49** **Items for next month’s agenda** – Internal Audit Report, Finance Update, Cricket Club, Tennis Club
- 25/50** **Date of next meeting** – Monday 14th July 6.30pm St Johns Hall

