



MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL

Ordinary Meeting Minutes held Monday 13th July 2026 in St Johns Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Dale, Cllr Cloke, Cllr Hones-Cloke, Cllr Hyde, Cllr Bonner

BBCllr Gorton, BBCllr Wagland, Clerk L Fajimolu

- 26/058 Welcome by Chair and apologies for absence received by the Clerk**
Chair opened the meeting. Apologies noted.
- 26/059 Declaration of interest from Councillors**
None declared
- 26/060 Approval minutes from 8th June Ordinary Meeting**
Unanimously approved by show of hands. P. Cllr Dale, S. Cllr Cloke
- 26/061 Vote of co-option for potential Village Councillor Candidate**
A brief speech was given by a potential candidate for Cllr at MVC. The candidate was asked to obtain a proposer and seconder and return to the meeting in September for potential co-option. Chair proposed to defer to September. Unanimously agreed.
- 26/062 Public Question Time – 3 minutes per question**
No members of public in attendance.
- 26/063 Borough and County Cllr Updates**
To include damaged verges and future of Mountnessing Windmill
Cllr Gorton: Previously reported potholes have now been patched by Highways on Old Church Lane
Cllr Wagland -CGR Update – Cllr Wagland is working to oppose the CGR submission for both wards – Mountnessing and Ingatestone.
Awaiting a response from planning regarding the move of premises for Ingatestone Post Office.
ECC have removed “20Plenty” speed project.
Clerk confirmed that the surface repairs to Roman Road pavements have been raised with Cllr Gascoyne for referral to Highways.

- 26/064 Mountnessing Windmill – insurance and update – Clerk**
Clerk confirmed that if the windmill ownership was to be transferred to MVC that it could remain under the insurance umbrella of ECC. Chair confirmed that until the CGR response is received, MVC cannot commit to the windmill future.
- 26/065 Coronation Field – play area update**
Clerk confirmed that transfer of funding is being completed at BBC and purchase orders being raised. Update will follow in September. Clerk also confirmed that she had written to the school pupils thanking them for their involvement in the planning process.
- 26/066 CGR Update – Chair**
Chair confirmed MVC are awaiting responses to various complaints and FOIs to BBC.
Good response received from 2 open sessions for residents to complete the surveys. The deadline for completion is 14th August.
- 26/067 Civility and Respect Policy Agreement**
Precirculated agreement. P Cllr Cloke, S Cllr Hyde. Unanimously agreed.
- 26/068 Village Cricket Match – September 2026**
Chair confirmed date of match Mountnessing XI v Hutton XI. 6th September 1pm. Clerk to arrange refreshments with Prince of Wales as in previous years. Total event budget agreed of £400.00 P. Cllr Dale, S Cllr Cloke.
- 26/069 Clerks Update:**
Agree June payments and receipts
Precirculated listing. Fully approved. P. Cllr Bonner, S Cllr Hones Cloke
Note and agree Internal Audit Report 25/26yr
Internal Audit Report pre circulated. Unanimously agreed and noted. P. Cllr Hyde, S Cllr Dale.
Defib Update (both units)
New pads installed at the defibrillator at the Village Hall. Defib for St Giles installation is still awaiting diocese approval. Defib has been purchased in line with grant agreements.
Tru-Cam Use for Mountnessing
Clerk advised Cllrs of a police affiliated organisation called Trucam who come recommended by other local parish councils. They conduct speed checks and are permitted to issue fines etc for speeding. This would be a paid for service, however Clerk advised it would be worthwhile trialling to see if there is an impact to Mountnessing. P Cllr Dale, S. Cllr Hyde. Clerk advised that sessions would begin in October.

Cricket Hire 2027 Season

Clerk will be contacting all 3 teams who currently use the facilities as to whether they wish to continue their hire next season.

Clerks Absence & Cover

Clerk confirmed that Cllr Dale will be point of contact for any Clerk issues whilst the Clerk is on annual leave.

Locality 26/27 Funding Options

Confirmed Locality Funding available for 2026/27. Requests for ideas included new seating for Coronation Field, a historical board for the windmill area. Clerk to investigate.

SLCC Course Update

Clerk updated on any information.

- 26/070 Planning:**
- a) 23/01052/FUL – Eurovans Thoby Priory – pending
 - b) 25/00178/FUL – Holbrooks Stables – pending
 - c) 25/01014/FUL – 36 Church Road – Pending
 - d) 25/00813/FUL – Fitzwalters Farm (Solar Park) pending
 - e) 26/00308/FUL- 97 Roman Road – pending
 - f) 26/00360/HHA – 9 Church Road – pending
 - g) 26/00304/FUL – Thoby Farm – Approved
 - h) 26/00477/HHA – Mount Lodge – pending

Discussion ensued in relation to current planning applications.

26/071 Village Risk Assessments

- a) **Coronation Field/Childrens Playarea & Village Hall Carpark**
To include: ROSPA report, Childrens Target Board, drainage on Coronation Field & Hedgecutting (September) – JC Rospa report
received. Handyman has addressed any urgent issues. Given the playarea equipment is due to be upgraded, anything non urgent will be rectified by installation of new equipment.
Cllrs agreed to include the windmill hedge cut within the hedges that are cut each year on Coronation Field by the flail hedgecutter. Clerk to arrange with contractor.
Clerk sought confirmation from Cllrs to investigate funding for a kick board for Coronation Field. Cllrs agreed to use the company who supplied and fitted the climbing wall. Clerk to arrange.
- b) **Watermeadows – KD** *Nothing to report*
- c) **Bus Shelters – note new timetable to give route extension to Basildon Hospital -NHC**
- d) **Village Green- SH** -*Nothing to report*
- e) **Mountney Close/Burnthouse lane/Blossom Park Play area** *has been installed within Blossom Park. Clerk to confirm ownership and management.*

- f) **St Johns/Village Hall** – *Nothing to report*
- g) **Cricket Pavilion – Claim update – KD** *Claim has been settled by Zurich.*
- h) **Website – TB** – *Nothing to report*

26/072 Items for next month's agenda

- *Co-option*
- *Fingerposts*
- *AGAR External Audit*
- *Cricket Match*
- *Remembrance Sunday and restoration of War Memorial*
- *Windmill*

26/073 Date of next meeting – Monday 14th September 2026, St Johns Hall, 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 20.10pm