



MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes for Ordinary Meeting of Council held on Monday 14th September 2026

6.30pm in St Johns Hall

Present: Cllr Dale, Cllr Cloke, Cllr Hones Cloke, Cllr Hyde, Clerk – L Fajimolu

- 26/074** **Welcome by Chair and apologies for absence received by the Clerk**
Apologies noted and received from Cllr Bonner, BBCllr's Wagland, Sankey & Gorton
- 26/075** **Declaration of interest from Councillors**
No declarations received.
- 26/076** **Approval minutes from 13th July 2026 Ordinary Meeting**
Pre-circulated minutes unanimously approved. P. Cllr Dale. S. Cllr Hyde
- 26/077** **Vote of co-option for potential Village Councillor Candidate – vote to defer until October meeting**
2 proposed candidates however Cllrs raised the issue that the Standing Orders do not reflect the required process. Amendments to be pre-circulated prior to next meeting in October, with deferral of co-option.
- 26/078** **Public Question Time – 3 minutes per question**
No public in attendance.
- 26/079** **Borough and County Cllr Updates**
To include damaged verges near to the school (Cllr Gascoyne)
Update on rural refuse collection (Cllr Sankey)
Update on CGR (Cllr Wagland)
Clerk updated that the issues surrounding the rural refuse collection had been resolved.
Clerk updated that the damaged verges had been referred to Cllr Gascoyne
Chair updated on CGR. See point 26/082

- 26/080 Mountnessing Windmill – insurance and update – Clerk**
Nothing to report due to suspension of discussions with ECC until CGR was completed. Clerk confirmed that Asset of Community Value status had been applied for by MVC.
- 26/081 Coronation Field – play area update**
Confirmation was publically issued confirming complete renovation of the Childrens Playarea on Coronation Field. Clerk to confirm installation date. The new playarea will be fully inclusive, contain extra pieces of equipment, new surfacing and a windmill theme running throughout.
- 26/082 CGR Update & Information to residents – Chair**
Chair gave CGR update to Councillors confirming that following a successful campaign and submission by residents, Brentwood Council have dropped any proposals to significantly change the borders between Ingatestone and Mountnessing. Chair thanked Councillors and residents for their support.
- 26/083 Refurbishment of Village War Memorial**
Chair noted that the Village War Memorial situated within St Giles Church needs renovation and cleaning. Clerk has obtained a quote from Bakers of Danbury to conduct the works. Cllrs unanimously agreed the quote. P. Cllr Dale, S.Cllr Cloke. Clerk to contact St Giles PCC.
- 26/084 Village Christmas Lights & Tree**
Discussions ensued around the village Christmas lights and predominately around the lack of power supply to the current tree on the village green. It was agreed to approach the Trustee's at the Village Hall to have a large tree sited in the grounds of the hall, alongside the other usual Christmas lights. This could also allow for a community event involving the school etc to turn on the Christmas lights. Clerk to obtain tree & light quotes for October meeting, speak to Village Hall Trustee's and the school.
- 26/085 Clerks Update:**
Agree July & August payments and receipts
Unanimously agreed. P. Cllr Hyde. S Cllr Dale
Note and agree External Audit Report 25/26yr
Report yet to be received.
Defib Update (both units)
New pads installed at Village Hall Defib. St Giles defib– negotiations ongoing with the Diocese.
Tru-Cam Use for Mountnessing & speeding posters

Tru-cam due to begin speed watch in October in Mounthnessing. More speed awareness posters have been ordered and will be installed during October.

Cricket Hire 2027 Season

All 3 teams from 2026 season have renewed hire for 2027, covering Friday night and weekend hire from April to September 2027.

Locality 26/27 Funding Options

Application for 5 new benches submitted to BBC via Cllr Wagland for Coronation Field. P. Cllr Dale, S. Cllr Cloke, unanimously agreed.

POW ACV update

Await update from legal team at Brentwood Council.

- 26/086 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) approved**
 - e) 26/00308/FUL- 97 Roman Road – pending**
 - f) 26/00360/HHA – 9 Church Road – refused**
 - g) 26/00477/HHA – Mount Lodge – approved**
 - h) 26/00323/HHA – 283 Roman Road – pending**

Discussion ensued re outstanding planning applications. Clerk to contact Solar Farm developers re community funds. Clerk to obtain update re Thoby Priory application.

Parking outside the school – Chair to send a letter to the Head and Chair of Governor.

26/087 Village Risk Assessments

- a) Coronation Field/Childrens Playarea & Village Hall Carpark**
To include:Gym equipment resiting,kickboard update, paths to play area damage quote, tree removal quote

Tree quote – Drought conditions have affected trees in the park. A check of the trees has raised an issue with the pine tree in the playarea. Clerk obtained a quote for removal. Precirculated quote P. Cllr Cloke and S. Cllr Hyde. Unanimously agreed tree must be removed for public safety reasons.

Paths to Playarea – Again significant drought damage to the two tarmac paths, large, unsafe cracks have appeared. Clerk obtained quote from Harrington Bro's for repairs. Precirculated quote P. Cllr Cloke, S.Cllr Dale. Unanimously agreed. Clerk to arrange repairs for after installation of new playarea.

Kickboard update – following significant resident support via social media, a submission has been made to National Lottery for funding of the kickboard.

Gym equipment – again significant drought damage to the ground around the gym equipment. One item has been taken out of use. Cllrs discussed the possibility of re-siting the equipment. This will be re-discussed after playarea has been installed.

All Cllrs agreed that mitigation of drought damage going forward needs to be addressed.

b) Bus Shelters – NHC – Nothing to report.

c) Village Green- SH Nothing to report.

d) Mountney Close/Burnthouse lane/Blossom Park Clerk confirmed that MVC had received confirmation from Redrow that the park installation within Blossom Park will remain the responsibility of the managing company going forward.

e) St Johns/Village Hall – to include Inpost update – Clerk

Village Hall AGM – 17th September.

Inpost Lockers – Following the loss of the locker facility at the Prince of Wales in August, Trustee's moved swiftly to arrange installation at the Village Hall. This will provide extra income to the hall and provide a needed public facility.

f) Cricket Pavilion – Claim update (subsidence), Village cricket match, 2027 cricket hire – KD

Village cricket match was deemed a success and Chair thanked all involved. The pavilion has suffered significant damage due to the drought conditions over the summer, and subsidence has occurred in the home changing rooms. Structural survey has been completed and insurers have been notified. Cllrs discussed next steps. Cllrs agreed to monitor until January (in line with insurance) and then review. Clerk to ascertain ownership of the trees behind the pavilion.

g) Website – TB – Nothing to report

h) Watermeadows – KD Nothing to report.

26/088 Items for next month's agenda

PFK AGAR report

Christmas lights & community event

War memorial

POW and Windmill ACV

Community Assembly update

26/089 Date of next meeting – Monday 12th October 2026, St Johns Hall, 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 20.10pm

