



MOUNTNESSING VILLAGE COUNCIL

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 8th June at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Dale, Cllr Cloke, Cllr HonesCloke, Cllr Hyde, Cllr Barnabas, Cllr Bonner, BBCllr Gorton, Clerk – Liz Fajimolu

- 26/042 - Chair opened the meeting and apologies for absence were noted from BBCllr Wagland and BBCllr**
- 26/043 No Declarations were received**
- 26/044 Minutes of 18th May meeting were unanimously approved. P KD S. JC**
- 26/045 No public were in attendance**
- 26/046 Update from BBCllr Gorton - Highways have confirmed scheduled works for Old Church Lane potholes and surface damage.**
- ECllr Gascoyne had sent in an update to the Clerk regarding the Windmill and the damaged verges confirming he had escalated the issues to Essex cabinet members for their response.**
- 26/047 Clerk advised that ECC have advised responsibility for the windmill can be accepted by MVC, with the windmill remaining under ECC insurance schedule. Clerk has contacted MVC insurers to obtain a stand-alone quote. Zurich require replacement value figure. Clerk to obtain from ECC.**
- 26/048 Chair confirmed that the design for Coronation Field had been selected following a “scoring process” which was attended by the Chair and Clerk. Details of the chosen design will be confirmed in due course. With regards to Mountney Close, Chair confirmed that ownership and responsibility of this site is firmly with BBC and it is their responsibility to now take forward the re-design and possible re-siting of the play area. MVC will continue to pursue BBC re Mountney Playarea on behalf of residents to ensure the facilities are updated as soon as possible.**

26/049 CGR update – Chair resolved to move this item to a private session at the end of the meeting. Resolution passed by Councillors.

26/050 Resolved to carry the Fingerpost refurbishment over to July meeting.

26/051 AGAR for 25/26Yr was discussed and approved unanimously. P JC S SH.

Notice of Rights were discussed and approved unanimously. P NHC S KD

May 2026 pre-circulated accounts were unanimously approved. P. KD S TB

Clerk advised Internal Audit report yet to be received, item carried over to July meeting.

St Giles Defib – Still awaiting permission from Diocese. Clerk to pursue update from PCC. However, given the deadline for the funding, Clerk will go ahead and purchase the defib and cabinet as agreed in 2025.

Clerk confirmed that the notice board has been installed in Blossom Park.

Clerk advised that the annual tennis club rental invoice is due for submission. In accordance with the lease the rental income can be raised year on year. Clerk confirmed the rental increase with applied inflation rate. Cllrs unanimously agreed. Invoice to be issued to MTC.

26/052 Planning items were discussed.

26/052 a) Coronation Field – Ropsa inspection has taken place, and we await the yearly report. The field drainage needs to be investigated and costed. Clerk to investigate and revert to Councillors.

b) Watermeadows – Nothing to report

c) Bue Shelters - New request stop and timetable board has been installed at the subway bus stop. Clerk also noted that the kerbs at the bus stops have now been adjusted to allow easier access to the bus.

d) Mountney Close/Burnthouse Lane – Dog waste bin is now installed and being utilised. Waste Collection service is working well.

e) Village Green – Awaiting BBC advise regarding No.1 boundary line and fence

f) St Johns/Village Hall – The main doors at St Johns have been replaced and quotes for window repairs are being sought. Solar panel installation at the Village Hall is still in the research stage. Quote details are awaited from Octopus to start a potential grant fund application for installation.

g) Cricket Pavilion – 3 secure team cupboards have been installed. Chair confirmed that reimbursement of the water leak claim is still outstanding from Zurich. Clerk to chase.

h) Website – Cllr Barnabas recommended that having reviewed the website there should be an area of success updates with respect to projects undertaken by MVC. Cllrs agreed. Clerk to initiate with website designers.

26/053 Items for next meeting: Internal Audit Report

Rospa Report

Village Cricket Match

26/054 Date of next meeting: Monday 13th July 6.30pm

Public session closed. 19.27pm