

MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8th November 2016

Present

Councillor J. Ray (Chairman), M. Hardy, S. O'Sullivan,

S. Rickman-Smith, J. Snuggs

Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)

County Councillor K. Field

District Councillor E. Kirby-Green

Members of the Public

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1. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
Councillor Ray disclosed a personal interest in item 10.1, as he is a director of Battle Area Community Transport and will not take part in the voting.
 2. **DISPENSATIONS**
None requested.
 3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miles and Hollamby.
Councillor Hollamby has asked the Clerk to convey the thanks of the Village Hall Committee to MPC for their support for the very successful bonfire event and would also like to thank Nick Johns of Southern Water and Kay Hargan and Tony at MGJV, without whom the event could not have gone ahead.
 4. **ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
RESOLVED - that the draft minutes of the council meeting held on 13.09.16 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the meeting. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor O'Sullivan seconded, the voting was unanimous.
 5. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - 5.1 *County Council report (ESCC) - Councillor K. Field*
 - *Budget discussion are still ongoing.*
 - *ESCC may have to cease DOE liaison work.*
 - *Still waiting on Central Government's white paper on education.*
 - 5.2 *District Council report (RDC) - Councillor E. Kirby-Green*
 - *RDC have commissioned their Public Realm to develop a strategic framework, thane aim is to ensure that Rother looks best it possibly can.*
 - *John Barnes has been election as a District Councillor for Darwell Ward.*
 - 5.3 *Public Question Time*
 - *Mr. Harris agreed that the Bonfire Night was great. He reported a stile broken on a public footpath. Councillor Snuggs is to let the Clerk know the footpath number so it can be reported. (COUNCILLOR SNUGGS/CLERK)*

THE MEETING RECONVENED

6. **SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME (standing item)**
 - 6.1 Works progress - ongoing, nothing to report.
 - 6.2 Bonfire Night - Councillor Hollamby had said that SW had been most helpful.
 - 6.2 Access and other matters - SW operative had left broken wire on frames in the playground near the adventure trail, SW will replace these frames and ensure that all frames are removed at weekends.

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7. KING GEORGE'S FIELD
7.1 The Clerk has requested a quotation for the container painting.
7.2 Stop ball netting - Councillor Rickman-Smith is to let the Clerk have details about a company that may be helpful. (**COUNCILLOR RICKMAN-SMITH/CLERK**)
8. PLAYGROUND
The Clerk is to obtain more information/quotations for a Wetpour safety surface. (**CLERK**)
9. JOHN'S CROSS ROUNDABOUT
The issue of fly-posting/banners was discussed. MPC intend to have signs made and put on each fence post, then such posters/banners will be removed and safely stored.
10. GRANTS AND DONATIONS
10.1 **RESOLVED** - to grant the sum of £500.00 to Battle Area Community Transport. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor Snuggs seconded, the voting was unanimous.
10.2 **RESOLVED** - to donate the sum of £250.00 to the Village Hall Committee for the Children's Christmas Party. Councillor Rickman-Smith proposed and Councillor Snuggs seconded, the voting was unanimous.
11. WAR MEMORIAL PLAQUE
It was decided that nothing can be done about the plaque until a decision on the school site is made.
12. RIVERHALL CROSSING LIGHTING
There has been a response (acknowledgement only) from the Network Rail CEO's office, that the matter has been passed to their Contact and Communities Team. The Clerk will keep the pressure up. (**CLERK**)
13. PLANNING (standing item)
13.1 No planning applications for consideration.
13.2 No other planning matters for discussion.
14. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
14.1 No Mountfield items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.
14.1 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
15. ROADS, PATHS, VERGES (standing item)
The footpath (Solomon's Lane-A2100 level crossing) needs clearing, it is now dangerous to walk on. Councillor Snuggs is to let the Clerk have the footpath number so it can be reported. (**COUNCILLOR SNUGGS/CLERK**)
16. DRAFT BUDGET 2017-18
The Members considered the draft budget for 2017-18 as presented by the Clerk. This is to be resolved at the January meeting when the precept for 2017-18 will be set.
17. DATES FOR 2017 MEETINGS
It was agreed that the dates for MPC meetings in 2017 will be as follows, all start at 7.30pm unless noted below.
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| 10.01.17 Full Council Meeting | 09.05.17 Annual Council Meeting |
| 14.03.17 Full Council Meeting | 11.07.17 Full Council Meeting |
| 11.04.17 KGF Meeting (start 7pm) | 12.09.17 Full Council Meeting |
| 11.04.17 Parish Assembly | 14.11.17 Full Council Meeting |

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18. FINANCE (standing item)
- 18.1 Bank balances at 31.10.16
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| MPC deposit account | £28,365.56 |
| MPC current account | £1,486.83 |
| KGF custom account | £4,205.94 |
- 18.2 **RESOLVED** - to approve the following payments. Councillor Rickman-Smith proposed and Councillor Hardy seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk (Oct/Nov16) salary, home office | 629.00 |
| Donation to Village Hall Committee (Children's Christmas Party) | 250.00 |
| Grant to Battle Area Community Transport | 500.00 |
| TOTAL | £1,379.00 |
- 18.3 The Members received and noted the budget monitor, statement of earmarked reserves and bank reconciliations at 31.10.16.
19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
10th January 2017 - at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall.