

MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March 2017

Present

Councillors J. Ray (Chairman), M. Hardy, C. Hollamby,
S. O'Sullivan, S. Rickman-Smith, J. Snuggs
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)
County Councillor K. Field

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS
None declared.
 2. DISPENSATIONS
None requested.
 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Councillor Miles.
 4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED - that the draft minutes of the council meeting held on 10.01.17 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the meeting. Councillor Snuggs proposed and Councillor Hollamby seconded, the voting was unanimous. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
 5. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - 5.1 County Council report (ESCC) - Councillor K. Field
 - £11.7M has been received from Central Government for adult local care, this has come with some strings attached, e.g. avoiding bed-blocking.
 - There are grave concerns regarding the latest national funding for schools consultation. It appears that only academy model and primary 2-entry schools will benefit. The sparsity factor, i.e. living five miles away from the school, will not help most of East Sussex.
 - 5.2 District Council report (RDC) - not available, Councillor Kirby-Green sent her apologies.
 - 5.3 Public Question Time - no members of the public present.
- THE MEETING RECONVENED
6. GRANTS AND DONATIONS
 - 6.1 **RESOLVED** - to donate the sum of £500.00 to Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance. Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor O'Sullivan seconded, the Chairman, Councillors Rickman-Smith and Snuggs supported the resolution, Councillor Hardy abstained.
 - 6.2 **RESOLVED** - to donate the sum of £250.00 to Mountfield Cricket Club, towards a new scarifier. Councillor Hardy proposed and the Chairman seconded, the voting was unanimous.
 7. RIVERHALL LEVEL CROSS - LIGHTING ISSUES
The appears to be some progress from Network Rail, the Clerk will continue to chase.
ACTION - CLERK
 8. PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACE
After much discussion, no firm decision was reached and this item will be on the agenda at the May meeting. Councillors Hollamby and Rickman-Smith are to investigate alternative surfacing to Wetpour and artificial grass. The Clerk is to check with ROSPA for recommended standards for surfacing under swings.
ACTION - COUNCILLORS HOLLAMY, RICKMAN-SMITH, CLERK

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9. CONTAINER PAINTING AT KGF
RESOLVED - to accept the quotation from Playfoot Engineering for the sum of £2,178.00.
The Chairman proposed and Councillor Hardy seconded, the voting was unanimous.
10. PLANNING (standing item)
10.1 No planning applications for consideration.
10.2 MPC responses to planning applications made under delegated authority.
 - RR/2016/2895/P Land at Oakley Farm - object.
 - RR/2017/3/P Riverhall Farm, London Road - support.
10.3 No other planning matters for discussion.
11. SOUTH EAST WATER MAIN AT JOHN'S CROSS
 - Work started last Thursday.
 - The stretch from the old pub to the caravan business on the A21 will be done last.
 - Traffic control will be by lights.
 - The A21 stretch is anticipated to start around June/July 2017.
12. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
12.1 No Mountfield items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.
12.2 The Clerk is to chase for information on the Coussens site working hours. **ACTION - CLERK**
12.3 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
13. ROADS, PATHS, VERGES (standing item)
Rubbish is being left in the school car park and surrounding verges, this includes signage from previous road works. The Clerk is to contact Highways England for removal. **ACTION - CLERK**
14. FINANCE (standing item)
14.1 The Clerk reported on the bank balances at 28.02.17
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| MPC deposit account | £27,369.06 |
| MPC current account | £424.33 |
| KGF custom account | £4,098.49 |
- 14.2 **RESOLVED** - to approve the following payments. Councillor Rickman-Smith proposed and Councillor Snuggs seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| MPC ACCOUNT | |
| Clerk (Feb/Mar17) salary, home office, expenses | 664.72 |
| Mr. A. Sutton, village/playground grass cutting | 400.00 |
| Donation, Kent, Surrey, Sussex Air Ambulance | 500.00 |
| Donation, Mountfield Cricket Club | <u>250.00</u> |
| | £1,514.72 |
| KGF ACCOUNT | |
| Mr. T. Tidmarsh, top-up float | 100.00 |
| ION Safety, fire inspection | <u>57.00</u> |
| | £157.00 |
- 14.3 The Members received and noted the budget monitor, statement of earmarked reserves and bank reconciliations at 28.02.17.
15. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
It was agreed that the KGF Meeting will be before the Annual Council Meeting on 9th May 2017
 - Parish Assembly, 11th April 2017, 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall
 - KGF Meeting, 9th May 2017, 7.00pm in Mountfield Village Hall
 - Annual Council Meeting, 9th May 2017, 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall