

# MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting  
held on 12th September 2017

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Present

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

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1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS  
None declared.
  2. DISPENSATIONS  
None requested.
  3. APOLOGIES  
Apologies were received from Councillor Snuggs.
  4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING  
**RESOLVED** - that the draft minutes of the MPC Meeting held on 11.07.17 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the meeting, with the following amendment - delete Councillor Snuggs from the resolution to grant Mountfield PCC the sum of £3,460.00 (item 8.1). Councillor Snuggs had previously declared a personal interest (item 1). Councillor Hardy 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*
      - *Cabinet are considering a proposal to close 7 libraries and to cease the mobile library service. A consultation document will be available shortly. This will result in a saving of £639K per annum. The Clerk will put the details on the website and send Members the email. **ACTION - CLERK***
    - 5.2 *District Council report (RDC) - not available, Councillor E. Kirby-Green sent apologies.*
    - 5.3 *Public Question Time - no members of the public present.*
- THE MEETING RECONVENED
6. SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME (standing item)  
There are no further updates.
  7. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
**RESOLVED** - to approve the amended Grant Awarding Policy as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Rickman-Smith proposed and Councillor Ray seconded. The voting was unanimous.
  8. AFFORDABLE HOUSING REVIEW
    - Regrettably, it was agreed that MPC do not have the resources to handle this.
    - Councillor O'Sullivan was very impressed by the affordable housing at Broadoak/Brede.
    - This item is now closed.
  9. STOP BALL NETTING AT KING GEORGE'S FIELD  
This has been found to be very expensive. It will be looked at again in 2018.
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10. PLAYGROUND SAFETY SURFACING  
Further investigation will be carried out and a decision on the type of surface will definitely be made at the November 2017 meeting.
11. DEFIBRILLATOR FOR JOHN'S CROSS AREA  
**RESOLVED** - to purchase a defibrillator for the John's Cross area from Bexhill and District CFRs, the precise location to be agreed, there was a preference for siting it next to the bus stop. The Chairman proposed and Councillor O'Sullivan seconded, the voting was unanimous. **(ACTION - CLERK)**
12. MPC REPRESENTATIVES FOR ROTHER ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (RALC)  
**AGREED** - that MPC's representatives will be the Chairman and Councillor O'Sullivan, the Clerk will also attend whenever possible.
13. PLANNING (standing item)
- 13.1 Planning application for consideration  
RR/2017/1916/P 1 Hoath Hill  
Proposed single storey extension  
**AGREED** - to make a general comment only, stating concerns about the length of the proposed extension in relation to the adjoining property and other neighbouring properties.
- 13.2 MPC responses to planning applications made under the Clerk's delegated authority
- RR/2017/988/P Vinehall School - support.
  - RR/2017/1637/P Hoath Farm Cottage - support with comments.
- 13.3 There are concerns regarding the Netherfield housing application that a District Councillor dismissed MPC's concerns about a "rat run."
14. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
- 14.1 No MPC items on latest RDC enforcement list.
- 14.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
15. ROADS, PATHS, VERGES (standing item)
- MPC now have the notices regarding fly posting, Councillor Rickman-Smith is to put these up on the exterior KGF fencing.
  - There are deep potholes in the following locations - (1) the corner entrance to the KGF, just off the roundabout and drivers are using the wrong side of the road to avoid, (2) New Cut, opposite the field. The Clerk will report these to ESCC Highways. **(ACTION - CLERK)**
  - Councillor Rickman-Smith reported a potential problem, there is an "abandoned" car in the school car park. This will be monitored.
16. FINANCE
- 16.1 The Clerk reported on the bank balances at 31.08.17
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| MPC deposit account | £23,062.91 |
| MPC current account | £1,319.82  |
| KGF custom account  | £4,566.79  |
- 16.2 **RESOLVED** - to approve the following payments. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk, salary/home office (Aug/Sep 2017), expenses           | 653.40         |
| Subscription, RALC 2017-18                                   | 30.00          |
| External audit fee, PKF Littlejohn                           | 120.00         |
| Millbrook Design and Print, KGF signage for external fencing | 192.00         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>£995.40</b> |
- 16.3 The Members received and noted the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 31.08.17
17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING  
14th November 2017, at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall.