

# MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting  
held on 13th March 2018

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## Present

Councillors J. Ray (Chairman), M. Hardy,  
C. Hollamby, 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. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS  
Councillor Hollamby declared a personal interest in item 8, as she is the Chairman of the Mountfield Village Hall Committee.
  2. DISPENSATIONS  
None requested.
  3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Apologies were received from Councillors Miles and O’Sullivan.
  4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING  
**RESOLVED** – that the draft minutes of the MPC meeting held on 09.01.18 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the meeting. 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*
      - *The mobile library service is ceasing completed and 7 libraries are closing.*
    - 5.2 *District Council report (RDC) – Councillor E. Kirby-Green*
      - *There are ringfenced grants available (£500.00) for organisation to celebrate the Royal Wedding.*
      - *Councillor Rickman-Smith said there was lots of rubbish lying around the Parish, RDC will clear general litter and remove fly-tipping (unless on private land).*
    - 5.3 *Public Question Time*
      - *There appears to be many HGVs using Solomon’s Lane, the residents were asked to get names of companies using these.*
- THE MEETING RECONVENED
6. SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME (standing item)  
The situation has not changed.
  7. GENERAL REGULATIONS DATA PROTECTION (GRDP) (standing item)
    - The Clerk reported that a lot of the initial panic has died down as the steps parish councils need to take do not appear to be as draconian as first thought and we are well on the way to compliance.
    - The Clerk is in touch with Satswana and it is hoped that this company will become MPC’s DPO, for an annual cost of £150.00.
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8. GRANTS AND DONATIONS  
**RESOLVED** – to grant the sum of £6,000.00 to the Mountfield Village Hall Committee towards a new sewage treatment plant. This sum will be held by MPC in an earmarked reserve and released to the MVHC when they have raised the full amount for these works. Councillor Ray proposed and Councillor Rickman-Smith seconded, the voting was unanimous. **(ACTION – CLERK)**
9. DEFIBRILLATOR AT JOHN’S CROSS  
The Clerk has not yet been contacted by Highways England Third Party Team, despite repeated emails/phone calls. The initial request was made in November 2017.
10. MOUNTFIELD PARISH ASSEMBLY 2018  
It was agreed that the 2018 Assembly will be an informal affair, with the opportunity for Councillors, guests and the public to mix and mingle and have a glass of wine. There will be two guest speakers, Inspector Dan Russell of the Sussex Police and a representative for the Mountfield Heath School (opening shortly on the Mountfield School site). A pack of reports will be collated by the Clerk for all to look at, these will be published later on our website. **(ACTION – CLERK)**
11. PLANNING (standing item)  
11.1 Planning applications for consideration  
RR/2018/393/P – Beredor, Solomon’s Lane  
Timber framed garage with store in roof space.  
**AGREED** – to support this application.  
RR/2018/617/P – 9 Eatenden Lane  
Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey side extension and rear extension.  
**AGREED** – to object to this application. The application is thought to be too large for the premises.  
**(ACTIONS – CLERK)**
12. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)  
12.1 No Mountfield items on RDC’s weekly enforcement list.  
12.2 Councillor Rickman-Smith asked the Clerk to check with Highways England/ESCC Highways the existing signage outside the 1066 Café on the A21. **(ACTION – CLERK)**
13. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES (standing item)  
13.1 The Clerk will let SE Water have all the necessary contact details to make arrangements for the school bus when Solomon’s Lane is closed. **(ACTION – CLERK)**  
13.2 Other roads/paths/verges issues
- The pavement along the A2100 from the level crossing up to the roundabout is still very overgrown, despite being reported previously.
  - The A2100 section of road outside the KGF entrance is very badly damaged and dangerous.
  - The re-instatement of the A21 opposite the old John’s Cross pub is very poor and the speed sign is not working.
- The Clerk will report the above issues to the relevant authorities. **(ACTION – CLERK)**

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14. FINANCE (standing item)
- 14.1 Bank balances at 28.02.18
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| MPC deposit account | £12,624.89 |
| MPC current account | £3,503.18  |
| KGF custom account  | £3,960.21  |
- 14.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. Councillor Snuggs proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk – salary/home office (Feb/Mar 2018)            | 633.20       |                |
| S. O’Sullivan, Battle Computers fee for email set-up | 70.00        |                |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>£703.20</b> |
- Cheques already raised
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| Redlynch – playground safety surfacing         | 8,274.00     |                   |
| Hitachi Finance – JAAK Signs fingerpost repair | 1,153.68     |                   |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>£10,130.88</b> |
- 14.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 28.02.18. Councillor Rickman-Smith proposed and Councillor Hardy seconded. The voting was unanimous.
15. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
- 10th April 2018 – Mountfield Parish Assembly 2018, at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall.  
8th May 2018 – King George’s Field Meeting, at 7.00pm in Mountfield Village Hall.  
8th May 2018 – Annual Council Meeting, at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall.