

MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting
held on 10th July 2018

Present

Councillors S. Rickman-Smith (Chairman), J. Ray (Vice-Chairman),
M. Hardy, C. Hollamby, S. O'Sullivan, S. Taylor
County Councillor K. Field
District Councillor E. Kirby-Green (part)
Members of the public

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS
None declared
2. DISPENSATIONS
None requested.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
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 08.05.18 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor O'Sullivan seconded, the voting was unanimous.
5. ADJOURNMENT
 - 5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor K. Field
 - There are likely to be £10M additional cuts from the Adult Social Care budget.
 - There is no firm decision yet on the cessation of 1-1 music lessons for schoolchildren, but this is very likely to happen.
 - 5.2 District Council report (RDC) – Councillor E. Kirby-Green
 - Some good news, the Robertsbridge and Selhurst Neighbourhood Plan has been approved by RDC.
 - The proposed development at Netherfield has had its appeal dismissed.
 - 5.3 Public Question Time
 - The footpath from Hoath Hill/Village Hall car park is covered and almost impassable due to brambles, the Clerk will report this to the ESCC Rights of Way Team – **Action Clerk**
 - Questions on Southern Water New Sewerage Scheme
 - Will there be problems with Southern Water working under the railway line?
 - Residents reported overrunning of Southern Water workings in their gardens.
 - Two members of the Mountfield Residents Group were present and there appeared to be some uncertainty about MPC's support for this group and how strongly MPC have campaigned since the works started to ensure a waste water treatment plant is built and not a communal cesspit.
 - The Mountfield Residents Group were assured that MPC will continue to campaign strongly for the building of a waste water treatment plant and not a communal cesspit.
 - The Clerk will put the 2017-18 minutes back on the website, which will show how strongly MPC have campaigned and will continue to campaign.
 - The Clerk will ask the Southern Water Project Manager for a monthly report on the state of the works and this will be published on the MPC website – **Action Clerk**

THE MEETING RECONVENED

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6. COUNCIL VACANCY

There has been one candidate for the casual vacancy and Members agreed that the co-option process will be carried out by a show of hands.

RESOLVED – that Sandra Taylor becomes a Mountfield Parish Councillor. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous. Councillor Taylor signed the Declaration of Office, this was witnessed by the Clerk as Proper Officer to the Council. The Chairman and Members welcomed Councillor Taylor.

7. SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME

See bullet points in Adjournment section above.

8. GDPR (standing item)

- MPC's Data Protection Officer (LCPAS) have approved the draft MPC Data Protection Policy 2018, this will be on MPC's next agenda for adoption.
- The Clerk will be sending a briefing document shortly to all Members – **Action Clerk**

9. PLANNING (standing item)

9.1 Planning application for consideration

RR/2018/1588/TN – John's Cross Inn (outside)

Installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus.

This application for information only – no response

RR/2018/1597/P – 14 Hoath Hill

Rear dormer window.

AGREED – to support this application.

RR/2018/1444/P – 2 Crossing Farm, land at Eatenden Lane

Outline – erection of a pair of semi-detached dwellings.

AGREED – to submit a general comment only, as follows

- MPC are in favour of affordable local housing but have serious concerns regarding this application.
- There is a major issue with road safety/the location of this application. The location is at the busiest junction of the parish and the site is very close to the road.
- British Gypsum intend to widen their private Mine Road and their large trucks use this constantly.
- The plot/site area is very tight for two houses.
- There may well be environmental issues as we believe public sewers are involved at this location. MPC suggest a land survey is carried out.
- MPC doubts if these properties, if built, will be truly affordable for first time buyers/young families.

RR/2018/1717/FN – Oakwood Farm, Poppinghole Lane

Prior notification for plastic tunnels.

AGREED – to support this application.

RR/2018/1718/FN – Oakwood Farm, Poppinghole Lane

AGREED – to support this application.

9.2 No other planning matters for discussion.

10. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)

10.1 One Mountfield item on RDC's weekly enforcement list – ENF/69/18/MOU Walters Road, access off A21, by John's Cross lay-by. Large gates erected concealing site, new tarmac road laid.

10.2 There appears to be no formal follow-up from RDC regarding items on their enforcement list, Councillor Kirby-Green kindly volunteered to chase these when the Clerk emails her with any queries. One in question is the signage for the 1066 Café on the A21.

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11. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES (standing item)
- 11.1 There are on-going flooding problems on the A21 after South East Water installed a new main, the Clerk has emailed Highways England about this. Hopefully the fourth repair will solve the problem.
- 11.2 No other roads/paths/verges matters for discussion.
12. FINANCE (standing item)
- 12.1 Bank balances at 30.06.18
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| MPC deposit account | £19,183.42 |
| MPC current account | £1,529.34 |
| KGF custom account | £4,556.21 |
- 12.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. Councillor Ray proposed and Councillor Hardy seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk – salary/home office (Jun/Jul18), expenses | 696.60 |
| SSALC – Chair’s networking day | 96.00 |
| Playsafety – playground inspection 2018 | 109.20 |
| * Make Me Something Special – pavilion plaque | 515.99 |
| TOTAL | £1,417.79 |
- *cheque already raised
- 12.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the first quarter accounts 2018-19 at 30.06.18 as presented by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded, the voting was unanimous.
13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
11th September 2018 – Full Council Meeting, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.