

MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting
held on 11th September 2018

Present

Councillors S. Rickman-Smith (Chairman), J. Ray (Vice-Chairman),
C. Hollamby, S. O'Sullivan, J. Snuggs, S. Taylor
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)
County Councillor K. Field
District Councillor E. Kirby-Green (part)
Members of the public

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS
None declared.
2. DISPENSATIONS
The Clerk, as Proper Officer, granted the following dispensations to Councillor Taylor – all other Members have these dispensations
 - Southern Water new sewerage scheme for Mountfield, this was granted as the scheme is of huge interest to Mountfield and Councillor Taylor may be directly affected, as will three other Members and there is the question of MPC being quorate if Members are absent. This dispensation will be in effect until the Southern Water works are completed.
 - King George's Field, this was granted as MPC are the sole trustee of this charitable trust and to avoid any conflict of interest under the terms of the Code of Conduct. This dispensation will be in effect for the term of this Council.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None received.
4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED – that the minutes of the MPC meeting held on 10.07.18 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
5. OPEN FORUM
 - 5.1 East Sussex County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor K. Field
 - There is the very good news that ESCC Children's and Social Care Services have received an Outstanding status from Ofsted.
 - More good news in that the music services for children will continue.
 - The public are to be charged commercial rates at ESCC waste depots for soil, tyres, plasterboard and aggregates, this will be from 01.10.18. The Chairman said that this will lead to an increase in fly-tipping, not only of the above items, but in general. The other Members agreed.
 - Councillor Ray mentioned the reports in the press that ESCC "may be the next County Council to go bust." Councillor Field replied that although money is tight, things are not that serious at present.
 - 5.2 Rother District Council report (RDC) – Councillor E. Kirby-Green
 - Things are generally quiet at RDC at the moment.
 - 5.3 Public Question Time
 - Councillor Taylor mentioned that the geese on the pond need a new house/roof. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the Estate offering MPC's assistance on this if needed.

ACTION – CLERK

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6. SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME
- It looks like very good news from the Mountfield Residents Group, who have worked extremely hard. It now appears that a waste disposal unit will be build as originally intended. Congratulations to the MRG!
 - There is no further news on the Eatenden Lane issue.
 - The Clerk has asked for more details on the weekly reports from SW – to no avail at present. She will continue to pressure them.
7. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)
- 7.1 MPC are almost compliant, there are three more email addresses for Members to be changed and all Members are fully conversant with the requirements.
- 7.2 **RESOLVED** – to adopt the new Data Protection Policy 2018 as presented by the Clerk. This policy has been approved by our DPO (LCPAS). Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor Snuggs seconded, the voting was unanimous.
8. GRANTS AND DONATIONS
- 8.1 **RESOLVED** – to release the £6,000.00, granted to the Village Hall Committee at the MPC meeting on 13.03.18 and held in an earmarked reserve. Councillor Snuggs proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous. The VHC have fully funded the works from other grants and are ready to start the new sewage scheme.
- 8.2 MPC have received a grant request, for the sum of £1,000.00 from the Mountfield Residents Group to continue their efforts to have Southern Water build a waste disposal scheme instead of a communal cesspit.
RESOLVED – to grant the sum of £500.00, Councillor Taylor proposed and Councillor Ray seconded.
RESOLVED – to donate the sum of £500.00 as grants cannot be given retrospectively. Councillor O’Sullivan proposed and Councillor Hollamby seconded.
All Members agreed with this decision, but the Chairman said he thought the MRG brief was too narrow and all Mountfield residents should benefit and the MRG were asked if they intended to disband once their efforts were achieved.
9. KGF PLAQUE
- All Members have now seen the plaque and are very pleased with it, it will be put up inside the pavilion as soon as possible. The Clerk will post information and pictures on the website and Councillor Hollamby will notify The Village Voice.
10. PLAYGROUND SAFETY REPORT 2018
- The Chairman is to set up a working group to look at Playsafety’s comments and the Clerk is to write to Southern Water about the raised manhole. The only comments by Playsafety were minor.
11. PLANNING (standing item)
- 11.1 Planning application for consideration
RR/2018/1866/P – Woodland Cottage
Installation of a swimming pool.
AGREED – to support this application.
- 11.2 **AGREED** – to hold bi-monthly planning meetings, with all Members, in those months when there is no full council meeting scheduled, i.e. February, April, June, August, October, December – these will be on the second Tuesday of the relevant month. The dates for MPC planning meetings for the remainder of the council year are 09.10.18, 11.12.18 and 12.02.19. These dates are **provisional** only and will only be used if the response time for comments to RDC fall too far outside for an extension of time to be considered at a scheduled MPC meeting. An agenda will be published on the website and noticeboard, the agenda will consist of legal procedural items and only planning and enforcement, there will be an open forum for the public to ask questions and air concerns.
- 11.3 No other planning matters for discussion.

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12. ENFORCEMENT (standing item)
- 12.1 **AGREED** – to report any further enforcement breaches at The Barn. Councillor Taylor offered to keep a log.
- 12.2 To obtain registration numbers, whenever possible, of any articulated vehicles using Mountfield lanes. These will then be reported to the Police via the Clerk.
- 12.3 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
13. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES (standing item)
- 13.1 The Twitten hedge has been cut.
- 13.2 There is an issue with overgrown hedges at John's Cross from Tom's Folly to Laurels Cottage on the southward side. The Clerk is to notify Highways England.
- 13.3 Mountfield events signage on the KGF fence/hedge on John's Cross roundabout. There will be a decision on this at the next MPC meeting on 13.11.18.
14. FINANCE (standing item)
- 14.1 Bank balances at 31.08.18
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| MPC deposit account | £25,742.91 |
| MPC current account | £627.54 |
| KGF custom account | £4,511.66 |
- 14.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk – salary/home office (Aug/Sep 2018) | 656.60 |
| MVHC – grant towards new sewerage scheme | 6,000.00 |
| MRG – grant | 500.00 |
| MRG - donation | 500.00 |
| RALC – subscription 2018-19 | 30.00 |
| TOTAL | £7,686.60 |
- 14.3 **RESOLVED** – to include Councillor Taylor on the Unity Trust Bank signing mandate. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 14.4 **RESOLVED** – to approve the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 31.08.18. Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded, the voting was unanimous.
15. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
- 9th October 2018 – MPC Planning Meeting, start 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall.
- 13th November 2018 – Full Council Meeting, start 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall.