

MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillor S. Rickman-Smith (Chairman), J. Ray (Vice-Chairman),
M. Hardy, C. Hollamby, J. Snuggs, S. Taylor
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)
District Councillor E. Kirby-Green
Members of the Public

1. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**
Councillor J. Ray declared a personal interest in item 6.1 on the agenda, he is the BACT Treasurer and will not take part in the voting.
Councillor C. Hollamby declared a personal interest in item 6.2. on the agenda, she is a member of the Mountfield Village Hall Committee and will not take part in the voting.
2. **DISPENSATIONS**
None requested.
3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies were received from Councillor O'Sullivan.
4. **ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the full council meeting held on 11.09.18 and the planning meeting held on 09.10.18 be confirmed as being accurate records of the proceedings. Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor Snuggs seconded, the voting was unanimous.
5. **OPEN FORUM**
 - 5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – not available, Councillor Field sent her apologies.
 - 5.2 District Council report (RDC) – Councillor E. Kirby-Green
 - RDC have a consultation for an increase in council tax, they are looking for 1.9%.
 - RDC have a consultation on their Development and Site Allocations (DaSA) Local Plan.
 - RDC are monitoring closely any increase in fly-tipping since charges imposed and closures to waste depots in the Rother area.
 - 5.3 Public Question Time
 - Residents were pleased to see the goose house on the agenda and hope MPC will get involved.
 - A resident had concerns about RDC's change of waste collection contractor next year and it is hoped that the change can be made without too many problems.
 - The Members and residents discussed the implications of the liquidation of Photonic Science. Councillor Ray said that around 50% of the staff have been retained by Scintacor at St. Leonards. It is understood that the buildings will be sold. MPC will keep a close eye on developments.
6. **GRANTS AND DONATIONS**
 - 6.1 **RESOLVED** – to grant the sum of £500.00 to Battle Area Community Transport (BACT), these funds are to go towards a new vehicle. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor Snuggs seconded, the voting was unanimous.
 - 6.2 **RESOLVED** – to donate the sum of £500.00 to the Mountfield Village Hall Committee, £250.00 towards the Bonfire Event and £250.00 towards the Children's Christmas Party. Councillor Ray proposed and Councillor Hardy seconded, the voting was unanimous.

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- 6.3 It is understood that this is an informal group without a constitution or separate bank account, therefore any donation from MPC will have to be to the Mountfield Village Hall Committee in lieu of rent. The Clerk will inform the "Baby Club" and MPC will await details from them.
7. **GOOSE HOUSE ON THE POND**
Councillor Snugs will contact The Estate and it was thought that British Gypsum should also be contacted with a view to a donation. This item will be on the next MPC Agenda.
8. **PAVILION PLAQUE**
The Chairman is to arrange to fix the plaque inside the pavilion.
9. **PLANNING (standing item)**
- 9.1 Planning application for consideration
RR/2018/2273/P – Rosaville, Vinehall Road
Replace double garage with larger double garage.
AGREED – to support this application.
- 9.2 Any other planning matters for discussion – Southern Water New Sewerage Scheme
- At a meeting in October 2018 with the Mountfield Residents Group and others, SW committed to install a complete sewerage treatment plant.
 - There will be tankering for four months.
 - A temporary treatment plant will be installed by the end of May 2019 and the full treatment plant will be installed by October 2019.
 - It would be very good to see SW's offer of free connections extended into the Summer, when there will be better weather.
10. **ENFORCEMENT (standing item)**
- 10.1 No Mountfield items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.
- 10.2 Other enforcement items for discussion
- There are still concerns about the business opposite the 1066 Café on the A21. RDC Enforcement have visited and state there is no breach. MPC will continue to monitor.
 - The Barn – reports from Members and residents that out-of-hours working is continuing, lorries are arriving/departing out-of-hours and timber is being kept outside.
11. **ROADS/PATHS/VERGES (standing item)**
- 11.1 MPC and residents will continue to monitor the heavy lorries going to and from The Barn. Where registration numbers are obtained, these will be reported to the Police.
- 11.2 Councillor Hollamby had concerns about the number of lorries parked on the A21 lay-bys. It was agreed that these are unsightly, but unfortunately there is nothing MPC can do as they are parked legally.
- 11.3 The foliage on the A2100 northbound is very overgrown, from New Cut to the John's Cross roundabout, this make using the pavement very hazardous. The Clerk will report this to ESCC Highways.
12. **FINANCE (standing item)**
- 12.1 Bank balances at 31.10.18
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| MPC deposit account | £15,758.82 |
| MPC current account | £2,628.94 |
| KGF custom account | £4,459.66 |
- 12.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Hardy seconded, the voting was unanimous.
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| Clerk – salary, home office (Oct/Nov 2018), expenses | 787.78 |
| Grant - BACT | 500.00 |
| Donation - MVHC | 500.00 |
| TOTAL | £1,787.78 |

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- 12.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the second quarter accounts 2018-19 as presented by the Clerk. The Chairman proposed and Councillor Snuggs seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 12.4 **RESOLVED** – to approve the budget monitor and bank reconciliations at 31.10.18. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor Snuggs seconded, the voting was unanimous.
13. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS
11.12.18 – Planning Meeting (provisional only, will only be used if required).
15.01.19 – Full Council Meeting
Both to start at 7.30pm in the Village Hall'

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