

MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting
held on 12th March 2019

Present

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

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS
None declared.
2. DISPENSATIONS
None requested.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
None.
4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 15.01.19 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Snuggs proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
5. PUBLIC FORUM
 - 5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – not available, Councillor Field send apologies.
 - 5.2 District Council report (RDC) – Councillor E. Kirby-Green
 - RDC will increase council tax by 1.9%.
 - The Police precept has increased, mainly to improve the 101 service.
 - The recruitment of rural PCSOs will increase from 3 to 5.
 - The new waste collection service will start in May 2019.
 - 5.3 Public Question Time
 - MPC were very pleased to hear that the Mountfield Heath School is now officially open, but unfortunately, they have already had a break-in.
6. UNITY TRUST MULTIPAY CARD
RESOLVED – to apply for this credit card. It will only be used for on-line website related purchases, where there is no other option but to pay on line via Visa or Mastercard. Councillor Hollamby proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded, the voting was unanimous.
ACTION - CLERK
7. SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME
 - There is good news via The Messenger – the first Mountfield residents have been connected to the new mains sewer.
 - It was hoped that installation would be complete by May 2019 and all Southern Water contractors would decamp from the Parish. However, Southern Water have informed us that the treatment works are scheduled to be operational by 01.06.19 and construction works will be ongoing until the completion of the scheme – this is scheduled for October/November 2019.
 - Councillor Hollamby said she was not impressed by the recent Southern Water session in the Village Hall – their responses to questions were not informative enough.
 - Councillor Hollamby said that there could be potential problems with shared sewers when such residents decide to sell.

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- Apparently Southern Water are using tankers to take away run-off water. The tankers are too large for Solomon's Lane and are wrecking the verges. The Clerk will report this to RDC Environmental. **ACTION - CLERK**
- MPC are concerned regarding the number of car park spaces and will check the original planning application. Southern Water promised 24 spaces.

8. NEW GOOSE HOUSE

RESOLVED – to purchase the large, square floating duck house (Aylesbury) with no compartment and the larger float from Buttercup Farm, for the total sum of £550.00. Councillor Taylor proposed and Councillor Hollamby seconded, the voting was unanimous.

9. FINGERPOST REPAIRS

AGREED – that the Clerk obtain quotations for repair/replacement of the 2 Mountfield fingerposts. ESCC will match fund the costs during financial year 2019-20.

ACTION - CLERK

10. WEBSITE SECURITY

Post minute note – the Members agreed to purchase a security package from Godaddy. However, the Clerk has done some more research and will update the Members shortly. Godaddy technical department and other hosting technical departments say a security package such as that quoted by Godaddy is not necessary for the Mountfield website as it is a “reading” website and does not contain any user financial information/passwords etc., a Wordpress plug-in and regular back-ups will do the job adequately. Cheaper hosting, domain name, SSL certificate and emails may also be possible.

11. PARISH ASSEMBLY 2019

The Members discussed the format for our Parish Assembly 2019, and it was decided that it would be as last year, which was very successful. The reports will be on display boards around the hall and it is hoped there will be a defibrillator demonstration. The Clerk will send out invitations and arrange refreshments. **ACTION – CLERK**

12. PLANNING

12.1 No planning applications for consideration.

12.2 The recently refused application at 2 Crossing Farm has gone to appeal.

12.3 No other planning matters for discussion.

13. ENFORCEMENT

13.1 One Mountfield item on RDC enforcement list – signage on A21, RDC say matter is resolved.

13.2 RDC are investigating materials stored outside The Barn and the Police are dealing with the HGV issue.

13.3 No other enforcement matters for discussion.

14. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES

No outstanding or new issues for discussion.

15. FINANCE

15.1. Bank balances at 28.02.19

MPC deposit account	£14,774.71
MPC current account	£1,097.32
KGF custom account	£4,334.90

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- 15.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. Councillor Ray proposed and Councillor O’Sullivan seconded, the voting was unanimous.

MPC ACCOUNT

Clerk – salary/home office (Feb/Mar 2019)	656.60
S. Sutton – playground grass cutting	335.00
WEL Medical – defibrillator (John’s Cross)	1,500.00
TOTAL	£2491.60

KGF ACCOUNT

ION Safety – yearly fire extinguisher inspection	£57.00
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- 15.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the budget monitor and bank reconciliations as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Ray proposed and Councillor Hardy seconded, the voting was unanimous.

16. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

09.04.19 – Planning meeting (starts 7pm)

09.04.19 – Parish Assembly 2019 (starts 7.30pm)

14.05.19 – KGF meeting (starts 7pm)

14.05.19 – First Council meeting (first meeting after election) (starts 7.30pm)

All in Mountfield Village Hall