

# MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting  
held on 9th July 2019

## Present

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

1. DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS  
None declared.
2. DISPENSATIONS  
None requested.
3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Apologies were received from Councillor Taylor.
4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS  
**RESOLVED** - that the draft minutes of the meetings held on 14.05.19 and 11.06.19 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.
5. OPEN FORUM
  - 5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor K. Field
    - There is a possibility of £20M cuts, what areas are yet to be decided.
  - 5.2 District Council reports (RDC) – Councillor E. Kirby-Green
    - Biffa are now collecting our waste bins, no complaints so far.
    - Councillor Ray said there are long delays in replacing damaged brown bins (garden waste). This is an additional paid for service.
    - Crowhurst, Rye and Ticehurst neighbourhood plans have been approved.
    - The Blackfriars area (Battle) has been earmarked for housing and the development of around 130 houses is moving forward.
  - 5.3 Public Question Time – no concerns or questions asked.

It was agreed to bring item 12 forward.
12. SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME/RE-ERECTION OF VILLAGE SIGN
  - The update from the Mountfield Residents Group is attached at the end of these minutes.
  - Re-erection of Village Sign  
It was decided that our Village Sign be re-erected between the two lay-byes in New Cut (like the original location). The Clerk is to contact the Southern Water Project Manager with details.
6. CONSULTATIONS
  - ESCC Rights of Way Improvement Plan – MPC responded that good access and repair are required, and access must be available for the disabled.
  - High Weald AONB Building – MPC responded that they welcome that guidance is now available and that it is sensitive to the historic landscape of the HWAONB.
  - RDC Parking Places Order – MPC decided not to respond.

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7. VILLAGE CLEAN-UP  
It is expected that the first village clean-up will take place in the Autumn in line with the planting scheme. Councillor Hollamby is working on the materials required (RDC donation).
8. PLAYGROUND
- The Clerk is to contact the supplier of the “toddler trail,” (Playdale) as investigate a maintenance contract.
  - The Clerk is to contact Southern Water about removing the tripping points on their manhole cover.
  - The Chairman and Councillor Hardy are to inspect the playground after the Playsafety annual report.
9. DIGITAL MAPPING THROUGH RALC SCHEME  
The Members considered the digital mapping scheme – Parish Online, from Geoxsphere, subscribed through our RALC membership at £45/pa. It was agreed that this will be of great assistance to the Clerk.  
**AGREED** – the Members agreed to subscribe to this digital mapping scheme.
10. KGF PAVILION ELECTRICAL INSPECTION  
**AGREED** – for safety and insurance purposes the Members agreed to a 5-year election review/inspection by Fairway Electrical.
11. FINGERPOSTS  
**AGREED** – the Members approved the quotation by JAKK Signs for our two fingerpost repairs.
13. PLANNING
- 13.1 Planning applications for consideration  
RR/2019/1519/P and RR/2019/1520/L – Ittingham Manor Farm  
Demolition of modern 20th century garage and garden room and replacement with flat roof single-storey extension to the north and a two-storey extension to the south, insertion of roof-lights into existing inner slope of double-pitched roof and minor internal alterations.  
**AGREED** – to support these applications.  
RR/2019/1370/P – Park Pale Meadow, Mountfield Lane  
Change of use of land to part equestrian, additional buildings to include stables, a tack room, a store shed, improved access and track, formation of new hardstanding in front of stable block (retrospective).  
**AGREED** – general comment only, if MPC had assessed this application as non-retrospective, we would have objected on the grounds that this opens the door to potential development.
- 13.2 No other planning matters for discussion.
14. ENFORCEMENT
- 14.1 No enforcement items on RDC’s weekly list.
- 14.2 Building works on A21, opposite 1066 Café – the Clerk understands that the site has been inspected by RDC Planning and Enforcement and is waiting to hear from them.
- 14.3 No other enforcement matters for discussion.
15. ROADS/PATHS/VERGES  
There are no major issues to consider.

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## 16. FINANCE

### 16.1 Bank balances at 30.06.19

MPC deposit account	£16,504.64
MPC current account	£1,643.11
KGF current account	£4,412.28

### 16.2 **AGREED** – to approve the following payments

Clerk – salary/home office (Jun/Jul 2019), expenses	828.26
SSALC – councillor training (2)	168.00
Playsafety, annual playground inspection	107.40
Donation in lieu of internal audit fee (Surviving Christmas)	100.00
TOTAL	£1,203.66
MPC Mastercard payment – Godaddy for 3-year renewal of website/email services	£390.74

### 16.3 **AGREED** – to approve the first quarter accounts at 30.06.19 as presented by the Clerk.

## 17. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

13.08.19 – Planning meeting

10.09.19 – KGF meeting (start 7.00pm)

10.09.19 – Council meeting

All start at 7.30pm (unless notified above) in Mountfield Village Hall.

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## REPORT FROM MOUNTFIELD RESIDENTS GROUP

1. There is a more flexible offer from SW for connections
  - Their previous offer was £827.00 if connected by 31.07.19, there new offer is £827.00 if there is an application by 31.01.20.
2. We are awaiting the latest figures for connections
  - 3/4 weeks ago, there were 33 applications and 11 connections
  - This will increase with the Estate properties.
  - Environmentally, this will make a huge difference.
3. Treatment works
  - There are delays and the latest date we have for completion is early September 2019.
4. Drainage issues
  - These are, at last, being taken seriously.
5. Pump Station (New Cut)
  - Screening designs are in hand and a planning application has been submitted to ESCC.
6. Bellmouth (Solomon's Lane)
  - The bellmouth is to be of the same dimension as the original planning application, but will be landscaped and screened.
7. Village Sign
  - Where and when will it be re-erected?  
POST MEETING NOTE – the Mountfield Clerk and Councillor Ray are meeting the SW Project Manager next week to finalise the location in New Cut and arrange its re-erection.