

MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting held on 14th January 2020

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. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2. DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Taylor sent apologies.

4. ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the minutes of the meeting held on 12.11.19 be amended by hand as follows

- Item 5.2 (bullet point 3), the amount to be amended to £40.00.
- Item 16, to insert “the Clerk’s home office costs to be increased to £30/month. The Clerk’s salary is now NJC Spine 18 (2018).”

That the draft minutes are now confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor Whines seconded, the voting was unanimous. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the planning meeting held on 10.12.19 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Hardy proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5. OPEN FORUM

5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor K. Field

- £5M has been re-allocated to priority areas which are under great stress.
- Sadly, Broadoak Primary School is to close.

5.2 District Council report (RDC) – Councillor E. Kirby-Green

- Band D council tax is to increase by £5/pa.

5.3 Public Question Time

- MPCC gave the meeting full details of the programme of events for the 900th Anniversary of All Saints Church. It will be a very full and exciting year; the PCC will submit a grant request at MPC’s March meeting. Note: full details of the programme are on the Mountfield website – www.mountfield.org.uk

6. APPROVAL OF DRAFT BUDGET AND SETTING OF PRECEPT 2020-21

RESOLVED – to approve the draft budget for 2020-21 as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Whines proposed and the Chairman seconded, the voting was unanimous.

RESOLVED – to set the MPC precept for 2020-21 at £13,100.00 as the previous year. Councillor Ray proposed and Councillor Hardy seconded, the voting was unanimous.

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7. SOUTHERN WATER NEW SEWERAGE SCHEME

- Things are very quiet at the moment.
- SW have said no to any compensation.
- The letter from MRG to Ofwat has been acknowledged by an Ofwat case officer.
- Village Sign – SW are actioning the re-erection of our village sign.
- Car park bollards – SW propose putting wooden bollards around the verge, MPC have suggested that they contact the Mountfield Estate.

8. 900th ANNIVERSARY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

See item 5.3 (bullet point 1).

9. VILLAGE MATTERS

- 9.1 Solomon's Lane bollards – there is a likely resolution, 9 residents have agreed to installing wood effect, plastic bollards.
- 9.2 The goose house has been cleaned and MPC are buying a “giant pooper scooper” for the cleaning crew to help in future cleaning. MPC are sure the Mountfield community will join with them in thanking these volunteers for all their work.
- 9.3 Hopefully the illegal quad bike use of Coussens land (completely unauthorised) has stopped. The Police, ESCC Rights of Way and Coussens have all been involved and kept informed. Coussens confronted the bikers on their land and removed them.

10. MOUNTFIELD PARISH ASSEMBLY 2020

- The Clerk is to check Mountfield Heath School's offer to host the assembly this year.
- A speaker was proposed, and the Clerk will contact them.
- A good idea would be to have name badges for representatives of organisations etc.
- Publicity – the Mountfield website, The Messenger and the Clerk is investigating banners to be displayed in New Cut.
- The format will be as last year, which was very successful.

11. RDC CONSULTATION ON 2020-21 BUDGET AND DaSa STATEMENT

It was agreed that MPC will not respond to these. Full details are on the Mountfield website.

12. WILDLIFE/WILDFLOWER VERGES

Various locations were discussed and ESCC Highways must be informed of all such proposed verges. The Chairman is to liaise with the Clerk on this matter.

13. SIGNAGE BY OUTSIDE PARTIES IN MOUNTFIELD PARISH

All signage (posters/banners) by outside parties must be requested and approved by MPC.

14. PLANNING

- 14.1 Planning application for consideration
RR/2019/2768/FN – Oakley Farm, London Road
Erection of open-fronted pole barn
AGREED – although MPC do not normally respond to FN applications, they will make a general comment to RDC that they have concerns as this application has had an appeal dismissed. Post meeting note: RDC have informed the applicant that an FN notification is not permissible, and a full planning application must be submitted.
- 14.2 Appeal by Edlins Farm – MPC will write to the Planning Inspectorate fully supporting RDC's decision to refuse this outline application.
- 14.3 No other planning matters for discussion.

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15. ENFORCEMENT

- 15.1 One Mountfield item on RDC's weekly enforcement list – Holly Lodge, construction of a third stable block, not portable but permanent on concrete/hardstanding.
- 15.2 No other enforcement matters for discussion.

16. HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY

- 16.1 The Clerk is to contact ESCC Highways, yet again, about the appalling condition of the A2100 from John's Cross to the level crossing. There is nothing on their website to indicate that any work is scheduled.
- 16.2 Flooding at Riverhall level crossing, the Clerk is to contact ESCC Highways and Network Rail to see what actions they are taking to prevent this dangerous flooding.
- 16.3 Flooding at Mountfield pond, Church Lane, the Clerk will contact ESCC Highways and ask for what actions are being taken to prevent dangerous flooding.
Please note there have been numerous emails from MPC to ESCC Highways regarding items 16.2 and 16.3.

17. FINANCE

- 17.1 Bank balances at 31.12.19
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| MPC deposit account | £17,090.32 |
| MPC current account | £1,062.73 |
| KGF current account | £4,618.34 |

- 17.2 **RESOLVED** – to approve the following payments. Councillor Whines proposed and Councillor Ray seconded, the voting was unanimous.

Clerk – salary/home office (Dec 19/Jan 20), expenses	1,067.78
S. Sutton – playground grass cutting	400.00
Manure scoop for goose house cleaning (Mastercard)	16.51

TOTAL £1,484.29

- 17.3 **RESOLVED** – to approve the 3rd quarter accounts 2019-20 at 31.12.19 as presented by the Clerk. Councillor Whines proposed and Councillor Hollamby seconded, the voting was unanimous.

18. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 11.02.20 – Planning meeting (provisional, will only be held if required)
10.03.20 – Full Council meeting
Both to start at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall