

MINUTES OF THE MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2022

Present: Councillor S. Rickman-Smith (Chair), P. Miles, J. Ray, N. Whines
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)

1. Disclosure of Interests

None declared.

2. Dispensations

None requested.

3. Apologies for absence

None.

4. Accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting(s)

RESOLVED – that the draft minutes of the council meeting on 12.07.22 and the extraordinary council meeting on 30.08.22 be confirmed as being an accurate record of the proceedings. Councillor Miles proposed and the Chair seconded, the voting was unanimous.

5. Open Forum

5.1 County Council report (ESCC) – Councillor Field sent apologies.

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

5.3. Public Question Time – no members of the public present.

6. Co-option of a new Mountfield Parish Councillor

MPC can now advertise/publicise the vacancy for a MPC Councillor. This will be posted on the website and noticeboard.

7. Quiet Lanes

This is a system where all road users have joint rights of way and has been successfully implemented in parts of Suffolk. We believe the maximum speed limit on such lanes is 20mph. This will be carried forward to the next MPC meeting.

8. DEFRA Deer Management Proposal

The consultation has now closed, MPC unable to comment.

9. Matters Outstanding

- MPC Resilience Plan – there is a movement towards parishes having designated safe rest centres for emergencies, MVHC is to report back to MPC.
- Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme – in abeyance.
- Welcome Packs, an Environmental Policy and the Telephone Box will be considered at the next meeting.

10. Planning

10.1 Planning applications for consideration

- RR/2022/1750/P – Johns Cross Inn, John's Cross Road
Alterations and improvements to an existing Grade II listed property. Works to include the removal of the existing brick and tiled lean-to extension to the rear and replacement with a new low pitched extension, adaptations to the existing staircase to enlarge the first floor landing; installation of a new fence to the front of the property and other minor improvement works.
RESOLVED – to support this application. The Chair proposed and Councillor Whines seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- RR/2022/1752/P – John's Cross Inn, John's Cross Road
Listed building consent for above application.
RESOLVED – to support this listed building consent. The Chair proposed and Councillor Whines seconded, the voting was unanimous.

- RR/2022/1996/O – Little Millham Annexe, Mountfield Lane
Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing change of use from office space to a residential dwelling.
RESOLVED – to support this application. Councillor Miles proposed and the Chair seconded, the voting was unanimous.
 - RR/2022/2098/L – Carpenters Cottage, Vinehall Road
Creation of window and associated dormer to north elevation.
RESOLVED – to support this application. The Chair proposed and Councillor Miles seconded, the voting was unanimous.
 - RR/2022/1962/P – Castle Farm Cottages, Mountfield
Extension of residential curtilage and erection of a timber-framed double garage on land previously used as a parking area outside the curtilage of the property.
RESOLVED – to support this application. The Chair proposed and Councillor Miles seconded, the voting was unanimous.
 - RR/2022/2180/P – Baldwins Farm, Mountfield Lane
Retention of garden landscaping works, dwarf retaining wall and log/bin store (retrospective).
RESOLVED to support this application. The Chair proposed and Councillor Miles seconded, the voting was unanimous.
- 10.2 MPC has written to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, asking that planning application RR/2022/840/P (Sedlescombe) be called in to the Planning Inspectorate.

11. Enforcement

11.1 Two Mountfield items being investigated by RDC Enforcement on their weekly list 21.

- Agricultural field, London Road TN32 5LX. Change of use of agricultural field for dog exercise business.
- Coussens Cranes, Crossing Farm. Use of heavy machinery and tools outside of permitted hours.

11.2 No further enforcement matters for discussion.

12. Highways/Rights of Way

- A Czech HGV on route to British Gypsum, drove down Solomon's Lane, damaged property, turned left, damaged the Riverhall Bridge and was grounded on the level crossing. The Clerk is to contact ESCC Highways and British Gypsum about better and more signage on the A2100 that foreign drivers can understand.
- We understand that after a Highways England survey, there may intentions to increase the speed limit to 40mph and remove verges (to be replaced with air blocks) on the approach to the John's Cross roundabout/Vinehall Road. MPC will oppose any such actions vigorously.

13. Finance

13.1 Bank balances at 31.08.22

- MPC deposit account - £23,953.87
- MPC current account - £1,535.93
- KGF current account – £4,121.46

13.2 RESOLVED – to approve the following payments. Councillor Whines proposed and Councillor Ray seconded. The voting was unanimous.

- Clerk, salary/home office (Aug/Sep 2022) - £910.80
- *Dallington Parish Council - £301.97
- * ESALC/NALC subscription 2022-23 - £162.70
- * SP Services (defibb carry cases) - £144.00
- * T. Tidmarsh (KGF keys) - £40.00
- * Playsafety (playground inspection) - £84.00
- * Mitch Safety (pavilion fire inspection) - £70.00
- * Mastercard fee - £3.00
- * Satswana (DPO services 2022-23) - £90.00

* Paid already.

13.3 RESOLVED – to approve the cash book, bank reconciliations and budget monitor at 31.08.22. Councillor Wines proposed and Councillor Ray seconded. The voting was unanimous.

14. Dates of next meetings

08.11.22 – full council meeting

13.12.22 – planning meeting (provisional)