

Mendlesham Parish Council

An Ordinary Parish Council meeting was held in the Old School Room, Mendlesham, Wednesday 8 January 2025 at 7.00pm.

1. Present: Cllrs H Orton (Chair), D Foster, N Foster, E Ward, S Hyde, A Johnson (Clerk), A Davey, P Allen
MSDC/SCC Cllr A Stringer

Apologies: Cllrs S Judd (personal reasons), C Orton (personal reasons)

Acceptance of apologies: Confirmed.

Filming speech was not read out as no members of public present.

2. Interests

a) To note Councillor's declarations of interest in any of the following agenda items.

Cllr N Foster – non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 as a former member of the club.

b) To agree any dispensations regarding any declarations of interest

None required

3. Minutes:

Minutes of Ordinary Meeting 04.12.24, pages 2176-2180 (inclusive), were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, signed and dated by the Chairperson.

4. Reports

a) SCC/MSDC Cllr Stringer

See report as appended to these minutes

b) Public forum - to receive written questions and matters of concern

None.

5. Planning matters:

To approve PC representative to attend appeal Hearing on 28th January 2025 at 10am at Wetheringsett Village Hall, IP14 5PJ, for The Siding, Oak Farm Lane, Mendlesham, IP14 5TE - Appeal References: APP/W3520/C/24/3353244 (& linked cases: APP/W3520/C/24/3353245, APP/W3520/C/24/3353246, APP/W3520/C/24/3353247 & related Planning Appeal: APP/W3520/W/24/3353417) Appeal against Enforcement Notice served on 16 September 2024 & related Planning Appeal for Change of use of land to a single pitch gypsy and traveller residential site for the siting of up to 3no static caravans and 3no touring caravans on previously developed land, refurbishment and relocation of existing building to act as day room and ancillary works. Original planning application reference DC/24/02467

Agreed a Cllr to attend to represent the Parish Council subject to availability.

6. Reports

a) Clerks report & delegated decisions

Delegated decisions:

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None

Correspondence:

VE Day – it has been asked if we will be holding a celebration event for VE Day 80th Anniversary, on 8th May 2025, as we did last year for D-Day 80. *Cllr Foster to approach same group that organised D-Day 80 event.*

More reports of dog fouling have come in – a post has been put up on the new facebook page regarding this and advising of increase in fines.

Dog bins: the post holding the dog bin at the entrance of the byway between the grain store and woodlands has come out of the ground and will need reinstating. The bin itself still appears to be attached to the post.

One of the bins near the new Parish Noticeboard on Old Station Road continues to be problematic and keeps coming off the post. Is there a way this can be secured better to the post without causing problems for emptying?

Clerk to contact Parish Volunteers to arrange post reinstatement and look at bin to establish if repair needed or replacement.

b) Chairs report

None

c) Questions to the Chair

None

7. Mendlesham Parish Council: Financial matters

a) To confirm payment of invoices

DD	116.93	Nest November 24
OL	265.33	November 24 Street Cleaning
OL	1,463.79	Admin November 24
DD	9.20	Google workspace fee
OL	26.00	A Johnson 1/12 th annual payment for use of home as an office
OL	24.13	Stationery (paper)
OL	1,129.27	PWLB Loan Repayment
OL	3,520.00	Stowmarket Minibus & Coach Hire 1 st Nov – 30 th Nov
OL	225.00	Old School Room Hire July – December 2024 (including invoice approved at meeting 4.12.24)
OL	236.73	PAYE Q3 2024-2025

OL	121.46	NFU Mutual Annual Insurance Agricultural Vehicle (grass cutting tractor)
DD	8.00	Google Workspace Annual Domain Registration Renewal date 3.2.25 (invoice not received)

Google Workspace Annual Domain Registration to be cancelled.

b) To note the pc bank reconciliation and management report as at 31.12.24

Noted – with minor queries answered satisfactorily.

c) To approve the budget for year 2025/26

To arrange an extra ordinary meeting to finalise.

d) Any other urgent financial matters

Outstanding invoices for pitch use still to be chased. Clerk to follow up with team.

8. Stowmarket Strider Half Marathon

a) Details received for Stowmarket Striders Half Marathon on Sunday 9th March 2025 with route planned from Stowupland to Mendlesham and return to Stowupland - to include Hoggars Road, Chapel Road, Oak Farm Lane, Wash Lane, Denters Hill and through Mendlesham Green. Additional approvals will be required from County Council as Highways Authority and Police.

Noted

b) To provide feedback on proposed route

The PC sees no issues with the route, previous events have been well organised.

9. Anglian Water Sewage Treatment Works

a) Report

Anglian Water still to respond to enquiry relating to a large volume of sewage that had been discharged into the River Dove.

b) Any other matters

Further details to be reported once response from Anglian Water is received.

10. Scout Hut

a) Report

Previously agreed Heads of Terms have been confirmed for Birketts to form the lease.

Scouts have advised some of their funding, specifically allocated for the car park/entrance area, has a deadline of 15th January 2025 to confirm what the status is, otherwise there is a distinct possibility they could lose this funding.

Birketts have been asked to expedite the creation of the lease (at the time of writing they have advised this will be done for us to approve at the meeting 8th January).

The Scouts have asked if the PC would be able to formally approve the Scout Group commencing with the car park/entrance area if the lease is

not resolved so that this will enable them to contact MSDC and hopefully still secure the grant.

b) To approve any action required

The PC resolved that it was unable to make any decisions regarding the lease format or commencement of the car park/entrance area as they did not feel there was enough information from the Scouts. Clerk to request their attendance at the next ordinary PC meeting to enable more detailed discussion.

11. Annual Parish Meeting

a) Report

Attendance at last Annual Parish Meeting was extremely low. Ways of encouraging public attendance to be suggested and discussed.

b) Any other matters

Suggestions included having a video produce by local parish video/photographer. To ask the parishioners what they would like to see at the meeting that would entice them to attend.

10. Any other business: matters of report and future agenda items

Further speeding records for Brockford Road discussed. A large number of speeds recorded at 35mph+ with figures to be reported to the Police.

Meeting closed 8.35pm.