

Mendlesham Parish Council

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held in the Old School Room, Mendlesham, Friday 17th October 2025 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs N Foster (chair), D Foster, A Davey, H Orton, E Ward, M Brennan, S Hyde, P Allen, C Orton, A Johnson (clerk) and MSDC/SCC Cllr A Stringer

1. Apologies: Apologies: S Judd (personal reasons), D Lummis (personal reasons)

Acceptance of apologies: Confirmed.

Filming speech was not read out.

2. Interests

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

None

b) To agree any dispensations regarding any declarations of interest

None required

3. Minutes: To approve minutes of ordinary meeting 1.10.25 as a true and accurate representation

Pages 2226-2230 were approved and signed by the chair as a true and accurate representation.

4. Planning Matters

a) Results: DC/25/03364 The Kings Head, Old Market Street, Mendlesham, Stowmarket Suffolk IP14 5SA - Application for Listed Building Consent - Replacement of Windows to front elevation – Granted

Noted

b) Any other planning matters

Norwich to Tilbury application has been approved for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting. MSDC Planning Committee are meeting to provide comment on the Denbury Homes application for the land off Glebe Way. Cllr Hyde to attend to represent the PC.

5. Financial Matters

a) To confirm payment of invoices

It was approved that payment of invoices for cleaning the changing rooms to be made on receipt of invoice to avoid delays in payment. Noted PC was making payments on behalf of the Mendlesham Community Centre Charity, who own the changing rooms, due to banking issues and the PC will be requesting reimbursement in full from the Charity.

b) Any other urgent financial matters

It was unanimously approved to request MSDC undertake the play equipment annual inspections for Mendlesham and Mendlesham Green. Due to take place January 2026.

6. Public Forum: To receive written questions and matters of concern

Noted that several concerns of increase in dog fouling throughout the Parish had been received. Although noted it was difficult to enforce it was agreed that some additional signage and floor stencils are purchased in an attempt to combat the issue.

At 19.20pm the Chair took the meeting in camera. MSDC/SCC Cllr A Stringer remained in the meeting, as requested by the Chair, to aid in discussion.

13. URC Chapel

Required information was obtained following previous meeting and action unanimously approved based on grant availability to fund. Further information to follow.

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

Arrangements for wreath laying were confirmed.

Thermal imaging project 'keep the heat' to be discussed at future meeting.

Noted a new laptop will be required due to current one not being compatible with necessary upgrade to Windows 11, this will be included in the budget for the next financial year. Also noted Clerk has registered for additional support with Windows 10 for 12 months to allow time to complete purchase of new laptop.

Meeting closed 7.50pm