

Mendlesham Parish Council

An Extraordinary Parish Council meeting was held in the Old School Room, Mendlesham, Monday 26 January at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs N Foster (chair), S Judd, E Ward, H Orton, C Orton, M Brennan, D Foster, A Davey, D Lummis, A Johnson (clerk) and MSDC/SCC Cllr A Stringer and one member of the public

1. Apologies: Apologies: S Hyde (personal reasons)

Acceptance of apologies: Confirmed.

Filming speech was not read out.

The Chair informed the Parish Council that a written resignation had been received from Cllr Allen on Monday 26th January 2026 taking immediate effect.

The Council noted the resignation and thanked Cllr Allen for his long service and contributions to the Parish Council.

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 7.1.26 as a true and accurate representation

Pages 2241 – 2243 inclusive were approved and signed by the Chair

4. Financial Matters

a) To complete the budget process for 2026/2027

The draft budget was reviewed and amendments confirmed with budget total of £74,092.

b) To set the Precept for the year commencing 01.04.26 and complete Precept Billing Authority

It was resolved that the Parish Council sets a precept requirement of £62,537 for the 2026/27 financial year, representing a 4.99% increase for tax base Band D. The Precept Billing Authority was signed by Cllr N Foster as Chair and A Johnson as Clerk.

c) Any other urgent financial matters

None

5. Sale of Registered Asset of Community Value the Kings Head Public House

a) To note the proprietor has submitted a 'Notice of intent to dispose' to MSDC on 13 January 2026, triggering a 6-week interim moratorium period which will end on 24 February 2026. Also note PC decision to not pursue as per approved minutes for meeting 3.12.25.

Noted.

Action Clerk: to confirm with MSDC any further publicising, of 'Notice of intent to dispose', is required or permitted.

b) Any other action

None

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

Feedback on 'Keep the Heat' thermal imaging project to be presented as a future agenda item.

Feedback on social media training, incorporating communication strategy and a review of policy.

Bus Service Review – service VC001 currently expires September, meetings are being held to explore options for the future.

URC to be held in camera at next meeting.

Meeting closed 7.39pm