

Mendlesham Parish Council

An Ordinary Parish Council meeting was held in the Old School Room, Mendlesham, Wednesday 12 July 2023 at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs N Foster, (Chairman in the absence of Cllr Davey), P Allen, M Exley, D Foster (arrived late), S Judd, D Lummis, C Orton, H Orton, E Ward, S Jones (Clerk) and SCC/MSDC Cllr Stringer.

Cllr C Orton was welcomed to his first parish council meeting.

Apologies: Cllr A Davey (personal reasons).

Acceptance of apologies: Unanimously agreed.

The filming statement was not read out.

2. Declarations of interest:

a) To note Councillor's declarations of interest in any of the following agenda items. None reported.

b) To agree to any dispensations with regard to declarations of interest. Not required.

3. Minutes: To confirm the following as a true and accurate representation.

a) Extra Ordinary Meeting 27.6.23. Pages 2049-2052 inclusive were unanimously agreed as a true and accurate representation of the meeting, signed and dated by the Chairperson.

4. Police report: Nothing to report.

SCC/MSDC Cllr Stringer: Cllr Stringer provided County, District and a report on his attendance at the national Local Government Association Conference.

7.05 Cllr D Foster arrived.

Cllr Foster asked a question regarding Suffolk County Council's position regarding wind turbine energy. Cllr Stringer reported County would respond to whatever on this subject.

Public forum: No members of the public present and nothing had been received prior to this meeting.

5. Planning matters:

a) Applications: none received.

b) Results:

DC/23/02375 Land North of, Mill Road, Mendlesham: Application to determine if Prior Approval is required for a Proposed: Erection, Extension or Alteration of a building for Agricultural or Forestry Use. Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended Schedule 2, Part 6 -Construction of 5no Polytunnels, shade structure, pump house, hardstanding delivery area and improvement to vehicular access. Approval not required.

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DC/23/01502 Bendalls Farm, Hobbies Lane, Mendlesham

Householder application – erection of a single storey ,double height, pitched rear extension to the main farmhouse with single story link to existing kitchen . Grant

DC/23/02162 White Oak Farm, Mendlesham, Stowmarket Full Planning Application- Erection of single storey detached agricultural building. Grant

c) Correspondence :

Construction Management Plan for Proposed Solar PV Array at Mendlesham Manor- noted with no further action required.

DC/23/01625 Green Acres, Cotton Road, Mendlesham Householder application- Erection of first floor extension to existing bungalow to form two storey house, including single storey side extensions -withdrawn.

6. Reports

a) Clerks report & delegated decisions:

Finance:

Cleansing Grant £474.11 Q1 2023 returned to Mid Suffolk District Council. £99.41 UKPN Wayleave

Listed Tree at Meadow behind the Chapel, Mendlesham Green: EDF to undertake some work, confirmation supported by email from us, that EDF will obtain whatever permissions are required from Mid Suffolk District Council further to the TPO.

Mendlesham's Woodland: due to being unable to obtain a witness statement, Suffolk Police have to close their investigation into the alleged theft. Contact from a resident concerned about the fritillaries land stamped on and loose dogs.

Footpath to the Woodland from Station Fields: A resident has reported this path is overgrown with a new path being created via the field crop. The Parish Lawnmower will be used to cut the existing path.

Hire of Playingfields : contact and provisional booking for 5.11.23 Firework event

Mendlesham Playing fields play equipment area: A resident complained the grass is some 9 inches tall and is not fit for the children to play. Mid Suffolk District Council responded extremely quickly, instructing operatives to come out of schedule in case of need.

The Pensions Regulator: Acknowledgement of declaration of compliance 21.6.23.

Disposal of allotment land request to Secretary of State re new Scout Hut.
Email sent 14.6.23

Delegated decisions: none

Correspondence:

National Grid Consultation ending 21.8.23

Update from Mendlesham Scouts re new hall. (*Clerks note: to be an agenda item for the August meeting*).

St Mary's Church requesting financial assistance for the churchyard .
(*Clerks note it was agreed the Clerk should respond, reporting grant policy and requesting advising further information, in time for the Budget planning for the year commencing 1.4.24*).

b) Other organisation reports. Mid Suffolk District Council Elections report. Elections Internal Reviews Append A & B . Noted

c) Chairs report. Nothing reported.

d) Questions to the Chair. Nothing asked.

7. Mendlesham Parish Council: Financial matters

a) To confirm payment of invoices: The following invoices were unanimously agreed for payment.

OL	1197.97	June administration
DD	93.19	Nest June 2023
OL	168.62	Rialtas Alpha finance support and maintenance licence
DD	9.20	Google docs monthly fee
OL	841.02	HMRC q1 PAYE
OL	71.30	Reimbursement from EMR CLT , CLT economy hosting ,web site
OL	4839.48	Vertus Group Ltd, Mendlesham Playing fields sand drains work (£4032.90 plus vat)
OL	22.50	S Jones reimbursement for hall booking 25.7.23

b) Any other financial matters: None

8. Playing fields:

a) Report:

It was noted that further to the sand drain work at Mendlesham Playing fields, there was a need to reseed some areas. **Action: Cllr Lummis** to purchase and sow.

b) To confirm any works/agenda items as proposed.

Mendlesham Green: Cllr H Orton reported that the Mendlesham Green equipment was in need of:

- Replacement toddler swing seat.
- Some equipment was in need of painting.
- The football goal was in need of painting and the net replacing.

Action: Cllr H Orton: to speak to Mr Gardiner to source paint, sandpaper etc, noting Mendlesham Parish Council unanimously agreed to cover the cost of the paint, subject to the cost expected to be a minimal amount.

Action: Cllr D Lummis: to obtain a quote for a replacement net.

Action: Clerk: to obtain a quote form Vertus for a replacement net.

c) Any other playing field matters: It was noted the Mendlesham Playing fields Football hirers needed to be informed of the hire arrangements, including fees for the new season. **Action: Clerk** with assistance from Cllr Lummis.

9. D Day 80 6.6.24: to confirm registration to project, including lighting of the Beacon at Mendlesham Green. Unanimously agreed. **Action: Clerk.**

10. Any other business: matters of report and future agenda items. None.

Meeting closed at 7.28pm.