

MENDHAM AND WITHERSDALE STREET

PARISH MEETING

Meeting Date: Monday 21st July 2025

Venue: Mendham Primary School

Time: 7.00pm

Committee Members	Role	Present/Absent
Jason Chettleburgh	Chair	✓
Richard Mattocks	Vice Chair	x
Neil Marsden		✓
Jimmy Kent		x
Mark Shortt		✓
Gary Kent		✓
Sheila Preston		✓
Dean Clarke		x
Steve Smith		✓

In attendance:

Clerk: Jo Howe

Mr H Lloyd – Sends apologies at another meeting

Mrs L Hadingham – District Councillor

Members of the public.

Mr Tim Cullen – The Coal House

Mr Kenneth Knight – The Coal House

ITEM	AGENDA POINT	ACTION
1.	Welcome and Apologies	RM apologises – Work commitments DC apologies – Work commitments JK apologies – Unwell
2.	Public Forum	Mr Kenneth Knight requested Mendham Website to be updated as some meeting minutes were missing. These were; May 2023, Sep 2023, Nov 2023, Jan 2024 and March 2024. Jo Howe said these would be looked in to and the website updated. Mr Cullen is still disputing the tarmac in the carpark abuts onto the Coal house and asked for our insurance details, as

		his solicitor had asked for these. LH stated that the solicitor was required to contact the Parish council to state what was required. We once again reminded Mr Cullen we needed an independent survey of the alleged damage to the Coal House and as yet none has been received by the Parish Council. The latest communication received from MR Cullen was a quote for works to be undertaken. Mr Cullen was reminded again he would need to provide an independent survey. Mr Cullen then requested the costing of the refurbishment of the car park. He was advised by JH that his solicitor would have to request these. Mr Cullen then stated he had fitted a camera to the front of the property and then accused JC of doing graffiti on the property and called him 'Banksy'. JC requested evidence of this and strenuously denied the allegation. At this point both JC and JH decide it was time to end the Public part of the meeting.
3.	Minutes of last meeting	Minutes of new Meeting published on the website
4.	Matters arising	Mendham School has notified the Parish Council that despite promises they would have the school field on a 100 year lease the new owner has stated that his solicitor has advised him they can only have a 39 years lease. NM to speak to the new owner for clarity.
5.	Speeding	JH briefed the Parish Council regarding the meeting with Highways and is currently awaiting quotes for any work to be completed.
6.	Finances and cheques	Cheques approved - Shane Tappin for Car Park, SALC membership.
7.	Correspondence	Email from The Coal House previously discussed Email received from Dennis Pye, Re voluntary public purchase of 'Ocean Pit' asking for a contribution from the Parish Council to help with this purchase. Parish Council agreed to give £500.
8.	Planning	None
9.	Any other business	None
10	Next meeting	15 th September 2025 at 7pm. Mendham school

The meeting closed at: 8:15pm

Signed by Chair:

Date: