

Minutes of the Meeting of Mapleton Parish Council held on
Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

Present: Cllr Palmer, Cllr Duckmanton, Cllr Jones, Cllr Deacon, Clerk: Mrs Fiona Raistrick
Cllr Darren Archer, Ashbourne Town Council, was in attendance.

14/67 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2015

The minutes were agreed to be a correct record and were signed off by the Chair, Cllr Palmer.

14/68 Apologies

There were no apologies.

14/69 Tribute to Cllr Albert Tucker

Cllr Tucker passed away on 13th February 2015 after a long illness. On behalf of Mapleton Parish Council Cllr Palmer made the following tribute:

“I met Albert through attending Mapleton Parish Council and immediately felt comfortable in his company. He was a natural mixer, easy to get on with and had a great sense of humour.

In his role of Parish Councillor, any task asked of him was pursued with determination and he frequently came back with a positive result. He seemed to read all the Local Authority notices and absorbed the information in a way I could only envy!

The service to celebrate the life of Albert, at St Mary's Church, Mapleton, was as pleasant as these occasions can be. A beautiful crisp day, bathed in full sunshine seemed only fitting for such a gentleman.

I would like to have got to know Albert better and it is so unfortunate for everyone that we shall not be able to enjoy his company again. On behalf of the Mapleton Parish Council Members and Clerk I would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Julia and family through this period of grief and mourning.”

14/70 Declarations of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

14/71 Public Participation

No parishioners attended.

14/72 Ashbourne Local Plan – Cllr Darren Archer, Ashbourne Town Council

Cllr Archer was invited to attend to update the Cllrs on the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. He explained that due to the failure of the original local plan Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) are working on a new draft plan which may be ready in 18 months' time. Ashbourne Town Council are monitoring the development of the draft plan. If any parishioners require further information please contact the Mapleton Parish Council clerk.

14/73 Highways

Cllr Deacon will monitor the situation with the verge / bank by the gully opposite the entrance to Callow End.

Cllr Deacon has made two planters. One is sited at the Ashbourne end of the village, and the other is hopefully going to be sited near the bridge, subject to permission from the Okeover estate.

The Cllrs are still concerned about the parking situation at the top of Mapleton Road in Ashbourne, and the possibility of there being an accident as a result of poor visibility. The Clerk contacted Ashbourne Town Council who said "Members of the Town Council have not raised any issues regarding this at recent meetings." It was suggested that MPC contact Derbyshire County Council Highways Department directly.

14/74 Finance

Bank balance – at 12 March 2015 the bank balance was £1186.36

Cheques were presented for signing as follows:

000122 - £17.73 to Alan Palmer for travel expenses (DALC training)

000123 - £100.00 to Fiona Raistrick (Clerk's Allowance 2014 – 2015)

000125 - £5.00 key cut for Pavilion

000126 - £30.00 to the Village Social Club - hire of the Pavilion for PC meetings.

000127 - £143.26 Clerk's Salary (January & February)

000128 - £62.03 (DALC subscription – to be paid April 2015)

The Cllrs discussed making a donation in memory of Cllr Tucker, it was agreed that Mapleton Parish Council could afford to make a donation of £25.00 (to be paid in the financial year 2015 – 2016)

Cllrs checked over the budget for 2015 – 2016 and confirmed that they were happy with the forecast.

14/75 Parish Council Elections – 7 May 2015

The Clerk handed out the notices and discussed the nomination process with the Cllrs. All agreed that DDDC had not provided sufficient information to the Cllrs or the Clerk regarding the election, in spite of being contacted for the information.

14/76 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications.

14/77 Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk contacted BT regarding maintenance and cleaning of the telephone kiosk. The call has been logged and is awaiting attention. Cllr Duckmanton will keep the Clerk informed.

14/78 Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

14/79 To receive any other business (for information only) and items to be included on the next agenda

Cllr Joan Duckmanton has retired after 25 years as a Cllr. The Cllrs presented her with a bunch of flowers and a voucher for the restaurant of her choice. She was thanked for her service, and all Cllrs and the Clerk hoped that she would now participate as a parishioner, and keep the Council on their toes.

14/80 The date of the next meeting is Thursday 14 May 2015. This will also be the Parish Council's AGM, where the Chair and Vice Chair will be elected.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on 21 May at 7pm.
All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting, which is informal, and won't have an Agenda provided or Minutes taken.

The meeting finished at 9:15.