

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mappleton Parish Council held on
Thursday 10th March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion**

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16/16 Apologies

All Cllrs were in attendance - Cllrs Deacon, Duckmanton, Jones, Washer.
Clerk – Fiona Raistrick.

16/17 Declarations of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16/18 Public Participation

No parishioners attended.

16/19 Highways

Kerbs, Main Road

Derbyshire County Council (Ref: F114512) – crumbling kerbs

Email from DCC, "Further to your email below. I have been advised by the highways inspector that the site has been inspected and unfortunately, there isn't sufficient funding at the present time to carry out repairs." Cllrs will monitor the situation.

Yerley Hill

Staffordshire County Council (Ref: 4032088) – potholes, Yerley Hill

Email from SCC, "I have checked the report and can see that the works are currently unscheduled. The works which have been raised are a category 3 which are aimed to be completed within 90 days. However works which are not deemed a risk to public safety may be delayed and therefore not completed within the estimated time-scale of 28-90 days. Works are also grouped together by location and work type to ensure we are being cost effective in using the resources available." The Clerk will monitor the situation.

Speeding Warning Signs / Measures to curb speeding

The Clerk provided advice regarding speed limits in rural areas. The Department of Transport stipulates that 30mph is considered the norm in villages.

Update re potholes / road erosion

Derbyshire County Council (Ref: F114510) – shallow pothole, nr The Haven

Email from council, "Further to your email below I can advise that the highways inspector has been to site on 22.01.16 and again on 4.02.16 and during both inspection there were no actionable defects found. However, the inspector will continue to monitor the situation and take action as necessary."

With regard to the pothole(s) between the bridge and the Okeover cattle grid it was agreed that the Clerk will report them once the water has gone down.

Action: Clerk to contact SCC

Damaged Road Signs / Missing Road Signs

Derbyshire County Council – F140858 – damaged road sign, nr Callow Hall

Response received 14/03/2016 – "Thank you for your enquiry regarding the damaged road sign. The highways inspector has advised that there are no funds to replace the sign however, the inspector advises that the sign is adequate and clearly visible." Cllrs will monitor the situation.

Hedges near The Stables / Hinchley Wood House

A parishioner has raised concerns about the hedges / trees near The Stables re lack of visibility.

Action: Clerk to follow up

Damaged gully, near the playing fields

Cllr Duckmanton reported that lorries going to the sewerage works have damaged the brick gully.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

16/20 Finance

Bank balance – at 10/03/2016 the balance was £1,304.70

Cheques presented for signing as follows:

000142 - £236.42 Clerk's Salary / Annual stipend / Stationery (January & February)

000143 - £30.00 Mappleton Village Social Club (rent for 2015 – 2016)

000144 - £62.96 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils subscription (2016 – 2017)

Action: Clerk to arrange signatory rights for Cllrs Washer and Duckmanton

Clerk's Hours and Salary

Cllrs agreed to amend the Clerk's hours from 8hrs a month to 6-8hrs a month. In addition they discussed an increase in the Clerk's hourly wage as there has been no increase since 2014. The Clerk's hourly rate will increase from £9.03 to £9.55 from 1st April 2016.

Decision – External Audit process

Cllrs discussed whether to opt in or to opt out of the new audit arrangements. It was agreed that the Cllrs wished to "opt in" and stay with the current arrangements. No further action is required.

16/21 Maintenance & Rights of Way

Update - Hedge cutting between Maskery's Wood and The Haven. The Clerk contacted the Land Agent for Okeover Estates who liaised with the tenant Michael Stubbs. The hedge has been cut and the vegetation cleared back.

Update – RoW

The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the invoice to Rights of Way for a refund under the Rights of Way fund.

Cllr Deacon will liaise with the maintenance worker to commence work in April / May to tidy up vegetation nr Callow End Farm and Okeover Woods.

16/22 Parish Council – Projects

Update – Bench opposite Church

The Clerk contacted DCC regarding placing a bench opposite the Church. DCC have sent the relevant form. Before the form can be sent off the Parish Council must liaise with DDDC Planning Department, DCC Highways Department, Utilities and check the Parish Council's public liability insurance provides cover to £5m. The estimated cost of the bench is around £350.00 plus installation.

Discussion – ideas for Parish projects

The Cllrs agreed to wait to hear the results of the various enquiries which need to be made regarding the bench, and the full costs of the bench.

16/23 Planning Applications

16/00153/FUL – Manor Croft bungalow, Mapleton Road

Single storey extensions, and erection of detached garage
There were no objections from Councillors.

16/24 Dates for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council / Annual Meeting of the Parish

It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 6.45 – 7.00pm, the Parish Council meeting from 7pm – 7.30pm and then the Annual Meeting of the Parish from 7.30pm on Thursday 12th May 2016.

Action: Clerk to produce laminated signs to advertise the Annual Meeting of the Parish

16/25 Correspondence

The Clerk flagged the proposals by DCC to cut a number of services and signposted Cllrs towards the website – www.derbyshire.gov.uk/challenge where they could comment.

16/25 To receive any other business (for information only) and items to be included on the next agenda

Items as usual.

16/26 The date of the next meeting is Thursday 12th May 2016.

The meeting finished at 9:00pm