

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mapleton Parish Council held on  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion**

**Present:** Cllr Deacon, Cllr Duckmantion, Cllr Jones, Cllr Washer.

Clerk: Mrs Fiona Raistrick

**16/01 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

The Clerk pointed out that she had transposed Mayfield for Mapleton, this has been corrected. Cllr Washer pointed out that 15/19 should read 15/21. In anticipation of the amends the minutes were agreed to be a correct record and were signed off by the Chair, Cllr Deacon.

**16/02 Apologies**

Cllr Palmer resigned after the November meeting. The Cllrs accepted the resignation and thanked him, in his absence, for his service.

**16/03 Declarations of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

**16/04 Public Participation**

No parishioners attended.

Cllr Washer on behalf of Penny Snaith reported her concerns re road erosion.

*Action: Clerk to contact Highways*

**16/05 Election of Chair due to resignation of Cllr Palmer & Co-option of Cllr**

Cllr Jones proposed Cllr Deacon for Chair, this was seconded by Cllr Washer and carried.

Cllr Geoff Duckmantion's application was discussed and his co-option agreed. He was welcomed to the Council.

*Action: Clerk to issue Cllr Duckmantion with the New Cllr's pack*

**16/06 Highways**

**Kerbs, Main Road**

Clerk reported the damaged kerbs to Derbyshire County Council (Ref: F114512) on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, but there has been no response. *Action: Clerk to chase*

**Yerley Hill**

Clerk reported the potholes to Staffordshire County Council (Ref: 4032088) on 23<sup>rd</sup> December but there has been no response. *Action: Clerk to chase*

**Speeding Warning Signs / Measures to curb speeding**

The Clerk undertook research into the costs of speed warning signs – battery and solar powered fixed speed signs and “Your Speed Is ...” cost between £895.00 - £1,295.00 plus VAT, delivery and posts. In addition the Clerk at Brailsford said that the speed warning signs/system in Brailsford cost around £5,000.00.

The Parish Council cannot afford any of these systems outright and has been told that DCC are very reluctant to support these systems, even with some contribution from the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed to put this issue to one side and to ask parishioners to monitor the situation.

*Action: Clerk to update Richard Raper*

*Action: Clerk to contact bus companies and the Okeover Land Agent*

*Action: Clerk to contact DCC regarding the speed limit*

**Update re potholes**

Clerk reported a pothole on the r/h side of Main Road, before The Haven.

*Action: Clerk to chase DDC*

**Damaged Road Signs / Missing Road Signs**

Cllrs concerned about damaged road sign and also suggested that signage should be placed between Butlers Holme Farm and The Haven.

*Action: Clerk to report damaged sign before Butlers Holme Farm/Mapleton Rd and request a sign*

**16/07 Finance**

Bank balance – at 14/01/2016 the balance was £1,449.19.

**Update – quotes for find stone & labour (Sports Field path)**

Cllr Deacon obtained a quote of £900.00 for fine stone and labour. Cllrs agreed that the PC could not afford £900+. Cllr Jones was also concerned that the path could be dug up

if the new Pavilion goes ahead, and would therefore not be a good use of money. Cllr Duckmanton asked if the PC should use funds to facilitate a path on private land. Cllr Jones asked if the money could be used to finish off the layby properly. Cllrs discussed this but agreed that it would be too much money.

#### **Precept 2016 - 2017**

The Cllrs agreed to request £1,650.00 as per 2015 – 2016 and not to increase the costs.

*Action: Clerk to forward precept request to DDDC*

#### **Updates – quotes for bench/bus shelter, insurance**

The Clerk contacted suppliers for costs of a bus shelter, however the costs were prohibitive at over £2,000.00. The Clerk provided information and estimates for the cost of a bench for the village. It was agreed that a bench could be affordable and the Clerk was asked to contact DCC to ask if it would be possible to site a bench on the wide pavement opposite the Church. *Action: Clerk to contact DCC*

#### **Cheques presented for signing as follows:**

000141 - £144.48 Clerk's Salary (November & December)

#### **Clerk's Hours and Salary**

Cllr Jones said that she thought the Clerk's hourly rate should be considered as there hadn't been a raise in a couple of years. The Clerk suggested that in light of the decreased work load that the hours could be cut from 8hrs to 6hrs. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should revise her contract to read - hours of work to 6 – 8 hrs a month.

*Action: Clerk to revise contract and provide Cllrs at the March meeting with the pay scales for Clerks*

### **16/08 Maintenance & Rights of Way**

Cllrs raised concerns about visibility problems caused by the hedge between The Haven and Footpath 4 on Mappleton Road.

*Action: Clerk to contact Fisher German land agents and ask them to liaise with the Estate / tenant and request that the hedge is cut before 1<sup>st</sup> March*

*Action: Cllr Deacon to liaise with Ben Evans regarding the ROW work, to take place before the end of February*

### **16/09 Planning Applications**

15/00669/FUL – Callow Top, formation of pond – this application was withdrawn.

15/00837/FUL – Callow Top, Single storey extension to function room – permitted with conditions

### **16/10 Telephone Kiosk**

The missing / broken panes have been replaced.

### **16/11 Update – Local & Neighbourhood Plans- the Ashbourne bypass**

The Clerk updated Cllrs regarding the proposed bypass. The Ashbourne bypass is very unlikely to happen - there is no interest from the Government. The current basic design for the bypass doesn't include any exits / access from Mappleton to Ashbourne - if this plan did go ahead then parishioners would have to travel via Spend Lane and the A515 to get to Ashbourne by car / bus. Apparently a developer is considering an alternative idea which could include housing along the side of the bypass. This would "ruin Mappleton" in the opinion of one of the Neighbourhood plan team. It must be stressed that this is very much an idea and no work has begun on plans. A similar plan was developed at Draycott in the Clay – apparently planners / highways would be more likely to consider a proposal for a bypass if housing is included. Large businesses in Ashbourne are keen to have a bypass and may be able to exert pressure.

### **16/12 Correspondence**

DDDC – Community Forums in Ashbourne, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016

### **16/13 To receive any other business (for information only) and items to be included on the next agenda**

Cllrs to think of ideas for projects.

Highways updates.

### **16/14 The date of the next meeting is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**