

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mapleton Parish Council held on
Thursday 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm**

18/01 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th November 2017

Cllrs approved the Minutes, which were signed off by Cllr Deacon.

18/02 In attendance & apologies for absence

Cllrs Deacon, Duckmanton, Jones and Washer were in attendance.

18/03 Declarations of Members' interest

There were no declarations of interest in any items.

18/04 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

18/05 Highways

Update – work reported to Highways:

F309425 - gullies - enquiry raised by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) - no update

F309465 - road signs - DCC have requested an investigation - no update

Action: Clerk to follow up

Update - Pavement Scheme for Mapleton

Cllrs reported that the work was finished before Christmas. Cllrs requested that the Parish Council write to DCC and thank them for undertaking the work. Cllr Washer reported that the drain opposite the old Post Office was full of tar from the work. Cllrs reported that some vegetation in the hedgerows had been cleared during the work. However, Cllrs thought that the hedgerows, from the Sports Field down to the Old Post Office, could do with an additional cut to avoid the problems caused last summer.

Action: Clerk to write a letter of thanks to DCC

Action: Clerk to request that the gully is cleared

Action: Clerk to contact the Social Club re the sports field hedge and the Estate regarding the other hedges and request hedge cutting before 1st March 2018

Items for reporting to Highways

Cllrs reported that there is flooding from a field / land on the right of Tunnel Hill, which is causing icy conditions on the road.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

18/06 Maintenance / Rights of Way

Highways Act 1980 Sections 25 and 19: Proposed Creation of a Public Footpath and Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath No 7 (Part) – Parish of Mapleton

Cllrs have no objections to the proposed creation and diversion. Cllrs requested that the stile by Water Keeper's Cottage be replaced with a dog friendly stile (as per DCC's guidance that dogs on Rights of Way are a normal accompaniment).

Action: Clerk to contact Rights of Way

Obstructed or diverted Footpath 13 or 10

In addition, Cllrs reported that one of the footpaths near Hinchley Wood has been diverted or obstructed for some time.

Action: Clerk to report to Rights of Way

18/07 Finance

Bank Balance at 11/01/2018 - £2,926.91

Invoices & Cheques presented for signing

000168 - £129.02 F Raistrick (November & December 2018)

000169 - £ 30.00 Social Club (annual rent 2017 - 2018)

For Information – GDPR and implications for budget and precept

The Clerk informed Cllrs that DALC have advised that all Parish Councils include a line of £300.00 in the draft budget, to cover any costs likely to be incurred under the General Data Protection Regulations which will be in place from May 2018. The Clerk pointed out that this was yet another drain on the Parish Council finances, and that the Parish Council was spending most of their precept on administration, rather than on the parish.

In addition, this additional cost was unsustainable without increasing the precept, and this would be hard to justify to parishioners, given that the Government gave all local authorities the go ahead to increase their council tax bills by up to 5.99% from April 2018, to cover social care costs etc. It is predicted that this will increase the average household council tax bill by £100.00. The Clerk asked Cllrs to consider if the Parish Council would be viable in the future, and to think about the options e.g. becoming an Annual Meeting of the Parish or approaching another Parish Council to join forces with. The Clerk has contacted DDDC for further information about how the Parish Council could go about this.

Action: Clerk to update Cllrs at the March meeting

Precept request for 2018 – 2019

Cllrs agreed to request a precept of £1,650.00, which is the same as last year. The Clerk signed off the request at the meeting.

Action: Clerk to send off the request.

18/08 Discussion – proposed termination of Moorlands Connect Service

Cllrs discussed the issue, including the potential impact on Mapleton. However, they couldn't see a way in which the Parish Council could support the service.

Action: Clerk to contact Ashbourne Community Transport

18/09 Parish Project

Update – Bench

DCC have confirmed that they can only permit the placing of the Trail Bench, which is the narrowest bench (0.44m), as this will allow for pedestrians to pass the bench, without having to walk in the road. The Clerk provided revised costings for all three sizes of Trail bench, and it is likely to cost between £195.00 - £205.00 subject to the size chosen, plus labour.

Action: Cllrs to discuss with parishioners and report back at the March meeting

18/10 Planning Applications

17/01250/FUL – Cloud Lodge, Mapleton Road, Mapleton, DE6 2AB

Single storey rear extension

Cllrs only received the application a couple of days before the meeting and a couple hadn't been able to look at the details in time.

Action: Cllrs to view the application and the Clerk will follow up for feedback

18/11 Correspondence

All correspondence emailed round to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

18/12 Any other business / Items for the next Agenda

Sustainability of Parish Council

18/13 Date of the next meeting

Thursday 8th March 2018.

Meeting finished at 8:30pm