

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mapleton Parish Council held on
Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30pm**

18/40 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th May 2018.

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

18/41 In attendance & apologies for absence

All Cllrs were in attendance - Cllrs Deacon, Duckmantion, Jones and Washer.

18/42 Declarations of Members' interest

There were no declarations of interest in any items.

18/43 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

18/44 Highways

Update - work reported to Highways:

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

Cllrs reported that the road cleaner had been through. It was agreed to remove this job reference from the Agenda.

Potholes – Birdsgrove Lane / Okeover Park

Whilst some potholes have been filled in along Birdsgrove Lane / Okeover Park there are areas of concern, so Cllrs will monitor.

Traffic

Cllrs have noticed an increase in traffic through Mapleton over the summer but think this was due to roadworks in Ashbourne. There have been a couple of vehicles which appear to be exceeding the speed limit and Cllrs will monitor this.

Ashbourne Bypass

The Clerk asked if Cllrs had any questions or concerns regarding the Ashbourne Bypass Consultation. Cllrs said that as there was not a specific route yet, or indeed a definite commitment to the bypass, they would wait to see what arises.

Road Signage

The Clerk asked if the new road signs had been installed - February 2018 Minutes – Item 18/18. Cllrs said No.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Highways

Items for Reporting to Highways

Action: Clerk to request road sweeper to clear up after hedge cutting

Action: Clerk to contact Okeover Estate re Parish Council's about hedges / land management at Manor Farm

Action: Clerk to contact the Okeover Estate to ask for an update on the remedial work to prevent flooding to properties on Main Road (Ashbourne end)

18/45 Maintenance / Rights of Way

Cllrs are happy with the vegetation clearing undertaken by Graham on FP 4.

Mapleton Footpath 6

Cllr Deacon reported damaged stile / gate on FP 6 over the summer and the Clerk contacted Rights of Way. The RoW Officer has inspected the site and has written to the landowner about the gate, but has not scheduled a repair as the gap by the gate provides sufficient access for walkers. They asked for any further information to be sent. Cllr Deacon said that the wicket gate was broken, and that the stile was unstable with a step missing. He suggested that a handrail should be placed across the ditch and a couple of sleepers installed.

Action: Clerk to follow up with RoW

18/46 Finance

Bank Balance at 13/09/2018 - £3,277.58

Cllrs received a copy of the quarterly cash flow. There were no queries.

VAT

The Clerk has submitted a VAT reclaim for £33.80, for the financial year 2017 – 2018.

Invoices presented for payment

00180 - £ 12.50 G Woodhouse (maintenance)

000181 - £150.15 F Raistrick (salary July & August 2018 / printing £4.16)

000182 - £ 25.00 R Deacon (reimbursement for cost of plaque for bench)

Future Expenditure

The Clerk suggested that Cllrs make a donation to the Royal British Legion for the 2018 WW1 commemorations. Cllrs agreed to make a donation of £30.00. The cheque will be issued at the November meeting.

18/47 Planning Applications

No planning applications for discussion.

18/48 DDDC Waste & Recycling Consultation

Cllrs do not support the proposals to change the waste collections or changes to the recycling policy. They are concerned about fly tipping should waste collections be moved to three or four weeks, and if charges for green waste are applied at the recycling centre.

Action: Clerk to write to DDDC on behalf of the Parish Council expressing concern over the proposals, and to copy in DDDC Cllr & DCC Cllr

18/49 May 2019 Election

The Clerk had emailed Cllrs information from DDDC about the May 2019 elections. DDDC said they would supply estimated election costs to each Parish Council by early September, to assist with budget planning.

Action: Clerk to chase DDDC for estimated election costs

18/50 Community Governance – Future of Parish Council

The Clerk raised concerns that the Parish Council was not financially sustainable in the long-term, and that Cllrs should consider the options: joining up with another Parish Council or becoming an Annual Parish Meeting. However, any change must be instigated by parishioners – there would need to be a petition circulated and 50% of parishioners on the electoral roll would need to sign the petition in favour of a change, before it could be sent to DDDC for consideration. Cllr Jones agreed to read through the guidance on Community Governance.

Action: Clerk to contact DDDC to ask if parishioners would receive a reduction to their Council Tax if the Parish Council became an Annual Meeting

18/51 Correspondence

All correspondence emailed round to Cllrs prior to the meeting, including details of the Ashbourne Forum meeting on 25th September 2018.

18/52 Items for the November Agenda

As usual

18/53 Date of the next meeting

Thursday 8th November 2018 - 7:30pm

Meeting finished at 8:20pm