

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mappleton Parish Council held on
Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.15pm in the Pavilion**

16/27 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th March 2016

16/28 Attendance & Apologies

Cllrs Deacon, Duckmanton, Jones, and the Clerk, Fiona Raistrick were in attendance.
Cllr Washer was absent.

16/29 Declarations of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

16/30 Public Participation

No parishioners attended.

16/31 Highways

Hedges near The Stables / Hinchley Wood House

The Clerk checked the hedges and couldn't see any problems - Cllr Jones said that at one point there had been a branch hanging down, which could have caused problems for farm vehicles, but not for cars. The branch does not appear to be there anymore. Cedric Stevenson was notified of the complaint for information.

Damaged gully, near the playing fields

Cllr Duckmanton suggested waiting for the work to finish and then check the damage. NB the Clerk was notified on 26th May that parishioners have been in touch with Severn Trent and that the issue may be resolved.

Action: Cllrs to monitor the situation and report back at the July meeting

16/32 Maintenance / Rights of Way

Ben will undertake work under the Minor Maintenance Agreement before the end of the summer.

16/33 Finance

Bank balance – at 12/05/2016 the balance was £2,725.32

Cheques presented for signing as follows:

000145 - £153.14 Clerk's Salary / Annual stipend / Stationery (January & February)

000146 - £150.78 Community Lincs Insurance Services (2016– 2017)

000147 - £29.80 Brian Wood – internal audit 2015 – 2016

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

Minor Maintenance Award (Rights of Way funding)

The Clerk notified the Cllrs that the financial year 2016 – 2017 was likely to be the final year for the Minor Maintenance Award scheme. From 2017 Derbyshire County Council are considering replacing the scheme as follows:

The current scheme allows parish councils to clear vegetation and carry out a limited amount of surface improvement. We are intending to review the scheme as it is too restrictive. We would however, welcome suggestions from parish councils for local projects that can be managed locally and to which the county council may be able to contribute to enhance and improve the local rights of way network.

How does the scheme operate?

- You will be asked for an estimate of expenditure at the start of the financial year (April). This allows us to set our budget for the forthcoming year.
- Later in the year, usually around November, you will be asked to supply us with an update.
- You must send in your invoice before or as near as possible to the close of the financial year (March).
- We will inspect a selection of works through the year for auditing purposes.

Cllr Jones thought that this could be a positive change as it would enable the Cllrs to

consider Parish Council projects for the village, rather than restrictions as to how they could spend the current Minor Maintenance Allowance.

16/34 Planning Applications

The Clerk asked for clarification regarding an application to build a house, near the entrance to the Tissington Trail on Main Road, Mappleton, as it was unclear which side of the parish boundary line it was. There has been no response from DDDC.

16/35 Parish Council – Projects

Update – Bench opposite Church

Cllrs discussed the proposed bench. There has been one objection from a parishioner. The Cllrs felt that the bench was a good idea and that it would be useful for parishioners and visitors waiting for the bus.

Action: Clerk to contact relevant organisations and continue costing

16/36 Correspondence

DCC wrote to the PC about the Minerals Plan.

Action: Cllr Jones to ask Alan Fagg to look at the letter / information

DDDC wrote to highlight Volunteers' Week.

Action: Clerk to send Cllrs a copy of the letter and Cllrs will collate a list of groups

16/37 To receive any other business (for information only) and items to be included on the next agenda

The Clerk asked if Cllrs would like her to approach the local Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) to attend the occasional Parish Council meeting. Cllrs agreed.

Action: Clerk to contact PCSO

Other items as usual.

16/38 The date of the next meeting is Thursday 14 July 2016.

The meeting finished at 7:45pm