

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mappleton Parish Council held on
Thursday 14th September 2017 at 7.30pm**

17/34 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 11th May 2017

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

17/35 In attendance & apologies for absence

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

17/36 Declarations of Members' interest

There were no declarations of interest in any items.

17/37 Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

17/38 Highways

Jobs to Report

F309425 - gullies - an update was not available from Highways. *Action: Clerk to follow up*

F309462 - raised drain cover

Cllr Washer confirmed that the drain cover was repaired.

F309465 - road signs

An update was not available from Highways. *Action: Clerk to follow up*

F316006 - Hedges (Sports Field - former Post Office)

The Clerk contacted Derbyshire County Council Highways Dept on several occasions regarding the hedge. She eventually received a response from the Highways Inspector that the responsibility for cutting the hedges lies with the landowner, not Highways. The Clerk contacted the Okeover Estate Land Agent, Ian McKenzie who responded as follows:

22/08/2017 - "I can confirm the hedges are the responsibility of the Okeover estate as landowner. I would need to double check when I am back into the office tomorrow but the bird nesting season runs up to the 1st of September hence the hedges are not cut back until this date. Hedges can be cut back outside of this season where there are health and safety concerns such as pull outs at junctions. I would have thought that on balance in Mappleton in a rural setting the hedge between the sports field and post office don't cause significant issues otherwise the Highways can speak to the Estate to discuss the potential issue. I am happy to grant permission for any part or all of the hedge to be trimmed back this year or any year going forward however we would require this confirmed in writing by the Highways – it would be a criminal offence if permission is not granted and works are undertaken under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 part 1 section 1. I have asked Aidan to add the hedge cutting in Mappleton to his list of jobs once we reach September."

04/09/2017 - "I have asked Aidan to attend to the hedge this week or next subject to weather and other estate jobs he has on."

13/09/2017 - "Hedge in Mappleton – the machine was tested last week and part of the oil hydraulic system has failed over the summer. The estate has ordered the part to get this replaced and as soon as this has happened the hedge will be cut – we expect the hedges to be cut in the next few weeks. Going forward the cutting of the hedge will fall to the responsibility of the Mappleton Sports Field committee as the sports field is let to them and the estate have no legal obligation to maintain and keep the hedge."

Pavement Scheme for Mappleton

The Clerk has been informed that a pavement scheme has been approved for Mappleton. During these works all the vegetation growing out from under the hedges will be cut back. However, the Clerk has been unable to find out the extent of the scheme e.g. does it cover the whole of Mappleton or just specific sections of pavement. The work is apparently scheduled for November. *Action: Clerk to follow up*

Items for reporting to Highways

Not items were reported by Cllrs.

17/39 Maintenance / Rights of Way

Graham Woodhouse has cleared vegetation on FP 4. Cllrs would like him to clear more vegetation along this path. *Action: Clerk to contact Graham*

Cllr Duckmanton reported two stiles in need of repair, both on FP 5, one near the dew pond, the other is close to Callow Top. *Action: Clerk to report to Rights of Way, DCC*

17/40 Finance

Bank Balance at 14/09/2017 - £3,208.64

The Transparency Fund grant allocation of £494.14 was received on 31/08/2017.

Invoices & Cheques presented for signing

000164 - £143.40 F Raistrick (July & August 2017)

000165 - £ 12.50 G Woodhouse

Bench

The planning application to site the bench was sent off. DDDC responded with concerns over the width of the bench as it may be too wide for the space.

Action: Clerk to contact DDDC with measurements

17/41 Planning Applications

There were planning applications as follows:

17/00840/FUL - Callow End Granary

Cllrs had no objections to the proposal to convert the redundant agricultural building into a home. *Action: Clerk to contact Planning*

17/42 Correspondence

The Parish Council received an update from Digital Derbyshire, see below:

"The majority of the village is fed from the Thorpe Cloud exchange, to date this is not been fibre enabled, and isn't scheduled to be within our current phase of work, which lasts until the end of 2018. In order to deploy fibre technology to areas which currently cannot obtain a fibre service we were required to undertake a public consultation to confirm the targeted areas, this has now taken place. BT are in the process of modelling the remaining areas to provide indicative costs, solutions and timescales to our project. There is a significant amount of work involved with collating the information, so unfortunately it will take another month, or so before we can provide further updates in terms of areas to be included, type of delivered solution and timescales. However, the village is currently being considered in the modelling for the phase 3 roll out of fibre broadband via our project.

Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme

In the interim, BDUK has committed to giving access to a broadband service with at least a 2Mbps download speed to every premise in the UK. As part of this commitment, BDUK has initiated a voucher scheme (Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme), which can be redeemed (up to £350) with independent suppliers of wireless, 4G and satellite for eligible premises. More information is available via the following link –

http://www.digitalderbyshire.org.uk/better_broadband_subsidy_scheme/default.asp

Under the Better Broadband Subsidy Scheme, Derbyshire residents can claim up to £350 towards hardware, installation, commissioning and activation. The on-going monthly costs are excluded from the scheme, but residents should be able to find a package that suits their requirements. The link takes you to the application form which you need to complete in order to apply for a voucher -

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd34e9keDCJwGcdVbOdayl_BoVvFksaU8qeI_bGCIWbHC79fg/viewform

17/43 Any other business / Items for the next Agenda

Budget

Bench

17/44 Date of the next meeting / Annual Meeting of the Parish

Thursday 9th November 2017

Meeting finished at 8:15pm