

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mappleton Parish Council held on  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm**

**18/54 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.**

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

**18/55 In attendance & apologies for absence**

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

**18/56 Declarations of Members' interest**

There were no declarations of interest in any items.

**18/57 Public Participation**

Gordon Hart and Joan Duckmanton attended on behalf of the Social Club's Grant Application, in regard to Item 16/60 Grant Application - Social Club.

**18/58 Highways**

**Update - work reported to Highways:**

- 1) DDDC have cleared the gullies and drains as requested by the Parish Council.
- 2) Ian McKenzie, on behalf of the Okeover Estate, has asked for clarification regarding the Parish Council's enquiry about who is responsible for looking after the hedges / land management around Mappleton Manor. Cllrs marked up a map.

*Action: Clerk to send map to Ian*

**Items for Reporting to Highways**

There were no items for reporting.

**18/59 Maintenance / Rights of Way**

**Telephone Box**

The Clerk confirmed that ownership of the Telephone Box was transferred to the Parish Council on the decommissioning of the Telephone Box on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The Parish Council has put up signage to reflect the change in ownership. The Clerk ordered new hinges to replace the damaged ones, which left the door hanging open. In the interim someone banged a nail into the door to keep it closed, without checking with the Parish Council. Hopefully this will not have damaged the door. Cllr Deacon will arrange for a handyman to remove the nail and replace the hinges. On a positive note, Barbara Lambert has very kindly offered to keep the kiosk clean, once the repairs have been made. Cllrs would like to thank Barbara and take her up on her offer.

*Action: Cllr Deacon to contact Mark*

**Mappleton Footpath 6**

Cllr Deacon reported that the stile had been repaired.

**18/60 Finance**

**Bank Balance at 8/11/2018 - £3,123.73**

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

**Invoices presented for payment**

000183	£102.45	F Raistrick - salary September & October 2018 / printing	£6.40
000184	£ 30.00	Royal British Legion - donation	
000185	£ 64.80	X2 Connect Ltd - hinges for Telephone Box door	
000186	£350.00	Mappleton Social Club - donation towards defibrillator	

**Draft Budget for 2019 - 2020**

Cllrs discussed the precept request for 2019 - 2020 and agreed that there was no need to increase the precept and that they would ask for £1,650.00 again. This will be signed off at the January 2019 meeting.

**Grant Application - Social Club**

The Social Club submitted a retrospective grant application for £350.00, to cover the cost of the cabinet for the defibrillator. The defibrillator, heated cabinet and labour of an electrician cost £1,350.00. Parishioners and a grant from Cllr Spencer (DCC) raised £610.00 towards the cost of the defibrillator. The Social Club made up the £740.00

shortfall. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council were never approached to make a donation. Gordon Hart agreed that this was an omission. Cllrs noted that the Social Club has considerably larger reserves than the Parish Council, though it is understood that some of these monies are to cover maintenance of the pitch and pavilion. The Clerk asked if the Social Club would be able to cover the ongoing costs e.g. consumables needed for the defibrillator like batteries and pads. Gordon said that the Social Club would be able to cover these. Parishioners have undertaken training in how to use the defibrillator, and there is a rota of parishioners making weekly checks. After discussion Cllrs agreed to support the application as the defibrillator is an asset to the parish.

*Action: Clerk to send the cheque to the Treasurer, Carolyn Grindey*

**18/61 Planning Applications**

No planning applications for discussion.

**18/62 Community Governance – Future of Parish Council**

Cllrs discussed the future of the Parish Council and decided that, in light of cuts to community services and looking ahead to the proposed Ashbourne bypass, it was important to retain the Parish Council in its current form to represent Mappleton's parishioners. Cllrs noted that the Parish Council ensured that this year alone they had asked for potholes to be filled in, gullies and drains swept and cleaned, and much needed signage installed by Maskery's Farm. They had also been in touch with Staffordshire County Council to flag up potholes through Okeover Park and on Birdsgrove Lane.

**18/63 Correspondence**

All correspondence emailed round to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

The Clerk had received a response from DDDC regarding the recent Waste and Recycling Consultation thanking the Parish Council for their comments, saying their views would be taken into account. The email can be viewed on the Parish Council website - [www.mappletonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.mappletonparishcouncil.org.uk)

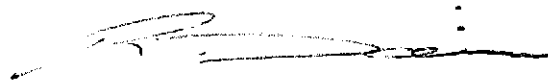
**18/64 Items for the November Agenda**

Signing of Precept 2019 - 2020

**18/65 Date of the next meeting**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 - 7:30pm

**Meeting finished at 8:30pm**



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