

**Minutes of the Meeting of Mayfield Parish Council**  
**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Mayfield**

- 58/16 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016.**  
The Minutes and Notes were approved by all Cllrs.
- 59/16 In Attendance**  
Cllrs Cook, Edge, Moss, Parker, Turner and Watson were in attendance.  
Cllr Barker, District Cllr
- 60/16 Declarations of Interest**  
None.  
**Co-option of Cllr**  
Sharon Amy expressed interest in the role of Cllr. Cllrs accepted her application.  
*Action: Clerk to write to Sharon Amy confirming acceptance*
- 61/16 Public Participation**  
Albert Golding attended – firstly to support the Parish Council and secondly to discuss Item 9.3 – Neighbourhood Plan
- 62/16 Update – East Staffordshire Borough Council – Cllr Edward Barker**  
Cllr Barker provided information on the new Neighbourhood Fund, which is replacing the Neighbourhood Development Fund. The funding is now linked to parishes' neighbourhood Plans as the plans show what parishes would like for their areas.  
The Clerk asked if there had been any clarification from Derbyshire County Council regarding their proposal to charge non Derbyshire Dales residents to use the recycling centre. Cllr Barker confirmed that County Cllr Philp Atkins had raised concerns with Staffordshire County Council and Derbyshire County Council, pointing out that residents of Dovernidge used Staffordshire recycling facilities. The Clerk has also written to Derbyshire County Council and made similar points.  
Cllr Parker asked, on behalf of Pat Smith, about replacing the Standard used on Remembrance Day and if there was any funding available for a replacement. Cllr Cook suggested that Pat contact the British Legion in the first instance. Cllr Barker said that he might be able to assist, once Pat has clarified the situation with the British Legion.
- 63/16 Highways & ROW**  
Complaints for reporting to Highways:  
Posts damaged on Ashlea Drive, apparently by a bus.  
*Action: Clerk to report to Highways*  
The Parish Council has been unable to identify the owner of the land behind the flats in the former Queens Arms.  
*Action: Clerk to contact Highways to request that they chop back the vegetation along the lane as it is impeding vehicles and dangerous for pedestrians*  
**Complaints logged with Highways at Staffordshire County Council (SCC)**  
The Clerk received a follow up response regarding the damage to 1 Marchington Villas, Church Lane. SCC Highways are liaising with EON regarding the not suitable for HGV signs as this sign contains electrics. In addition, they are waiting for feedback from the Highways Inspector regarding HGVs using the road.  
*Action: Clerk to follow up with SCC and to contact Staffordshire Police*  
The Clerk reported that Highways list of jobs, available online, lined up for the next quarter did not include any of the reported work for Mayfield.  
*Action: Clerk to follow up with Highways*  
**Rights of Way**  
The Clerk raised concerns over obstructions placed opposite or in front of stiles on Footpath 6 and 7 (field by the layby on Leek Road). These have the potential to cause serious accidents. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk could follow up.  
*Action: Clerk to contact landowners of adjacent fields to see if they know who is responsible, and to follow up with Rights of Way, SCC, if necessary*  
Cllr Parker reported that the owners of Brook Farm, have reported that the gates on the footbridge on FP 17 no longer shut on the small footbridge - ROW put the gates on and they would like them to make the repairs.

*Action: Clerk to contact ROW regarding the bridge on Mayfield FP 17*

### **Update - Speed Indication Device (SID)**

The Clerk told Cllrs that devices cost well over a £1,000.00 plus VAT. County Councils are very reluctant to support these systems, even if the Parish could offer a contribution towards the cost. District Cllr Barker suggested contacting Ellastone Parish Council to suggest sharing a mobile sign, if affordable or practical.

*Action: Clerk to contact Ellastone Parish Council*

## **64/16 Maintenance**

### **Jobs logged for November**

A parishioner asked if the bench at the bottom of Swinscoe Hill, near the former Queens Arms, could be used elsewhere in the parish.

*Action: Cllr Parker to check on the state of the bench*

Cllr Watson reported that an estate agent's sign is obscuring the sign to Upper Mayfield.

*Action: Clerk to write to estate agent and request that the sign is moved.*

The Clerk produced a draft of Annual Maintenance Tasks for the parish, Cllrs commented and made additions.

*Action: Clerk to update*

### **Memorial Gardens**

*Action: Cllr Turner to liaise with the Scouts regarding maintenance of the Memorial Gardens*

## **65/16 Finance**

### **Bank Balances & quarterly Income & Expenditure update**

The current account bank balance at 24/11/2016 was £11,640.36.

### **Invoices presented for payment:**

001570 - £288.71 F Raistrick (Salary, Stipend, Stationery (October)

001571 - £145.69 HMRC / PAYE

001572 - £221.92 F Raistrick (Salary, Stipend, Stationery (November)

001573. - £80.00 J Clarke (Litter picking, October and November

001574 - £10.00 Church Rooms (rent for meeting)

### **Funding Local Groups - Grant Applications**

Cllrs commented on the current grant application form - there were concerns that the form was deterring some groups from applying. The Clerk explained that groups had to complete a form, explaining what groups wanted the money for, in order to assist the Parish Council in spending public money efficiently and effectively. The Clerk suggested some amends to the forms to assist groups and hopefully make the form more accessible.

*Action: Clerk to amend the form and email to Cllrs for feedback*

### **Budget for the 2017 – 2018 Precept**

The Cllrs checked over the draft budget. Cllrs agreed not to increase the precept for 2017 – 2018. Cllr Barker confirmed that ESBC could not provide any additional money and that any extra would come from the tax payer. Albert Golding suggested that the Parish Council should try to communicate directly with parishioners, possibly through a newsletter, explaining what the Parish Council has done in the parish and would they'd like to do. Cllrs decided that they would spend 2017 – 2018 gathering information about the Parish and about what parishioners would like to see. The Parish Council would also endeavour to make the work they do more visible, like Maintenance and gardening.

*Action: Clerk to ask the Parish Magazine if it would be possible to publish the Minutes in full each month in the magazine*

## **66/16 Planning Applications and Decisions**

### **Applications:**

#### **P/2016/01490 - Old Hall Cottages, Piccadilly Lane, Upper Mayfield**

Replace windows, doors and cladding and removal of internal stud wall to Number 3

Cllrs had no objections.

#### **P/2016/01660 – Matherfield House, Church Lane, Church Mayfield**

Felling of one ash tree.

Cllrs had no objections.

*Action: Clerk to contact ESBC regarding both applications*

### **For Information:**

**16/00831/FUL** - Erection of 25m mast with associated antenna dishes, cabinet and

*boundary fencing to compound | Land - Bowmer Bond, Hanging Bridge Mills, Mayfield Road Mayfield, DE6 2EA*

Cllrs discussed the Derbyshire Dales planning application as detailed above. The Cllrs decided that they did not wish to make any comments regarding this.

### **Decisions**

**P/2016/01061** - River View, Main Road, Mayfield – permitted – extension of existing vehicular access

**P/2016/00691** - Bentley Cottage, Main Road, Middle Mayfield – permitted - erection of a first floor rear extension

**P/2016/00819** - Wallash Farm, Wallash, Mayfield – refused - erection of dwelling

### **67/16 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Barker asked Cllrs what they thought about the Neighbourhood Meeting (September 2016) and gave an update on other Parish's views e.g. Stanton Parish Council would like to prioritise specific housing for older people.

Mayfield Cllrs specified that they were still keen to develop brownfield sites, rather than Greenfield and asked for reassurance that the Planning is bearing this in mind. Albert Golding (AG) said that ESBC have one of the best Local Plans and that ESBC is enforcing the Local Plan. It is still anticipated that the Parish will need 20 houses by 2031 – three applications have already been granted, He confirmed that no development is allowed in Middle or Upper Mayfield. AG suggested that development of the identified brownfield site, Mayfield House, could be turned into 11/12 units plus additional units in the stables, geared towards the needs of young families and provide affordable homes. Children are needed to keep the school going. In addition, AG has been approached by agencies keen to fund affordable housing, during his work on the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. He suggested that the owner(s) were contacted to a) ascertain if they realise the potential for development, b) make parishioners aware of the potential and c) suggestions for design. Cllr Watson suggested that the Parish Council write to the owners.

*Action: Clerk to check electoral role for contact details and let Chair know*

*Action: Chair - Cllr Turner, will write to the owners*

### **68/16 Noticeboards for the Parish**

*Action: Cllr Watson to follow up on quotes*

### **69/16 Parish Projects**

#### **Bus Shelter, Sycamore Green**

*Action: Cllr Turner to follow up letter with residents re proposed bus shelter for January Meeting*

*Action: Clerk to contact Charles Wimbush re the MRA's noticeboard*

#### **Unsung Heroes of Mayfield**

The Clerk has received one nomination to date.

#### **Mayfield Recreation Ground – playground**

Cllr Parker followed up with the Heritage Group regarding their proposal of earlier this year. They suggested we write to them with our proposal. However, the Parish Council are still discussing what they might be able to do. AG said he would be prepared to assist with upgrading the playground, on behalf of the Heritage Group.

*Action: Cllr Turner will attend the next MRA meeting*

### **70/16 Correspondence**

*Action: Cllr Watson to respond, on behalf of the Parish Council to SCC on their consultation re social care in the county, cc Clerk.*

### **71/16 Items to be included on the next Agenda:**

Precept

Grant Application form revision

Parish Projects

### **72/16 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**The meeting finished at 9:20pm**