

Minutes of the Meeting of Mayfield Parish Council
Wednesday 5th April 2017 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Mayfield

- 41/17 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 8th March 2017.**
The Minutes were approved by all Cllrs, and signed off by the Chair, Cllr Turner.
- 42/17 In Attendance**
Cllrs Amy, Cook, Edge, Moss, Parker, Turner and Watson were all in attendance. Cllr Parker sent his apologies.
- 43/17 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest from Cllrs.
- 44/17 Public Participation**
Mick Feely was in attendance.
- 45/17 Update - East Staffordshire Borough Council – Cllr Edward Barker**
No update.
- 46/17 Highways & Rights of Way**
Complaints logged with Highways at Staffordshire County Council (SCC)
4076144 - crumbling pavements, Mayfield Avenue - Highways has assessed the site and arranged for urgent repairs to be carried out.
4070951 - Blocked drains on Stanton Lane - Highways say that “gullies are emptied according to a schedule that the inspector does not control.”
4064848 - Overgrown trees / hedges, Old Bank – the Clerk has passed on contact details for the alleged owners of the land to Highways, SCC. Cllrs Moss suggested checking on the Land Registry.
Action: Clerk to check
- Lamppost, East View**
The Clerk reported that there was a light plate hanging off a lamppost on East View – the reply from Highways, SCC, is that the lamppost is on a private land / unadopted footpath and not their responsibility.
Action: Cllr Turner to make note of the lamppost number and pass to the Clerk, who will contact EON
- Complaints re lorries turning into Ashlea and Moorlands Drive**
The Clerk has followed up with one of the parishioners and is waiting for a response.
- Request to plant a memorial tree on the grass verge / corner of Ashlea Drive**
SCC are responsible for the grass verge. The Clerk is waiting for a response regarding a licence to plant.
- Damage to bollards on corner of Ashlea Drive**
This has been reported to Highways. However, a couple of Cllrs have recalled that the Parish Council arranged for the bollards to be put up.
Action: Clerk to arrange with Maintenance to replace them
- Complaints to be logged with Highways, Staffordshire County Council**
Cllr Parker raised concerns about a fallen tree on Hermitage Lane and the potential for damage to the highway.
Action: Clerk to investigate
- Dog Fouling / Waste Bins**
The Parish Council’s request to replace the bin with a larger bin at the bus stop on Sycamore Green has been actioned by ESBC. Cllr Turner reported that a parishioner has complained that the new bin on Moorlands Drive is in the wrong place. The Clerk explained that ESBC Open Spaces are responsible for the park, and the grass around the park and that ESBC Waste Management are responsible for bins on the street – they cannot put a bin on land managed by Open Spaces land or Rights of Way. Cllrs thought that the bin was fine where it was placed.
- Free Dog Poo Bags**
Cllr Turner reported that she could obtain 50 biodegradable dog poo bags for 68p. Cllrs agreed to order 200 bags. Cllr Amy showed examples of poo bag holders – however, it was agreed that the holders were too expensive and Cllrs decided not to purchase.
Action: Cllr Turner to purchase bags

Rights of Way

Several parishioners have complained about the new stile on Churnet Close. Large / elderly dogs cannot get through the new stile. Damage has been incurred to the hedge adjacent to the stile. The Clerk clarified that whilst there is no specific legislation to alter the stile to accommodate dogs, it is considered best practice by most County Councils.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Rights of Way, requesting that they either alter the stile, or give the Parish Council permission to remove the lower bar on the stile

47/17 Maintenance / Memorial Gardens

Dave returned the invoice required to access the Lengsthmen funds. The Clerk sent it to SCC and the monies have been received. Dave has asked if he can spray weedkiller on the grass on the Memorial Gardeners. Cllrs agreed to him using ready mix spray.

48/17 Finance

Bank Balances

The current account bank balance at 08/03/2017 was £9,240.23.

Invoices presented for payment:

001584 - £226.97 F Raistrick (Salary, stipend, Postage)

001585 - £ 65.00 J Clarke (Litter picking / holiday pay)

001586 - £187.50 D Nash (Memorial Gardens)

001587 - £328.00 SPCA (annual subscription)

001588 - £ 11.03 S Amy (travel)

001589 - £300.00 Over 70's Christmas Party

Grant Application

The Mayfield Over 70's Christmas Party applied for a grant for £300.00 for the 2017 Christmas Party. Cllrs agreed to award the money.

Update – Mayfield Charities

Clerk checked Charities Commission and requested governance documents but there don't appear to be any registered. Pat Smith / Sharon Amy are assisting with finding the documents in the Heritage Group archive.

49/17 Planning Applications and Decisions

Applications:

P/2017/00274 – Swiss Cottage, Hollow Lane, Upper Mayfield

Crown reduction of tree / reduction of branches / felling of one Ash tree, felling of holly
Cllrs had no objections or comments.

Action: Clerk to contact ESBC

P/2017/00270 – Field Head, Gallowstree Lane, Upper Mayfield

No objections to extension and tennis court. However, Cllrs had concerns about the proposal to widen the gateway and resite the wall, gate posts and gates. They felt that the current access was adequate for vehicles entering / exiting the property, in addition there were concerns about visibility and road safety should the access be altered.

Action: Clerk to contact ESBC

P/2017/00293 – Yew Tree Farm, Church Lane, Mayfield

Erection of oak front porch

No objections.

Action: Clerk to contact ESBC

Decisions

P/2017/0015 – Bank House, Piccadilly Lane, Upper Mayfield

Erection of porch – permitted.

50/17 Parish Projects

Quotes for the proposed Bus Shelter, Sycamore Green

The Clerk provided quotes for bus shelters, including installation and a concrete base. Cllrs decided that the quotes were prohibitive and it was agreed not to go ahead.

Proposed improvements to playground

Cllrs Turner, Amy and Watson provided comments on the draft consultation. In addition the Clerk had also consulted Sara Botham ESBC, Neighbourhood Coordinator. Cllrs agreed that

Sycamore Green was also a potential space for a play park and it will be an option on the Consultation.

Action: Clerk to amend consultation and email to Cllrs for comments

Unsung Heroes

Two nominations have been received and Cllrs approved both.

Cllr Watson proposed a presentation to take place at the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Wednesday 3rd May. Cllrs agreed.

Action: Cllr Watson to contact the nominees and invite them to the presentation, and to clarify numbers of guests

Action: Cllr Watson to confirm with the Clerk, who will issue formal invitations

Action: Clerk to contact Memorial Hall to check availability of main Hall on 3rd May

Action: Cllr Turner to purchase drinks and nibbles for the presentation

Noticeboard

Cllr Watson supplied a quote for a noticeboard for Upper Mayfield of around £250.00.

Cllrs also suggested noticeboards for the Terraces by the Mill and Middle Mayfield – locations to be discussed at the June meeting.

Action: Clerk to check with ESBC re planning permission and potentially SCC re a licence to plant

51/17 Correspondence

SCC Highways wrote to say that there will be a shortage of neighbourhood teams for the next six months. The teams' priorities will be scheduled around activities and events.

52/17 Items to be included on the June Agenda:

Items as usual.

Cllr Watson raised the issue of the bank closure(s) in Ashbourne and the impact on parishioners. She asked if the PC would consider a campaign to reinstate the Post Office in Mayfield. Cllr Turner mentioned that there is a mobile Post Office which visits Stanton, Flash etc. and she knows the person who runs this service. It was suggested that it might be worth seeing if Mayfield could get on the schedule, potentially to coincide with the library van visit at the Memorial Hall.

Action: Cllr Turner to follow up with her contact

Cllr Amy has had reports from parishioners about regular shooting events near the former fish farm.

Action: Clerk will follow up

53/17 Date of Next Meeting

There won't be a monthly parish council meeting in May. However, there will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish, to which all parishioners are welcome - on **Wednesday 3rd May 2017 at 7.30pm.**

Action: Clerk to invite all local groups who have received a grant to the meeting

The meeting finished at 9:20pm