

Minutes of the Meeting of Mayfield Parish Council
Wednesday 2nd August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Mayfield

- 67/17 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 5th July 2017.**
The Minutes were approved by all Cllrs, and signed off by the Chair, Cllr Turner.
- 68/17 In Attendance**
Cllrs Amy, Moss, Parker, Turner and Watson were all in attendance. Cllr Cook sent apologies. Cllr Edge was unable to attend at the last minute.
- 69/17 Declarations of Interest**
There were no declarations of interest from Cllrs.
- 70/17 Expression of Interest in the role of Cllr**
Albert Golding emailed the Clerk with an expression of interest in the role of Cllr. Cllrs discussed his application and all agreed to his co-option to the Parish Council.
Action: Clerk to issue Cllr Golding with a welcome pack
- 71/17 Public Participation**
Six parishioners attended to discuss planning application **P/2017/00867 – 15m slimline lattice tower, Stanton Booster Reservoir, Leek Road (Swinscoe Hill) Upper Mayfield**
The parishioners were all from Upper Mayfield. As a result of the ensuing discussion a letter was sent to Alan Harvey, Principal Development Control Officer, at ESBC, as follows: “After much discussion, including input from 6 parishioners at last night’s parish council meeting, Mayfield Parish Council, as statutory consultees, wish to lodge a **holding objection** as they do not consider they have enough information to provide a substantive response.” The full version of the letter can be seen at the end of these Minutes.
- 72/17 Update - East Staffordshire Borough Council - Cllr Edward Barker**
No update.
- 73/17 Highways & ROWs**
Complaints logged with Highways at Staffordshire County Council (SCC)
Signage - Complaints re lorries for the Mill turning into Ashlea and Moorlands Drives
Trevor Mellor, Community Liaison Officer, SCC, said that Parish Councils are not permitted to put up signage, and he has spoken to Richard Rayson, Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager, SCC, about the lack of signage. He is waiting for a response.
Signage for Memorial Hall *Action: Cllr Turner to liaise with Harrisons re sign and hedge*
Mayfield 25 – footpath from Church Lane to Mill Terraces
The Clerk has contacted Rights of Way regarding horses on the footpath but has not received a response.
Action: Clerk to follow up
Mayfield 5 – obstructed footpath, Piccadilly Lane
Action: Cllrs asked the Clerk to follow up as the path is still obstructed
- Dog Fouling / Waste Bins**
Slack Lane
ESBC say that they can’t put a bin on Slack Lane, opposite the pumping station, as there isn’t a post to put one on. Cllrs decided that the Parish Council should provide a post.
Action: Cllr Moss to source a post
Action: Clerk to follow up with ESBC once a post has been installed
- Top of Moorlands Drive / Kinver Close**
The Clerk reported that feedback, from the playground consultations, indicated that users of the playground, at the top of Moorlands Drive, were not happy about dog poo bags being put in the bin on the playground. The Parish Council had arranged for an alternative bin to be placed near the playground (Waste Collection, ESBC, are not permitted to move or replace bins on Open Spaces managed land) but it seems dog walkers are not using it. The Clerk contacted Sara Botham, Open Spaces, ESBC, and asked if the bin on the playground could be moved to just outside the park for the convenience of park users and dog walkers. NB: This has been done and the bin is being well used by dog walkers and park users.
- Poo bags**
There are free bags available at the village shop. The PC is looking at the most efficient

way to distribute the bags and to encourage parishioners to bag and bin their dog's waste – a parishioner pointed out that hanging the bags on finger posts would mean that some bags will end up in fields and be consumed by animals, which could be detrimental to their health.

74/17 Maintenance

Maintenance Tasks

Cllrs have asked Graham Woodhouse to: cut back vegetation obscuring the bus stop near The Rose & Crown / clear weeds at the top of Conygree Lane.

Memorial Gardens

Dave Nash will be working on the gardens during August / early September.

SCC Environmental Maintenance

The Parish Council has asked the Neighbourhood Team (SCC) to clear the weeds on Swinscoe Hill / Hanging Bridge / traffic island at the junction of Main Road and Hanging Bridge / A52 / and to cut back vegetation obscuring the road signs down Swinscoe Hill. The team will only clear vegetation along A roads and significant B roads e.g. the main road through Mayfield.

75/17 Finance

Bank Balances

The current account bank balance at 02/08/2017 was £12,182.48

Invoices presented for payment:

001603	£134.38	G Woodhouse (Maintenance)
001604	£255.05	F Raistrick (Salary, Stipend, Printing)
001605	£112.50	D Nash (Memorial Gardens)

Update – Mayfield Charities

Action: Clerk to draft a letter to the current Trustees, clarifying the Parish Council's responsibilities with regard to the Mayfield Charities (carried forward from July)

For information – pay increase

J Clarke (Litter Picker) will receive a statutory pay rise from 27/08/2017, of £5.00 to £5.60.

76/17 Planning Applications and Decisions

Applications:

P/2017/00867 Proposed Base Station Installation, land adjacent to covered reservoir, Swinscoe Hill, Upper Mayfield - see 71/17

P/2017/00860 Sycamore Croft, Piccadilly Lane, Upper Mayfield, DE6 2HP - Erection of a two storey rear extension

Cllrs consider that the proposed extension will not be an issue. It is at the rear of the property and will not be seen from Piccadilly Lane. It is doubtful, based on the plans, if it will be visible from Gallowstree Lane either. There is a ROW down the right-hand side of the property (facing the property from Piccadilly Lane). Cllrs suggest that the applicant be made aware that building work should not obstruct access to the ROW e.g. ensuring that building materials, vehicles etc. are not permitted to obstruct the ROW.

Decisions:

P/2017/00524 1 Slack Lane, Mayfield, Staffordshire, DE6 2JX

Demolition of single storey extension and erection of two storey extension on the north Elevation – permitted.

77/17 Parish Projects

Park

The Clerk and Chair sent out 60 consultations via Henry Prince, the village playgroup and around Upper Mayfield and received 33 completed forms. The Clerk has begun analysing the feedback and will email the report to Cllrs, for full discussion at the October meeting.

Noticeboard

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council will have to apply for a planning advertisement in order to site a board in Upper Mayfield. Cllrs asked the Clerk to apply for full funding for the noticeboard and advertisement from Cllr Barker's fund.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr Barker

Mobile Post Office

Cllr Turner reported that the Post Office are not taking on any more village rounds for the mobile Post Office service.

78/17 Correspondence

SCC have sent out a consultation on the provision of subsidised bus services –

“With our government grant falling to zero by 2020/2021 and the need to protect those services that we have a legal responsibility to provide (e.g. adult social care and looking after children in care), we need to review how the county council subsidises bus travel in Staffordshire from April 2018. We are asking people to have their say on four proposed options that consider a range of factors including: the amount of subsidy, number of passengers, travel for education, employment and health and access to other public transport.” Cllrs will respond to the survey. It would be helpful if parishioners could also participate in the survey. Details are available on the parish council website.

Police & Crime Commissioner Survey

Cllr Parker read through the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Policing and Crime Act 2017 came into effect on 3 April 2017 and contains, among other things, a statutory duty for emergency services to collaborate and the opportunity for Police and Crime Commissioners to make a local case for taking on responsibility for the governance of their Fire and Rescue Services. He reported that the survey takes the view that it will offer a more efficient service. However, future government cuts will therefore impact on the combined service.

79/17 Items to be included on the September Agenda:

Discussion – revised start time of Parish Council meetings – Cllr Moss

Parish Projects – noticeboard

Parish projects – playground – carry forward to October

Mayfield charities – carry forward to October

80/17 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th September 2017

Cllr Cook to chair in Cllr Turner's absence.

The meeting finished at 9:20pm