

Minutes of the Meeting of Mayfield Parish Council
Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7.00pm in the Mayfield Memorial Hall

- 18/18 To consider for approval the Minutes of the meeting on 3rd January 2018.**
Cllrs approved the Minutes, which were signed off by the Chair, Cllr Turner.
To consider for approval the Minutes of the extraordinary meeting on 24th January 2018.
Cllrs approved the Minutes, which were signed off by the Chair, Cllr Turner.
- 19/18 In Attendance & Apologies**
Cllrs in attendance - Cllrs Amy, Cook, Edge, Golding, Moss, Parker, Turner, Watson, Cllr Barker, ESBC.
- 20/18 Declarations of Interest**
None.
- 21/18 Public Participation**
Cllr Sue Bridgett, Chair, Okeover Annual Parish Meeting regarding Item 6.3.
- 22/18 Update - East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) - Cllr Edward Barker**
See Item 28/18.
- 23/18 Highways & ROW**
Jobs for reporting to Highways
Cllr Moss reported that there was a pothole on Congyree Lane near Doveside and Holme Bank. Cllrs agreed that this should be reported to Highways, (*carried forward from December*). **Action: Clerk to take photos and report to Highways**
Cllr Golding reported parishioner concern about dirt bikes on the Slack Lane track. The Clerk said that the track wasn't a designated public right of way, it was in fact a 'Green Lane' or BOAT (a byway open to all traffic) and SCC Highways were responsible for maintenance. **Action: Clerk to follow up with Community Liaison re track and maintenance**
- Jobs reported to Highways**
The Clerk provided an update on the jobs which have been reported to Highways:
4105061 – sunken manhole covers (Swinscoe Hill) – *waiting for inspector to visit site.*
MREP-75731-8063 – Street light, wires exposed – Congyree Lane – *repaired.*
Street Light, outside The Old Chapel, Gallowstree Lane – *replaced.*
4103663 – Pathways and verges (Wallash – top of Church Lane) – *grass verge encroaching onto pavement. Waiting for inspector to visit site.*
4103656 – Ashlea Drive – crumbling kerbstones – *Waiting for inspector to visit site.*
4101806 – Bridge Hill – numerous potholes on pavement – *Assessed by Inspector, not considered high risk to public safety, awaiting works to fix the fault(s).*
4070947 - Flooding / blocked drains reported on Piccadilly Lane - *Assessed by Inspector, not considered high risk to public safety, awaiting works to fix the fault.* Parishioners wonder if there is a leak from the reservoir contributing to the problem.
Action: Clerk to investigate
4060518 – Swinscoe Hill – large bump on feeder lane – *No scheduled date for the works to take place, it will be when they have the teams in that area.*
- For Information / discussion – Speed Limits, A52**
Cllr Bridgett met with Highways to discuss the impact on Swinscoe Hill of a perceived increase in traffic. Highways undertook a 5 day test in November 2017 to assess the volume of HGVs and traffic on Swinscoe Hill. The results showed a 5% increase in traffic since 2009. There would have to be an increase of at least 15% increase in traffic before Highways would consider looking at the issue seriously.
Cllr Bridgett is concerned about the current increase and the implications for traffic on Swinscoe Hill should a bypass be approved for Ashbourne. Highways England policy is to promote the use of trunk roads e.g. A38 and A50. The A52 is not a trunk road. However, Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and SCC are aware that HGVs, for example, are not using the A38 and A50. There are various reasons why this might be: lorry drivers are relying on mobile phone sat nav, not commercial sat nav; lack of clear signage; volume of

traffic on the M6 causing HGV drivers to take alternative routes; increase in HGVs from cement factories at Calton Low and Cheshire.

Cllr Golding reported that the Ashbourne Neighbourhood Partnership has undertaken a traffic survey and have reported that the heaviest flow of HGV traffic in Ashbourne is on Mayfield Road. He said that if the Ashbourne bypass became a valid project then any bypass could attract more vehicles off trunk roads and onto the A52, A515 and through Mayfield.

Cllrs agreed that the Parish Council should request a briefing from DCC on the first stage evaluation (traffic flow) from their consultant's study, to include identified and projected traffic flows for Mayfield. Cllr Turner thanked Cllr Bridgett for attending.

Action: Clerk to write to DCC & copy SCC into letter

Update - Rights of Way

Mayfield Footpath 5 – Piccadilly Lane, Upper Mayfield

This matter has been passed to ESBC by SCC. There was no update available at the time of the Parish Council meeting.

Action: Clerk to follow up

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Maintenance

Jobs for February

Graham to put up post on Slack Lane for rubbish bin, and box for poo bags near school.

Action: Clerk to liaise

Cllr Watson complained about the rubbish on Swinscoe Hill and near the Rose and Crown. The Clerk explained that the litter picker was not permitted to work on major highways or near moving vehicles, as per the Parish Council Litter Picker Risk Assessment.

Action: Clerk to contact Neighbourhood Highways Team to clear rubbish

Cllrs commented that horses have been seen riding on the grass verges in the parish. They raised concerns about damage to the daffodils along the Main Road from Wallash to the top of Church Lane. It was suggested that signs were put up, or that Cllrs spoke to horse riders.

Action: Clerk to contact Community Liaison about status of grass verges

25/18

Finance

Bank Balances

The current account bank balance at 07/02/2018 was £15,356.63.

Savings are £4,873.14.

Invoices presented for payment:

001623	£212.87	F Raistrick (Salary, Stipend, Printing)
001624	£ 20.00	F Raistrick (Aviva – pension payment)
001625	£120.00	Grant Thornton (annual return fee)
001626	£ 20.00	Mayfield Recreational Association (use of meeting room)
001627	£ 56.00	J Clarke (salary)
001628	£723.60	Noticeboard Company UK Ltd

Request – Variation to Clerk's hours

The Clerk asked if their contract could be amended from 15 – 18 hours, to 18 – 21 hours per month, due to the increasing work load. Cllrs agreed.

Action: Clerk to amend contract

Discussion – Spending Plan for Parish

The Clerk provided a draft spending plan for 2018 – 2019 with suggestions for where expenditure might be directed. The Parish Council can spend up to £7,895.51 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 which “gives the Council the power to incur expenditure which in their opinion is in the interests of and will bring direct benefit to their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants.....”.

Action: Cllrs to consider ideas, for further discussion, at the March meeting

26/18

Planning Applications and Decisions

Applications: P/2017/01633 - Proposed Polytunnel, Church Lane, Church Mayfield

Cllrs were made aware of two objections to this planning application. However, after researching the planning regulations and talking to the applicant, Cllrs did not consider

that there were any material grounds to object to this application. Cllrs commented that

there have been polytunnels on this field before. The Clerk was asked to write to ESBC with the following comments, in support of the application:

“Cllrs wish to support the development of businesses in the parish, and encourage young people to work in the parish. The land is zoned for agricultural use, and we do not believe the polytunnel has a detrimental effect on the neighbouring conservation area. We have no concerns about road safety or visibility for vehicles entering and exiting the field. We have no objections to the polytunnel.”

Decisions:

P/2017/01608 - Installation of a 15m slimline lattice tower supporting 3 no. antennas and 2 No. 0.6m transmission link dishes within a timber stock proof fenced compound together with ancillary telecommunications, including formation of a new vehicular access and dropped kerb

The Parish Council were informed by ESBC that the mast was now considered part of general permitted development by telecommunications codes system operators and it was now determined that prior approval was not required for the siting and appearance of the development. *Part 16 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)*

ESBC have requested that a fir green external paint finish be applied to the mast and the associated equipment/apparatus. However, this is not believed to be enforceable.

27/18 Parish Projects

Noticeboard

The Clerk notified Cllrs that SCC Highways were responsible for the grass verge, and that the noticeboard could be installed under the Parish Council's Licence to Plant. SCC also requested that a contractor with the relevant public liability insurance be used to site the board. The Clerk had written to parishioners who lived in the vicinity of the proposed site, and had not received any objections. Cllrs agreed that the purchase and installation of the noticeboard could go ahead.

Action: Clerk to order noticeboard and identify a contractor(s)

Discussion – Playground / park project

Carried forward to March meeting.

Discussion – Post Office – ref Ashbourne Telegraph 31/01/2018

This item is moot due to the opening of the post office at the Duke of York garage.

28/18 Update – The Henry Prince CE First School & Nursery

Cllr Barker has been in contact with Chris Kinman, Chair of The Henry Prince C.E (C) First School & Nursery, and Cllr White at Staffordshire County Council (SCC). Cllr Barker reported that Chris Kinman had a positive meeting with Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Cllr Golding said he understood that SCC do not want to close the school, and asked if the Parish Council could ask Chris Kinman, and the school, to publicise and promote the good news. Cllrs agreed to this suggestion.

Action: Clerk to contact Chris and the school

29/18 Correspondence

All correspondence has been emailed round to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

30/18 Items to be included on the March Agenda:

Spending plan

Slack Lane track

The Henry Prince CE First School & Nursery

Charities Letter

31/18 Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th March 2018, Mayfield Memorial Hall

The meeting finished at 8:30pm