

## Annual Meeting of the Parish

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019

2:30 – 4:30

**Present: Cllr Cotton, Cllr Slack, Cllr Turner, Cllr Watson**

**Clerk: Fiona Raistrick**

The meeting, held with MARNA – who organised the event, was very well attended. Clerk will write to MARNA and thank them.

Parishioners raised various issues with Cllrs and the Clerk as follows:

### **Rights of Way**

It was reported that Toad Hall Bridge (Mayfield FP 16) was much in need of maintenance. (The owners of the fields either side are believed to be Ditchfield on the Mayfield side and Harris on the Snelstone/Clifton side). Birdsgrove Fishing also have an interest.

***Action: Photos and assessment by PC needed of bridge before reporting – Cllr?***

### **HGVs/Lorries going to Mayfield Mills**

This matter was raised by at least 6 parishioners.

One parishioner (Ellen Hudson) reported regularly seeing HGVs around 7am, on Conygree Lane, and the drivers were concerned/scared at having to drive past the cars outside the terraces just before the MRA. The drivers do not have maps showing where the Mill is. They are usually young male drivers, not English first language, and they struggle to understand the directions parishioners provide.

The same parishioner also sees them between 7am – 8am on Main Road and near Church Lane, again they are struggling to work out where they need to be.

***ACTION: Parishioner happy to be the eyes for the PC on this matter and the Clerk will follow up with her***

Nicky Taylor-Smith, Clerk for Clifton Parish Council, and who also works for Harrisons on the A52, reported that lorries, looking for either Bowmer Bond or Mayfield Mill regularly block the access Harrisons whilst they try to work out where they should be.

***ACTION: Clerk asked Nicky to email her with Harrisons' concerns about this, so they can add this to the PC's call for improved signage***

## **Bins**

Three parishioners reported that bins at Wallash and Hermitage Lane are having wine bottles dumped in them. This fills the bins up and means that no-one else can use them until they are emptied. There are reports of dog poo bags being left on the floor under the bin. The Clerk confirmed that they had noticed this too.

***Suggested action: Clerk to make signs encouraging people to recycle and attach to the bins. This may nudge the person responsible (a parishioner believes that it's one person doing this) into being more responsible. If this doesn't work the Clerk will contact ESBC.***

A parishioner reported that the bin on Ashlea Drive has an umbrella in it, which is preventing people from dropping rubbish in the bin.

***Suggested action: Investigate and if umbrella in there, take photo and email to Clerk – Cllr?***

Slack Lane – bin requested by Ruby at caravan site last year. They offered to install the post for the bin and ESBC agreed but no bin has been placed.

Apparently there had been complaints about visitors to the site allowing their dogs to foul Slack Lane and Hermitage Lane but when ESBC Enforcement visited there were no visitors on site and dog fouling / dog walkers observed.

***Action: Clerk will follow up with ESBC***

## **Dog Fouling**

Parishioners reported that there is still dog fouling around by the school and on East View.

Dog fouling reported on Bridge Hill.

Dog fouling reported on FP25 (Church Lane to Mill Terraces). ***(Clerk followed up but could not see any dog poo)***

Dog fouling reported on Conygree Lane.

***Action: Clerk to report to Community Enforcement and request visit by Officers***

## **Slack Lane Track**

Several parishioners reported how pleased they were with Slack Lane Track and praised the work done by ESBC and Graham.

## **Drains / Manhole Covers**

There is a blocked drain on Ashlea Drive, near the Mayfield Avenue end.

There is a blocked drain by the school.

A parishioner in Wallash said the raised drain outside their house is regularly hit by lorries and makes a lot of noise.

***Action: Need photos before reporting to Highways – Cllr?***

### **Overgrown Hedges**

Bridge Hill – the hedge needs cutting back above the wall along the pavement down to the bridge.

***Action: Clerk to identify owners and write requesting hedge cut back***

### **Parking**

Jubilee Square – a parishioner reported that someone is parking on the pavement on a corner of Jubilee Square and preventing people walking on the pavement.

***Action: Clerk to report to Alz Coates***

### **Over Sixties Group**

Harry Smith explained that the group were struggling financially due to the Memorial Hall raising their room hire costs. He said that the Over Sixties had received a donation from the Mayfield Parish Council for several Years. The Clerk explained that grants were available subject to the Cllrs agreeing to make the *grant*.

***Action: Clerk to send Harry a form in the post***

### **Wallash**

Two parishioners (Harry Smith and Christine East) complained about the location of the 30mph sign – apparently it blocks visibility from the Uttoxeter side when exiting their respective driveways.

Pavement overgrown by grass verge – Wallash – Middle Mayfield.

### **Conygree Lane**

Lack of pavement. Pedestrians have to jump between cars to protect yourself.

### **Playground at MRA**

Needs a lot of investment.

### **Safety Railings – Henry Prince School**

Railings along the road need extending to protect people as traffic comes very fast.

## **Grass Cutting / Hedge Cutting**

Parishioner believes that ESBC are supposed to cut grass eight a year between April and November. They did not come in April and cut the grass from Wallash to Middle Mayfield.

**Action: Clerk to check hedge / grass cutting schedule and update Cllrs**  
*Requested schedule 13/05/2019*

Slack Lane hedges overgrown.

Hedges obscuring signs on Swinsoe Hill.

## **Henry Prince School**

Concerns were raised about the school closure.

## **Planning**

Parishioner thought that Cllrs should have more say in planning applications. Concern raised about the noise produced by the development at Fieldhead.

## **Traffic**

Speed of cars through Wallash – too many parked cars creating a problem, especially coming from Uttoxeter direction.

Speeding cars

Too many parked cars make it difficult for tractors / vehicles with trailers to get through safely as they can't pull into any spaces between cars.

Speeding along Conygree Lane outside Weirside and Meadowside.

Request for 30mph by Rose and Crown.

Margaret Wimbush – said that during her time on the Parish Council they pushed for a weight to the bridge at Ellastone but to no avail.

## **Consultation on designs for Village name signs**

Parishioners were shown the two versions of the sign design – green sign and purple design. They were also shown the Kniveton sign and other village signs.

The overall preference was for the green sign, though two parishioners didn't like either version.

One parishioner suggested there should be a reference to the Dove and fly fishing on the sign.

Nobody understood the reference to the mather flower (purple sign) – especially those whose families have a long history in Mayfield. People didn't like the purple colour either – there were several comments that it looked like a dragon / sea serpent / snake. It was suggested that if the flower were to be included it should be as a flower in the bottom corner of the sign or on the grass.

Two parishioners liked the Staffordshire knot.

Two parishioners suggested removing the Heritage Village term as it's meaningless. (In the interests of transparency I should add that one of them was me!)

One parishioner said they preferred the Church design from the information board.