

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MAPPERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

**held at Holy Trinity Church on Monday, 11 March 2024
commencing at 7.15pm**

Present: Parish Councillors A Quinn, M Slack and J Williams

In attendance: Borough Councillors A Paget, L Pizey; 3 members of the public; two officers of Derbyshire Constabulary and S Dunkley, Clerk

Cllr J Williams, Chairman in the Chair

Part 1 – Non confidential information

23-183 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillors Amber and Sewell.

23-184 Variation of order of business

None

23-185 Declaration of interest

None

23-186 Dispensations

None received.

23-187 Chairman's report

Several residents have reported the potholes on Church Lane. These have been reported several times to the County Council and it is hoped that works will be carried out soon. The Clerk was asked to enquire whether the Parish Council could undertake the filling of holes until a permanent repair can be done by the County Council.

23-188 Clerk's report

- Information has been received on the proposed 'Martyn's Law' which is passing through Parliament. For events expecting over 100 people, risk assessments need to be finalised for the safety of those attending. This will be necessary for the Christmas Lights event.
- Conversation with Nigel Mills MP on the parking problem and the situation with the broadband. Reply awaited.
- The Parish Council is eligible for a free portrait of the King. Once received decision needs to be made on either this is to be on display in the Church or the School.

23-189 Planning

AVA/2024/0093 and 0094 – Park Farm, Park Hall Lane, (listed building consent for conversion of outbuilding to dwelling; demolition of outbuilding, erection of stable and garage buildings) – following discussion it was RESOLVED that there were no objections.

23-190 Public Session

- Concern was raised over the speed of vehicles travelling on Main Street, some travelling at least 50mph at Mapperley Farm. There was a fatality some years ago and it is believed that another accident is waiting to happen. The Clerk was asked to contact the County Council to ask if the National Speed Limit sign could be moved to past The Limes which would give some protection to people using the play area or if the limit could be reduced to 40mph.
- Discussion is taking place within the Derby Diocese on the possible loss or merger of the Churches of West Hallam, Mapperley, Stanley and Stanley Common. It was agreed that although congregation numbers may be low, Holy Trinity is the community hub within the village and is used for social events and by the School and Parish Council. It is also the polling station for the village. The Clerk was asked to submit a nomination for an Asset of Community Value and forward to the Borough Council.
- Parking is still a huge problem for residents especially on Mapperley Lane and around the Church.
- The Police Officers were informed of three young people in the village trying vehicle and shed doors. All incidents and sightings should immediately be reported to the Police on 999. Residents should check that all doors are secured at all times.
- Two areas have been identified for community speedwatch, just past Brook Farm on Mapperley Lane and on Main Street.
- The abandoned vehicle on Mapperley Lane apparently belongs to a resident and is legal as long as it is taxed and insured.
- The Boundary Commission is reviewing the Mapperley and Shipley boundary and may be moved from Heanor and Langley Mill to Horsley Woodhouse, Smalley and Kilburn. More information is available on the Local Government Boundary Commission website.

23-191 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2024 were proposed as a correct record by Cllr Slack, seconded by Cllr Quinn and subsequently signed by the Chairman.

23-192 Exempt items

None.

23-193 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

- Monthly newsletter has been circulated and the contents noted.
- It was agreed to renew the subscription for the forthcoming year without the enhanced training fee.

23-194 Matters for determination

- a) It was agreed to add the Biodiversity Working Party on the May agenda for discussion.

- b) The Christmas event is to be deferred to the next meeting.
- c) Further to the tree survey, it was AGREED to ask the contractor to schedule the priority 2 work as well as cutting back the lower branches of tree T14 as a matter of urgency.
- d) Several items have been on the agenda for some time and it was AGREED to look into the provision of the village sign and boundary marker,

23-195 Finance

a) Accounts of payment:

<u>Payee</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Mowing (January) (VAT £22.50)	£135.00
S Dunkley	Salary/Expenses (January)	£241.86
HMRC	PAYE (January)	£ 51.20
Holy Trinity Church	Mowing donation (February)	£ 35.00
Fox Grounds Maintenance	Mowing (February) (VAT £22.50)	£135.00
S Dunkley	Salary/Expenses (February)	£270.24
HMRC	PAYE (February)	£ 51.20
West Hallam & Mapperley Church/Community Magazine	Advertising 2024/25	£100.00
DALC	Membership Subscription	£147.67
Holy Trinity Church	Mowing donation/room hire	£ 50.00

b) Receipts:

£445.00 reimbursement of VAT paid

23-196 Matters for information

- a) Derbyshire County Council's Community News – noted
- b) Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum, 16 April 2024 – noted
- c) Great British Spring Clean – 15-31 March 2024 – noted
- d) Renewal of grounds maintenance contract – Agreed with Fox Grounds Maintenance
- e) Cyber Crime Prevention Training – members to let Clerk know if they wish to attend
- f) Amber Valley's 50 year celebration – noted

23-197 Future agenda items

- Dog fouling/additional dog bins
- Litter picking
- Community projects
- Noticeboards
- Village sign/boundary marker (May)
- New bench, Mapperley Lane
- Recreation ground
- Biodiversity action plan (May)

23-198 Date of next meeting

13 May (AGM and Parish Meeting); 8 July; 9 September and 11 November 2024

Signed

13 May 2024