

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF MAPPERLEY
PARISH COUNCIL
held in the Church Hall on Monday 4 December 2017 at 7.15pm**

Present: Cllrs Janet Mallett, David Morgan, Alison Quinn (Chair), Andy Quinn and Mathew Slack

In attendance: One member of the public
Sue Dunkley (Clerk)

Part 1 – Non confidential information

153-17 Apologies

There were no apologies.

154-17 Variation of business

None to be carried out.

155-17 Declarations of interest

None to be made.

156-17 Dispensations

None required.

157-17 Presentation by Joanne Perkins on the DCC Timeswap Scheme

A very informative presentation was given by Joanne on the benefits of being a member of the the scheme, the main being is that it brings people together. Members give their time undertaking various jobs and these are matched to other members who need assistance. The parish council was informed that there are already members in the village but was asked to promote it further. It was agreed that this would be added to the website and in the newsletter as well as details being given to the Parish magazine.

158-17 Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported on the theft of the Church gates. Mr Skinner confirmed that these were covered by the Church insurance. There had been other incidents in the village which had been reported to the Police. A discussion was held on the benefits of the parish council having a 'Spotted' page on Facebook or Twitter account in order to bring incidents to residents' attention and the Clerk agreed to look into this.

The speeding cars through the village are still a huge problem and it was generally felt that more could be done by the various agencies. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk write again to the Police, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the County Council as it was agreed that the only way to stop the problem would be the installation of a barrier.

Several of the Christmas lights have had to be replaced this year and it was agreed to look at this for next year when the budget had been finalised.

The parish council was informed some months ago that the park gates were to be painted with fluorescent paint to aid cyclists and walkers in the darker nights and the Clerk was asked to make contact to ask when this would be undertaken.

Contact had been made by the agent acting on behalf of Greene King in relation to the Old Black Horse public house. Four bids had been received and Councillor Andy Quinn had confirmed that there would be no community bid. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk inform the agent of this. It was hoped that the new owners would be prepared to work with the parish council for the benefit of the community.

159-17 Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that defibrillator training would be held in the Church on Tuesday, 30 January 2018 commencing at 6.00pm. Notices would be placed in the noticeboards, on the website and in the parish magazine. It was hoped that more people would come along to be trained in the use of the equipment.

She has received a reply regarding the possible signs to deter horseriding on the footpaths. As this is a police matter, under the Highway Code, signage will not be allowed.

PKF Littlejohn LLP had been appointed as the external auditor for this area commencing in April 2018. The Clerk asked if any of the councillors were required to declare an interest and it was RESOLVED that this was not necessary.

160-17 Public session

1) Members of the Public

No questions were asked.

2) Reports from the Police Liaison Officer, County Council and Borough Council

No reports had been received.

161-17 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 6 November 2017 were proposed by Councillor Mallett, seconded by Councillor Slack and RESOLVED as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

162-17 Exempt items

1) Staff Appraisal to be undertaken on the work anniversary in April 2018.

2) Draft budget for 2018/19

163-17 Footpath Officer's report

Works had been carried out on various footpaths. A new footpath sign is still required for Mapperley Lane and replacement waymarkers. The Clerk to organise these.

164-17 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circular numbers 13/2017 and 14/2017 had been distributed to all members and contents noted.

165-17 Matters for determination

- a) As no new suggestions had been received on the use of the telephone box, it was RESOLVED to turn this into a library and the Clerk was asked to contact the contractor to undertake the necessary works. The defibrillator may be moved into the box sometime in the future.
- b) The Clerk suggested a summer community event on 18 August 2018 and it was agreed that this would be good for the village and it was hoped to liaise with the new owners of the public house. This could be used as a commemoration of the centenary of the ending of the First World War. It was also agreed to get the plaques at the entrance to the Church cleaned during the spring subject to the budget.
- c) The Clerk had distributed copies of the draft community newsletter and it was RESOLVED to finalise it and get it delivered to all households.
- d) The Clerk reported that she had been informed that the County Council would be increasing the cost of mowing of the Churchyard by £500 in 2018 as they were working at a loss. It was suggested that the parish council may wish to go out for tender for this service and it was RESOLVED to look at this in the new year. As with the hanging baskets, concern was expressed over the amount of complaints which had been received over the time of the watering by the contractor and again, this is to be looked at in the new year.

166-17 Financial Matters

The following accounts were approved:

<u>Cheque No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>
100735	S Dunkley (salary and expenses for November and gift vouchers)	£ 272.01
100736	C Flint (Salary – Sept-November)	£ 120.00
100737	HMRC (PAYE – November)	£ 65.40

167-17 Planning

None to report.

168-17 Matters for information

- a) A report was given on the anti-social behaviour taking place through the village down to the car park
- b) The Clerk had received confirmation that works would be carried out to the potholes on the private road beside the Church (which is also a public footpath) and also outside of the Church gates by the County Council when funds become available.

169-17 Future agenda items

- a) Cleaning of plaques
- b) Community event
- c) Anti-social behaviour by drivers to the Shipley Park car park

170-17 Date of future meetings

It was RESOLVED that there would be no meeting on 8 January 2018. The next meetings will be held on 5 February 2018; 5 March 2018 and 2 April 2018.

Part 2 – Confidential information

171-17 Draft budget for 2018/19

The Clerk ran through the bank reconciliation figures and draft budget for 2018/19 based on last year figures. As the precept had remained the same for several years, there has been a gradual decrease in the amount of reserves and the Clerk pointed out that a sufficient amount was required to cover the cost of any possible election; the need to employ a locum clerk and urgent repair works to assets. However, it was agreed that it would be preferable to cut back on certain things rather than ask for a large increase in precept in these uncertain financial times.

The Clerk would amend the figures as discussed and bring to a future meeting for formal approval once the figures from the Borough Council had been received.