

# MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH OF MAPPERLEY

Held in the Church on Monday, 8 May 2017 commencing at 7.15pm

**Present:** Councillors J Mallett, D Morgan, Andy Quinn, Alison Quinn, M Slack and 10 residents of the Parish

APM-1 **Apologies for absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

APM-2 **Election of Chair**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor J Mallett took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

APM-3 **Minutes**

Unfortunately the minutes of the last annual parish meeting were unavailable.

APM-4 **Reports**

Copies of all reports are attached to the minutes of the meeting held by the Clerk to the Parish Council as well as on the Parish Council's webpage:

- a) Councillor J Mallett commenced by giving a brief verbal report on behalf of the Parish Council. On behalf of the Parish Council she gave thanks to Mrs Elaine Sarson for her help with setting up the new parish website and to Elaine and the committee members for all their hard work in relation to the 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish. It was hoped that residents would find the website, which could be found at [www.mapperleyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.mapperleyparishcouncil.org.uk), useful.
- b) No report had been received from the Borough Council.
- c) The Clerk gave a report on behalf of Paul Jones, the former County Councillor who unfortunately had lost his seat following the county council election on 4 May 2017.

APM-5 **Reports from other Organisations and Clubs in the Parish**

- a) Scargill Educational Trust \*
- b) Mapperley Church \*
- c) West Hallam and Mapperley Magazine – Elaine Sarson gave a brief report in relation to the Magazine. Subscriptions for the magazine are slowly increasing with the subscription cost being subsidised by advertising. She was pleased to confirm that the magazine had been awarded third prize in the Church Editors' Award Scheme.
- d) Mapperley 750<sup>th</sup> Celebrations committee – Elaine Sarson also gave a verbal report on the preparations for the 750<sup>th</sup> celebrations on 29<sup>th</sup> May. Everything was more or less in place for an enjoyable day. Volunteers are required to marshal the traffic on the day.

APM-6 **Question and Answer session**

There were no questions from residents.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

## Mapperley Church

The last year has been eventful as, in addition to regular worship, we have been celebrating the anniversary of 50 years of the '1966 church' with a number of events:

- Commemorative service and celebratory leaflets
- Memories of a Pit Man, in conjunction with the History Society
- 60s night led by our musical duo, Stella and Martin
- Concert by the Derbyshire Police Choir as part of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary
- Country and Western singer, Bob Oakley
- Open garden (at Rookery Nook) and cream teas
- Harvest Supper, with Rev Simon White recalling memories of Mapperley

The Sacred Harp Singers use the building on New Year's Day and 'Rachel and Robin' a talented pianist and flautist gave a concert for charity.

The Church is looking forward to participating in the Mapperley 750<sup>th</sup> celebrations.

The School continues to use the building for PE, Christmas concert etc and we meet with them for collective worship on Mothering Sunday Remembrance Day, Christingle and for a leavers' service. New noticeboards, funded by Scargill Trust, are used by the school, Church and community.

The church continues to be a sacred place where loved ones can be celebrated on their passing – there have been four funerals. The Church, as the only community building, in the parish is used by the Parish Council for its meetings and as a polling station. Three birthday parties have been held. Improvements to the building, such as the ramp have been appreciated. Most recently new front doors have been fitted, giving better security and thermal insulation. The curtains to the chancel have been cleaned and flame proofed.

The Church is now looking to replace the heating with underfloor heating at an estimated cost of £20k and provide more energy efficient lighting and hot water. We do not have funds to meet this sum and will be seeking grant aid.

The designation of the Church as a community asset could help. The annual accounts are on the noticeboard.

We look forward to the grass in the churchyard being cut as soon as possible. The cost of this is met jointly by the Church and parish. A garden waste bin has been purchased. The much improved appearance of the churchyard over recent years has been much appreciated by the Church and community.

The Christmas lights used on the lychgate were bought by the Parish Council some years ago. The need replacing for Christmas 2017. The pot holes outside the church gates are of serious concern and a hazard.

## **Scargill Educational Foundation (Trust) Report – Parish Meeting 2017**

Scargill Trust is a church educational charity founded in 1662 by Rev John Scargill. Grants are available to persons under 25 who are or have a parent or parents living in the parishes of West Hallam, Dale Abbey, Stanley (including Stanley Common) and Mapperley. Financial assistance (ranging from £50 to £225 in normal circumstances) towards the cost of education by way of outfits, clothing, tools, instruments, books and travel to prepare for entry into a profession, trade or calling.

Applications must be made between 1st September and 30th October each year to the Clerk c/o Geldard's Solicitors, 1 Pride Place, Pride Park, Derby, DE24 8QR. Application forms may be obtained from the clerk, clergy of the parishes or trustees. Rev Gill was voted as chair in January and I continue as an ex-officio trustee representing Mapperley. Representatives of the churches and parish councils are appointed in rotation and Janet Mallett was appointed a trustee in January for the next three years.

The village schools are visited on a rotational basis and the Foundation supports each school with quarterly grants although the main purpose of the charity is to ensure the continued provision of a school in West Hallam.

Scargill is an excellent educational foundation and benefits Mapperley School and young persons of the parish.

Elizabeth Campbell 6th May 2017