

MAYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Unapproved Minutes of a meeting of Mayfield Parish Council, held on Wednesday December 2nd 2020. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the meeting was held by Zoom.

Present: Cllr Amy (Chair); Cllrs Watson; Hough; Parker; Coates; Cotton; Golding; Cllr Bridgett and Cllr Barker (ESBC) from 7.30; Lesley Brown (Clerk).

3 members of the public.

No	Item	Action														
12/20/1	To receive apologies for absence None															
12/20/2	Declaration of Interests None															
12/20/3	Public Speaking 3 members of the public attended to observe proceedings regarding The Hermitage and current development work, with which they are personally involved.															
12/20/4	Approval and Ratification of the Minutes of the last meeting, held on November 11th 2020. Cllr Golding stated that no mention had been made of the decision that he should compile a report regarding The Hermitage. The Clerk agreed to add this. The Council resolved to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Wednesday October 7 th 2020, as a true record of that meeting, with this addition.	Clerk														
12/20/5	Finance & Administration a) Current Financial Statement The balance in Lloyds Bank as at December 2 nd 2020 was £29,944.18 including reserved funds. b) Authorisation of Invoices Council agreed to authorise the following payments totalling £377.89 <table border="1"><tbody><tr><td>Graham Woodhouse</td><td>43.75</td></tr><tr><td>British Legion Wreath (cheque)</td><td>25.00</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk Salary</td><td>211.15</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk Stipend</td><td>18.00</td></tr><tr><td>Clerk reimburse Zoom for November</td><td>14.39</td></tr><tr><td>Jarad Clarke</td><td>65.60</td></tr><tr><td>TOTAL</td><td>377.89</td></tr></tbody></table> c) Grant Application from Mayfield Heritage Group £200 had been applied for to help towards costs of a reprint of the Memories of Mayfield book currently being worked on. The Clerk was asked to obtain details of current financial reserves as requested in Section 9 of the Application Form.	Graham Woodhouse	43.75	British Legion Wreath (cheque)	25.00	Clerk Salary	211.15	Clerk Stipend	18.00	Clerk reimburse Zoom for November	14.39	Jarad Clarke	65.60	TOTAL	377.89	Clerk
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	<p>The group made an additional request for a donation towards the making of handmade chocolates to be donated to people of Mayfield who will be living alone at Christmas. Council agreed to offer £100.</p> <p>d) Standing Orders Copies had been circulated to all councillors and were approved.</p>	
12/20/6	<p>Clerk's Report & Correspondence</p> <p>The Clerk had received a letter from Ben Slack, dated 28th November 2020, notifying the Parish Council of his resignation as councillor. The Clerk was asked to publish a notice of vacancy for a new councillor. Cllr Watson agreed to ask Mr Slack whether he had managed to complete his Health and Safety Report concerning the position of the school bus pick up point.</p> <p>A reply was received from Peter Alcock in response to the Clerk's e mail asking for more information regarding his request for signs and a noticeboard for Church Mayfield. Mr Alcock suggested the sign be sited at the corner of Conygree Lane and Church Lane and the noticeboard be placed on the grass verge opposite the Vicarage. The Clerk was asked to reply to Mr Alcock, suggesting he apply to SCC for help with the sign and pointing out that the new noticeboard at The Terraces covered the area concerned.</p> <p>The Clerk had been alerted to a rumour that the Gypsy Liason Group were planning to put in their own application for a site at the Old Coalyard, Clifton. Cllr Barker agreed to inform Council of any planning application received</p>	<p>Clerk Cllr Watson</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12/20/7	<p>Planning Issues</p> <p>a) Ashbourne Bypass DCC Consultation Cllr Bridget reported that the effect of the Bypass on the Mayfield and surrounding villages will be significant and that the Parish Council ought to send a response by the given cut off date of 18th December 2020. Cllr Parker remarked that there is no predicted increase in traffic coming through Mayfield in the next 5 years and that Ashbourne needs to have a Bypass. Cllr Coates asked how long the work is predicted to take to completion and that, as the biggest traffic future increase would be around Ashbourne, a Bypass was a positive development. Cllr Golding pointed out a technical mistake in the consultant's report, which stated that the A52 is the main route. It is, in fact, the A50. Cllr Golding suggested the Parish Council raise the issue of funding the project and whether, should DCC fail to raise sufficient capital, they would rely on housing development on land between Mayfield and Ashbourne. Cllr Amy remarked that this land was flood plain land.</p> <p>Cllrs Parker, Coates and Amy agreed with the principle of Bypass development, Cllr Golding agreed that traffic must be taken away from Ashbourne, but there are options other than build a Bypass. It was agreed that Cllr Bridgett should work with Cllr Golding to raise questions in a response to DCC.</p> <p>b) Hermitage A response had been sent to ESBC Planning regarding the work being carried out at the Hermitage. Cllr Golding identified 3 points of concern which should also be made regarding: i) the process of management from ESBC ii) Additional objections to current proposals iii) Continuing need to monitor the felling of trees at the property.</p>	<p>Cllrs Bridgett and Golding</p>

	<p>Cllr Barker informed Council that the Planning Enforcement Officer had visited the Hermitage twice and the Tree Officer has also visited. Cllr Barker agreed that the work had been done out of order, but everything is now in line with what it should be. Cllr Golding pointed out that there was no criticism of the property owners, but of the Planning Department who had not involved the community in developments taking place. Cllr Watson remarked that ownership of a Grade 2 listed property requires meticulous attention to every detail. Cllr Barker and Parish Councillors agreed that a letter of procedural complaint should be drafted and sent, following circulation, to Lisa Bird and Naomi Perry at ESBC.</p> <p>c) Establishment of Planning Committee</p> <p>Due to the many current planning proposals, it was suggested that a Planning Committee be formed. Planning applications sent to the Clerk would be forwarded to all councillors, who would then submit their comments to the committee for discussion. A report would be given at each full Council Meeting by the Chair of the Planning Committee. This was formally approved. Cllr Golding agreed to become Chair with the support of Cllrs Bridgett and Parker.</p> <p>d) P/2020/01068 Consultee Request Letter</p> <p>Pruning of Yew trees and crowning of 7 Beech trees at Field Head, Gallowstree Lane.</p> <p>Councillors objected to the extent of the cut back and the fact that no reason had been given for undertaking the work. The Clerk was asked to respond to Lisa Bird at ESBC objecting to the lack of justification for such drastic action.</p>	<p>Cllr Golding Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs Golding, Bridgett and Parker</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12/20/8	<p>Parish Matters & Maintenance</p> <p>a) Zoom Review</p> <p>It was agreed that Parish Council meetings should continue to take place via Zoom for January and February 2021.</p> <p>b) Parish Council Website News Page Update</p> <p>Work is still in progress on this.</p> <p>c) Allotments</p> <p>The primary need is for a suitable plot of land to be appropriated. It was agreed that a notice should be posted on Facebook and on the Parish Council Website Newpage, enquiring whether anyone can provide or identify an area of land which could be taken, by purchase or lease agreement, for use as allotments by Mayfield residents.</p> <p>d) Community Speedwatch Programme</p> <p>More volunteers are needed for the scheme to progress, particularly from the Wallash area. It was agreed that a notice should be posted on Facebook.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs Amy and Hough</p> <p>Cllr Amy</p>
12/20/9	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next full Council Meeting will be on January 6th and will be via Zoom.</p>	