

**Minutes of the Mapleton Parish Council dated 14<sup>th</sup> of January, 2025.**

**Venue: The Tea Rooms, Cliff Lane, Mapleton.**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Attending:** Parish Cllr's Janet and Graham Burton, Shawn Mars, Chris Taylor, James Warrington, Sue Earle, Kim Baish and Councillor John Whittle.

Two members of the public.

**Apologies:** Councillor Barbara Jefferson and Clerk to the PC (James Froud).

**Minutes:** The minutes from July's meeting were read and agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by Shawn Mars (Chairman of the PC)

**Matters Arising:** There were none, some matters arising were ongoing issues and were more easily dealt with in the main agenda as discrete items.

**Police Report:** 2 PC's were in attendance and joined in discussion with the councillors about various issues surrounding law and order in the Parish. In particular car thefts including Ford Fiesta, which seem to be popular targets for thieves. Advice to reduce the likelihood of theft included having a good quality wheel clamp fitted to cars when parked especially in the evening when thefts seem to be prevalent. Willow Garth was discussed with regard to the recent tragic death of one resident. His body was discovered on Rolston road.

Apparently large gates are to be installed at the Willow Garth site and the whole area will be fenced.

However it should be noted that the majority of Willow Garth's residents are free to come and go and are not sectioned under the terms of the Mental Health Act.

There has been a change of management personnel, with the General Manager moving on to become the Area Manager. The new Manager is known to the Police and they spoke highly of her. It seems she will not stand for any disruption and will move patients out of the facility