

MINUTES OF THE 24th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 1st OCTOBER 2007
at 8.15pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

1. PUBLIC FORUM – 2 Members of the public were present.
 2. CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 8.20pm
 3. APOLOGIES – Received from Cllr. Les Topham
Cllr. Ian Salmon and Cllr. Joannah Fitchett were not present
 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none
 5. MINUTES OF THE 23rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 6th August 2007 were accepted as a true record and signed.
 6. MATTERS ARISING
 - HIGH HOUSE FARM
The Chairman had spoken with a contact at Redditch Council. The building is receiving some remedial/precautionary work and is expected to go up for sale to closed bids within the next six months.
 - AWARDS FOR ALL
Following agreement at the last Parish Council Meeting, the Parish Clerk had produced a 'mock-up' for the Village Booklet. This would be based on information on the website and distributed to each household thus covering those residents without access to the internet. A separate sheet with contact/useful numbers would also be produced as this information will periodically change. She had obtained three quotes. The Chairman said the single sheet could be produced on the new photocopier the Church Warden has. This would be invoiced to the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk would produce a draft to be discussed further at the next meeting. The quotations were for 500 but the Chairman thought this could increase. The Parish Clerk had received contact from Martyn Hale a resident of the Village via copy emails to the School, Church etc. regarding incorporating information onto the website. She had replied saying this is what we want but need input back. The Parish Clerk would be purchasing a basic Digital Camera as agreed using the Awards For All Grant.
 - ABBEYFIELDS PLAY AREA
The Parish Clerk had been chasing Stratford District Council (David Wright) regarding the possible updating of play equipment. She had yet received no response to three contacts. Cllr. Regan asked that she type a letter with copy to Cllr. Topham expressing the Parish Council's disappointment at the feedback.
 - SPEEDAWARE SIGN
Following the request at the last Parish Council Meeting, the Parish Clerk had obtained some costs on purchasing a sign. Tim Hamson at Warwickshire County Council had responded but highlighted problems that could occur. The costs for equipment only ranged from £2490 to £4450 though prices suggested by AmeyMouchel could go up as high as £20,000.
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The Parish Clerk had also asked WALC if they knew of the experiences of other Parish Councils on this matter. In response they circulated an email and three replies had been received – from Wellesbourne, Ufton and Hampton Lucy. They had had quotes of up to £10,000. The Parish Clerk

from Hampton Lucy, however, advised that their sign (Vehicle Activated) was paid for under the 'Safer Routes to School' scheme.

Cllr. Helen McCarthy believed Lyn Harding at W.C.C. was involved in this scheme. The Parish Clerk would make contact.

- VERGE MAINTENANCE/TREE/VERGE SIGNS

The Parish Clerk had been in touch with Nick Wild at W.C.C. He would arrange for the verges on Abbeyfields Drive and the Henley Road by the Village Sign/flower trough to be cut – this has not yet been done.

The problem of the ivy on the Oak Tree by Hilliers has been attended to by Richard Reeves of AmeyMouchel.

The advertising signs opposite Harry's Car Wash have been removed.

The Parish Clerk also enquired about gully cleaning on the Abbeyfields Estate following correspondence from a resident of The Covers. Nick Wild said he would include this in the annual cleaning programme.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Clerk circulated a list of Planning Applications/Decisions received since the last Parish Council Meeting. Details of the Applications had been emailed to the Parish Councillors and posted on the Website and Notice Boards.

20th August

07/01474/FUL Dog Inn, Henley Road Granted

24th August

07/01916/ADV Dog Inn, Henley Road Consent

28th August

07/00566/FUL Washford Farm, Icknield Street Drive Granted

14th August

07/02158/FUL Mr. Dior, Jalna, Pratts Lane
Application for two storey extension, conversion
of existing garage to kitchen and detached
garage to front garden
Returned 1/9/07
No Recommendations

14th September

07/02158/FUL Jalna, Pratts Lane – Permission granted in part for
Two storey rear extension and detached garage to front garden.
Permission relates only to the garage and not to be construed
as granting permission for the two storey rear extension.

A letter had been received from S.D.C. regarding 'Masterplan for Harbury Cement Works Site' details of which had been emailed to Parish Councillors.

A Draft Supplementary Planning Document Notice had been received from W.C.C. regarding

a proposed diversion of Public Footpath AL140d from Pratts Lane. Details had been emailed to the Parish Councillors – no objections.

8. DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No report received from Cllr. Topham.

Cllr. McCarthy gave a verbal report:-

On the subject of waste disposal, no further news available except that W.C.C. can not afford the proposed charges from Worcestershire County Council. This was to be looked at in their next budget possibly.

Regarding the future of Studley Fire Station, she reported that the retained Fire Fighters are amongst the most efficient in turning out in the area and as such should remain.

Talks are going on regarding the possible joining forces with Hereford & Worcester/or West Midlands. Various areas to be looked into i.e. cost of running the stations.

Cllr. McCarthy asked if a petition were raised would the Parish Council give support – those Parish Councillors present said they would.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

Although it was believed the A435 would be detrunked on 1st October, an email from AmeyMouchel confirmed a delay.

WALC had circulated an email with details of how to nominate someone for the Queens Birthday Honours. The deadline was 15th October. No suggestions were made.

A letter had been received from John Maples MP offering to visit affected areas following the flooding (emailed already to the Parish Councillors). Cllr. Regan had suggested a possible joint visit to Studley/Mappleborough Green but after contacting the Parish Council at Studley they were not requesting a visit. Parish Clerk to acknowledge the letter with thanks.

10. CIRCULATION

The Parish Clerk circulated copies of a section of 'Decorum' Newsletter from S.D.C. concerning part of the 'Code of Conduct'. Two leaflets from DEFRA were also circulated.

11. DELEGATES REPORTS – none

12. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Cllr. Regan reported the need for increased frequency of emptying of the Dog Waste Bin at Abbeyfields. Although the Parish Clerk had requested this, he said the situation had not improved and complaints were now being made by nearby residents because of the smell. It was now becoming a health issue. Cllr. Green also advised that the Litter Bin in Hays Lane was beginning to fall again. The Parish Clerk would report both matters.

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The Parish Clerk reported that an announcement that the Parish Council had adopted the New Model Code of Conduct had been put on the Website and Notice Boards and would be included in the newspaper announcement being organised by S.D.C.

The External Audit had been carried out and agreed and a notice regarding conclusion had been put on the Website and Notice Boards.

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENT

The Parish Clerk circulated an up-to-date Spreadsheet, Bank Statement Balance and list of payments made and cheques drawn for payment since the last Parish Council Meeting.

100163	Parish Clerk – Wages August	£333.67
100164	Parish Clerk – Admin. August, Plants, Broadband	£50.95
100165	Mappleborough Green DCC – Rental of cupboard space in Ankcorn House	£100.00
100166	Select Business Services – Tidying of Plant Troughs at Village Hall Fixing of new sign to Notice Board	£18.00
100167	D. Bennett – Landscaping August	£165.00
100168	WALC – Cilca Course Fee	£60.00
100169	SLCC-CiLCA Management – Registration Fee	£70.00
100170	Clement Keys – External Audit	£158.63
100171	2GeeDesign – Website updates August	£15.00
100172	Parish Clerk – Staples x 2	£51.94
100173	Bromsgrove & Redditch Trophies – Sign	£45.00
100174	Parish Clerk - Broadband September	£22.98

CHEQUES DRAWN FOR SIGNING

100175	Stratford-on-Avon District Council – Invoice for Dog Waste and Litter Bins	£652.13
100176	Parish Clerk – Wages September	£319.89
100177	PAYE –July, August, September	£29.90
100178	Admin. Expenses – September	£6.10

RECEIPTS

BACS	Stratford-on-Avon District Council – 2 nd part of Precept	£5220.00
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Bank Statement Balance at 26 th September	£14917.67
Less cheques drawn to be cleared	<u>£1008.02</u>
Balance	£13909.65

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14. CHAIRMANS BUSINESS – none

15. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting would be Monday, 3rd December 2007 at 8.15pm at The Village Hall.

- Meeting closed at 9.10pm -

