

MINUTES OF THE 25th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF  
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2007  
at 8.15pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

1. PUBLIC FORUM –No members of the public were present.
  2. CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 8.15pm
  3. APOLOGIES – Cllr. Helen McCarthy
  4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none
  5. MINUTES OF THE 24th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2007 were accepted as a true record and signed.
  6. MATTERS ARISING
    - VILLAGE BOOKLET  
The Parish Clerk reported she was working on the layout and would be contacting the Printer regarding this. She would present a draft copy for the next Parish Council Meeting for discussion/ approval.
    - ABBEYFIELDS PLAY AREA  
The Parish Clerk previously advised Councillors that Mr. Chris Fennell, Community Leisure Manager at Stratford District Council had said that following the Annual Inspection, there were greater priorities and limited money available. He suggested we could speak with Cllr. Les Topham to push for updated equipment or if the Parish Council wished to purchase equipment then S.D.C. could possibly contribute half the cost. Cllr. Topham was present at the meeting and said to purchase the equipment would create greater responsibilities – insurance, checks etc. He agreed to contact Chris Fennell to see what could be done.
    - SPEEDAWARE SIGN  
The Parish Clerk had obtained costs of purchasing/running a permanent sign, from Tim Hamson at Warwickshire County Council. However, he said W.C.C. would not consider the installation. He suggested we could apply for SpeedAware Enforcement. This had been done and acknowledged. It was agreed by the Parish Council that we just have to wait for W.C.C.s report.
    - DOG WASTE/LITTER BINS  
The Chairman and Cllr. Regan reported that the matter had been resolved.
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7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS  
No current Applications to report. Since the last Parish Council Meeting two Applications had been returned with no recommendations:-

October -07/02838/FUL

Orchid Group, Old Washford Mill, Icknield Street Drive

Internal and external works

Returned – no comments

External works granted 27/11/07

5<sup>th</sup> November - 07/02862/FUL

Mr. Crichton, Moat House Farm, Pratts Lane

Detached replacement garage

Returned – no comments

## 8. DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

District Councillor Less Topham reported on three items –

Refuse – a tender had gone out and been granted with effect from August 2008 to Ardent. There would be new bins (no black bags) and collection of cardboard and plastic bottles. Household waste would continue as weekly collections. He estimated a saving of £2.7m.

Council Tax – this would rise by 3.5%

Housing – within 15 years 5,600 more houses. Redditch require 6,600 of which 3,300 outside Stratford. Concern regarding Winyates Triangle (440 houses).

County Councillor, Helen McCarthy had emailed her report and was distributed by the Parish Clerk. Items of special note were the reporting of the De-trunking Order for the A435 had now been signed and was to be published 14<sup>th</sup> December and would come into force on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2008. From that date the responsibility would pass to Warwickshire County Council and Mr. Nick Wild at Wellesbourne would be in charge. The Parish Clerk commented about frustration in trying to get responses from Mr. Wild currently. Cllr. Topham asked for details of any outstanding problems and he would follow them up.

On the subject of de-trunking Cllr. Regan expressed concern over settlement and taking out bends. A letter with these concerns should be compiled. Parish Clerk to contact Cllr. Regan regarding this.

Cllr. McCarthy also reported that Studley Fire Station is safe for a further two years. Petition letters had already gone out from Studley P.C. with a view to her being asked to present a Petition in the Spring. She suggested if Mappleborough Green Parish Council wished to do the same then it may be best left until after Christmas.

Cllr. McCarthy had also emailed through a report on the latest scam regarding credit cards. The Parish Clerk circulated a copy and would put it on the Website and Notice Boards.

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## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Clerk reported on the large number of emails coming through from Warwickshire County Council Trading Stands regarding scams. Main advice to be alert.

Several emails were received regarding a fund for the Fire Fighters who lost their lives in the Atherstone fire. The Fund has the support of Warwickshire County Council Chairman and therefore Parish and Town Councils can make donations using Section 137. It was agreed to donate £200 – Proposed by Cllr. Regan, Seconded by Cllr. Fitchett.

Following previous correspondence regarding a Briefing Session at Stratford District Council on Dog Fouling, they are now asking for advice of any concerns. It was felt by the Parish Council that we do not have this problem in the Village. No action required.

An appeal letter from Stratford Citizens Advice had been received. Cllr. Topham advised that Stratford District Council already support them to the sum of £50,000.

10. CIRCULATION

The Parish Clerk handed out a Consultation Paper received from WALC on 'WCC Proposals for involving people through Locality Committees'. WALC asked that Councils make responses to this. The date for replies had been extended and they do ask for ongoing feedback. The Parish Clerk asked that Councillors read the report and advise her of any comments.

11. DELEGATES REPORTS – none

12. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

- STANDING ORDERS 70A and 70B

The Parish Clerk had already notified Councillors of NALC's changes to Standing Orders regarding Public Participation in Parish Council Meetings. It was agreed by all present to adopt this change – To adopt New Model Standing Orders 70A and 70B which replace current 58 and 70. Proposed by Cllr. Green, Seconded by Cllr. O'Neill Thomas. The Parish Clerk would make the appropriate change to Standing Orders.

- PRECEPT 2008/09

The Parish Clerk advised that spending for the current year would be around £10,000. The Award For All Grant would finish in April, therefore ongoing running costs of Broadband, Website updates, Domain Name, Software Protection etc. would equate to approximately £700 per annum.

It was unanimously agreed by the Parish Council to apply for a Precept of £11,000 (currently £10,440).

The General Reserve Fund of £3,000 should remain with a possible increase following de-trunking of the A435.

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- ADVERTISING ON WEBSITE/NOTICE BOARDS

Addendum to the Agenda (already notified to Parish Councillors) was discussion on advertising of functions by Political Parties on the Website/Notice Boards. It was agreed that as long as it is a social event open to all residents and it is made clear that any profits are going to the organisers (i.e. Political Party) then it was acceptable.

Proposed by Cllr. O'Neill Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. Regan. Parish Clerk to draft a suitable notice and email to Cllr. Regan to check over.

Mr. Martyn Hale (resident of the Village) had requested such a advert and also queried why publication of events such as the 'MADS' production, School Newsletters etc. were not on the Website. The Parish Clerk as agreed with the Parish Councillors, would reply that if we are given notice of these events then we can include them. However, if it was felt that the Newsletter from the School already reaches those to whom it applies.

- DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2008

The Parish Clerk submitted dates and the following dates were agreed:-

4<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 6<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

Meetings to take place at 8.15pm at The Village Hall. Parish Clerk to book Village Hall.

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The Parish Clerk handed out a list of payments made since the last Parish Council Meeting including two further payments due - cheques were signed for these.

100179	D.J. Bennett – Landscaping Sept.	£115.00
100180	2GeeDesign – Website updates Sept.	£11.25
100181	Broadband – October	£22.98
100182	Plants for Village Hall and Gorcott Hill Troughs	£30.72
100183	Select Business Services – Tidying & Planting	£12.00
100184	Parish Clerk Wages October	£310.82
100185	Parish Clerk Admin. Exps. October	£24.72

Payments due:

100186	D.J. Bennett – Landscaping October	£115.00
100187	Parish Clerk Wages Nov. plus pay award*	£346.73
100188	Broadband – November	£22.98

\*Parish Clerk advised the NALC National Wages increase back-dated to April of 2.475%.

Bank Balance at 26<sup>th</sup> November 2007 was £13,281.99 less payments not cleared.

14. CHAIRMANS BUSINESS – none

15. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting would take place at 8.15pm on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2008 – to be confirmed.

- Meeting closed at 9.15pm. –

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