

MINUTES OF THE 22nd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 4th JUNE 2007
at 8.30pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

1.PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public were present

2.CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING OPEN AT 8.35pm

3.APOLOGIES – Received from Cllr. Helen McCarthy and Cllr. Les Topham

4.DECLARATION OF INTEREST – none

5. MINUTES OF THE 21st PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 2nd April 2007 and SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING of 15th May 2007 were accepted as a true record and signed.

6. MATTERS ARISING

- ENGLISH PARTNERSHIP

The Parish Clerk had contacted English Partnership concerning the situation with regard to High House Farm. In reply they had said that potential uses were being reviewed with the Planning Authority. When resolved it is anticipated the Farm will go on to the open market. The Parish Clerk had enquired if there was any idea of 'potential uses' but they would not be seeking 'specific' use, it would be down to the prospective purchases to seek Planning Consent.

- PILLAR BOX

The Parish Clerk is chasing this matter.

- WEBSITE/AWARDS FOR ALL

The Parish Clerk reported that the 'End of Award' report had been sent to Awards For All together with supporting evidence of expenditure and allocation. However, she had been contacted by them querying that the Grant was for a year and funds must be committed and could not be run over to a second year. She had explained that the running costs would go into another year and had been 'committed' i.e. domain name, therefore 2geedesign, therefore Broadband. She confirmed this in a letter. She had been instructed not to spend any of the balance until a decision had been made – within 14 days (i.e. 14th June 2007).

- ANKCORN HOUSE

The Parish Clerk had been in touch with Alan Greathead regarding the cost of cupboard space and accessibility to the Hall. A figure of £2.00 per week was suggested by him. The Parish Council agreed this was fair but unlimited access would be required i.e. a key supplied to the Hall. Cllr. Green to speak to the Church Warden.

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- DOG WASTE/LITTER BINS

The problems with these had been resolved and the situation with litter much improved.

- DONATIONS

Acknowledgements had been received from the School and Village Hall. Cllr. Regan advised

that Studley Junior Football Club had now purchased the storage facility for their equipment and was in use.

Following a further request from Studley Cricket Club, it was agreed that a donation of £250.00 in line with the other donations, be made. This donation was to go towards kit for the Junior Squads. Proposed by Cllr. Green and seconded by Cllr. O'Neill Thomas. Parish Clerk to action.

- PUBLIC FOOTPATH

The Parish Clerk reported that new direction markers were being put on the gate to the rear of the Church. The Footpath Department of W.C.C. were contacting the tenant farmer who agreed to spray out a path when cropped and indicate the path on the ground when ploughed.

- MR. DIXON

Cllr. McCarthy had been in contact with W.C.C. and copies received by Parish Clerk asking for clarification on the responsibility of verges. W.C.C. would not be paying out on any claim. Most residents in Pratts Lane look after their own frontages and responsibility for any damage should be sort from the householder. The Parish Council agreed that all the matter was now closed.

- CHURCH ENTRANCE

The Parish Clerk had liaised with Chris Cunliffe of AmeyMouchel, Mr. & Mrs. Smart and Alan Greathead regarding the shortening of the small raised kerb. Agreement had been made and the works due to take place shortly.

- WASTE

The Parish Clerk had been in touch with Cllr. McCarthy who reported on discussions taking place between W.C.C., Worcestershire C.C. and S.D.C. regarding the waste site. Copy letters had been received stating that Worcestershire C.C. 'want a considerable sum' for use of the Redditch site. Discussions are ongoing – S.D.C. are looking at the County as a whole but it is going to take a long time.

- PLAYGROUND AT ABBEYFIELDS

Cllr. Regan had looked at the condition of the equipment at the Play Area and whereas it is in fair condition, it could do with up-dating if Stratford D.C. are offering to replace it. Parish Clerk to follow-up.

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- SPEEDAWARE SIGN/SPEED

The Parish Clerk had been following up the request for the SpeedAware sign on the Henley Road but still receiving reports of problems with the installation. Regarding speeds in Haye Lane/Pratts Lane, Cllr. McCarthy had been trying to get this looked into. She had forwarded copy emails to the Parish Clerk. The latest dated 29th April concerning 'Village Speed Limit Review' stated the review timetable given with initial D class roads (Haye Lane/Pratts Lane) expected to commence 2008/09!

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Clerk listed Applications received since the last Parish Council Meeting:-

07/00740/FUL
21st March 2007

S.W. Coley,
Hill Crest Farm,
Pratts Lane

Family Garage Unit
and Garden Store
Returned 9th April –
No recommendations

07/01270/FUL Replacement Garage 14 th May 2007	Mr. A. Crichton, Moat House Farm, Pratts Lane	Returned 29 th May – No recommendations
07/01156/FUL 20 th May 2007	S. Potter, Black Horse Cottage, Gorcott Hill	Extension and Conversion of Garage Returned 1 st June – No recommendations
An Application had been received: 07/01475/FUL 31 st May 2007	Mitchells and Butlers plc Dog Inn, Henley Road	New entrance porch, external treatments and patio area

The Parish Council had no recommendations on this.

The Parish Clerk distributed a draft information sheet from Stratford District Council on Planning Decision Making.

8. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
- BUDGET

The Parish Clerk asked for consideration to be made on spending for the current year. No projects are in hand. She distributed a list of last years spending. The Chairman requested Councillors to email suggestions to the Parish Clerk for her to compile and to be considered at the next Parish Council Meeting on 6th August.

- NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

The Parish Councillors had already received this from the Parish Clerk for consideration. There were several changes the main being 12.2. Adoption of the Code must take place before 1st October 2007 and advertising of the fact. New Declaration Forms should be signed once adopted until then the current format should be adhered to. This would be discussed/adopted at the next Parish Council Meeting.

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- INTERNAL AUDIT CHECKS

Discussion took place regarding the satisfaction of checks and agreement to review the checks annually. This check should take place at the Parish Council Meeting prior to the A.G.M. All Councillors agreed.

- NEW CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE PARISH CLERK

A new format of 'Model Contract of Employment' had been received from NALC. The Parish Clerk had copied it with the relevant details and read this out to the Parish Council. All agreed on this. The Chairman signed and dated/Parish Clerk signed and dated.

9. DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS
The Parish Clerk handed out Cllr. McCarthy's report.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from S.D.C. enclosing 'Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Issues & Options' and 'Sustainability Appraisal – Scoping Report'
- 'Guide to Funding Opportunities' from W.C.C.

11. CIRCULATION – already circulated as above

12. DELEGATES REPORTS

The Parish Clerk handed out brief notes from the Seminar of 20th February on Local Government White Paper.

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Both Cllr. Regan and Cllr. Green asked the Parish Clerk to contact Dot Mitchell at Studley Parish Council regarding overhanging bushes at two areas through Studley. Parish Clerk to action.

The Chairman asked if the Parish Clerk had been contacted by Mr. Kevin Cook from the Village Hall regarding a possible donation towards enlargement of land to the rear of the Hall. The Parish Clerk had not been approached and would check the weblink and report back to the Chairman.

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENT

Payments made since last Meeting:

Cheque No. 100136	Computer Training	£300.00
Cheque No. 100137	Slabbing	£50.95
Cheque No. 100138	WALC Membership	£148.00
Cheque No. 100139	Admin. Expenses – April	£32.19
Cheque No. 100140	Mileage Allowances	£31.20
Cheque No. 100141	Broadband – April	£22.98
Cheque No. 100142	Parish Clerk Wages – April	£345.64
Cheque No. 100143	Landscaping – April	£115.00

Payments for Approval:

Cheque No. 100144	Admin. Expenses – May	£29.46
Cheque No. 100145	Broadband – May	£22.98
Cheque No. 100146	Parish Clerk Wages – May	£384.08

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Cheque No. 100147	Plants for Dog Island	£119.02
Cheque No. 100148	Landscaping – May	£115.00

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Fitchett and via her, Sue Crampton, for the Dog Island planting.

15. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS – none

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting would be Monday, 6th August 2007 at 8.15pm at the Village Hall. Apologies in advance from Cllr. Salmon.

- The meeting closed at 9.30pm -

