

MINUTES OF THE 20th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 5th FEBRUARY 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 8.20pm
3. APOLOGIES – Received from Cllr. Helen McCarthy, Cllr. Nor O'Neill Thomas absent
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none
5. MINUTES OF THE 19th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 4th DECEMBER 2006 were accepted as a true record and signed.
6. MATTERS ARISING
 - Transport
The Parish Clerk had posted details on the Notice Boards and Website, of the 'Friday Shopper' service operated by Johnsons (through Studley Parish Council) for over 50's. She had also received up-to-date details from Stratford District Council of the Community Links Social Transport Project servicing several areas. Parish Clerk would put this on the Website and Notice Boards.
 - POST BOX
The Parish Clerk was still trying to get Royal Mail, Redditch and Nick Wild, Warwickshire County Council to liaise over this. The matter has been going on for nearly twelve months.
 - WEBSITE
The Parish Clerk reported that the Website was nearly complete. She had taken some photographs which had to be included. Everyone present agreed the site looked good.

The Parish Clerk had obtained a quote for one-to-one training for general computer/excel/spreadsheet from Mrs. C. Mallett. The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with this – Proposed by Cllr. Mike Green, Seconded by Cllr. Shaun Regan.

The Chairman suggested that a further request be made to 'Awards For All' for ongoing extra work involved in maintaining the Website. The Parish Clerk would follow this up.

The Parish Clerk asked if the Parish Council were in agreement to the 'Approved' Minutes being posted on the Website – all Parish Councillors present agreed.

Ian Geddes of 2geedesign who has set up the site, suggested the Parish Councillors may like a 'common' email address – ie name followed by mappleboroughgreenparishcouncil.org.uk. It was agreed to leave the emails as they are.

- ANKCORN HOUSE

The Chairman reported that new cupboards/storage were being fitted at Ankcorn House and room could be made available within them for the Parish Council archive material.

- PRECEPT

The Parish Clerk had notified Stratford District Council of their request for the same Precept as the current year namely £10,440.00.

- FLOWER TROUGHS

Two flower troughs had been installed at the Village Hall just before Christmas. The Parish Clerk had obtained price for plaques to go on these showing that the Parish Council had supplied them. The Parish Councillors agreed on the wording and to go ahead with ordering brass plaques.

- DOG WASTE AND LITTER BINS

These had been ordered and Cllrs. Green and Regan reported that they had been installed. However, Cllr. Green reported that the Dog Waste Bin in Hays Lane had fallen and Cllr. Regan believed the one at Abbeyfields to be wrongly sited. The Parish Clerk would report this to S.D.C.

- DONATIONS

Cheques and letters had been sent out as agreed at the last Meeting to the Church and Village Hall. A note had been received from the Church thanking the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk had received a letter from Studley Junior Football Club requesting a donation of £250.00 towards the cost of lock-up storage for their equipment. This was Proposed by Cllr. Ian Salmon and Seconded by Cllr. Joannah Fitchett.

- LIGHTING MAINTENANCE

The Parish Clerk had received a quotation from Warwickshire County Council for the Contract to start from 1st April 2007 for the 2007/2008 Financial Year. The cost was £13.50 plus vat per light and was a very comprehensive cover. Three lights are involved (Abbeyfields Footway). All Parish Councils presented confirmed it was in order to go ahead. Parish Clerk to action.

- PUBLIC FOOTPATH REAR OF CHURCH

The Parish Clerk had contacted the Farmer who had since erected temporary marking posts. The Parish Clerk would contact the appropriate body for Footpath Signs/Markers to be put in situ.

- LORRY ROUTE MAP

With the next issue due, the Parish Clerk had written to Mark Porter at Warwickshire County Council re-iterating the views of the Parish Council and requesting that he take these on board.

- MR. N. DIXON

A letter had been received from Mr. Dixon acknowledging the Parish Clerks and Cllr. McCarthys correspondence.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Clerk read out the list of Applications received since the last Meeting and results of others:

06/02992/FUL	11 The Covers, Abbeyfields	Granted
06/02837/FUL	'The Elms', Common Lane	Withdrawn
06/02772/FUL	Mr. Berry, 'Crossroads Bungalow'	Granted (Garage to W/shop)
06/03168/ADV	The Boot	Granted (signs)
07/00013/FUL	Mr. Berry, 'Crossroads Bungalow'	Application – Granny Flat
07/0009/FUL	K. Freeman, 'The Elms', Common Lane	Re-Application
06/03061/FUL	Dodd Homes	Retrospective Application – change of use

8. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Parish Clerk asked if contact should be made would Jean Judd regarding the possible production of another Newsletter. It was agreed there was a need for one to make Residents aware of the Website. Parish Clerk to action.

The Parish Clerk asked if Cllr. Fitchett would be planting out the island again – she confirmed this.

The Parish Clerk requested slabs be purchased for the rear of the Village Hall Notice Board because of the condition of the ground in bad weather. The Parish Councillors present agreed.

9. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllr. Helen McCarthy had sent a written report.

Cllr. Les Topham gave a verbal report. There would be a 3.5% Council Tax increase, with no cuts. Refuse collection was a large expenditure, the recycling target was 40%. Stratford District Council is looking at making collections in-house. Looking at E-Government – Stratford is in the top 10 Councils. They are also looking at ease of Planning Applications – more face to face. There will be no more private house building. Cllr. Fitzhenry asked about recycling of plastic – something being looked at.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- Another letter had been received from Stratford District Council regarding the Rural Cinema scheme. The Chairman said this was more for the Village Hall to consider. Parish Clerk would pass on details.

- A letter from Central Networks had been received, advising what parishioners should have as a 'back-up' pack in the event of a power cut. A sample pack had been provided. The Parish Clerk would enquire if these packs are available.

Signed Chairman

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- A report had been received from Warwickshire County Council on Warwickshire Mineral Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation. A copy is available to see if required. The Consultation

Period runs from 31st January to 14th March 2007. W.C.C. had requested that the poster they enclosed be put on the Notice Board – this had been done.

- A letter from Stratford District Council regarding 'Celebration of Excellence Design Award was read out for information.

11. CIRCULATION

The Parish Clerk distributed a Balance Sheet as at the end of January together with an Expenditure Sheet to date.

12. DELEGATES REPORTS - none

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS - none

14. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENT

The Expenditure Sheet circulated earlier, detailed payments made since the last Meeting (cheque nos. 100107-100116. Cheques 100117-100121 were signed at the Meeting.

15. CHAIRMANS BUSINESS

The Chairman kindly congratulated the Parish Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council on her recent wedding.

16. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Meeting will be Monday, 2nd April 2007 at 8.15pm at The Village Hall.

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr. Ian Salmon.

- Meeting closed at 9.30pm. –