

MINUTES OF THE 33rd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 6th April 2009
at 8.40pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

1. THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE MEETING AT 8.40pm
2. PRESENT - Cllrs. M. Green, S. Regan, N. O'Neill Thomas, A. Crichton, L. Topham, H. McCarthy
3. APOLOGIES – Cllr. J. Fitzhenry
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none
5. PUBLIC FORUM – no matters raised
6. THE MINUTES OF THE 32nd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 2nd FEBRUARY 2009 were accepted as a true record and signed.
7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Matters arising from the last Parish Council Meeting

- SPEED/SIGNAGE

The Parish Clerk reported notification from W.C.C. that work on Gorcott Hill entrance to The Village will take place on two Sunday's 21st and 28th June 2009. It is hoped that the bulk of the work will be completed on the first Sunday. It will be necessary to close the A435. She showed Parish Council up-to-date Plans for the work – signs and layout. All present welcomed the work.

Regarding the Henley Road, Chris Fossey at W.C.C. had advised that there will be a delay in scheduling the reintroduction of the SpeedAware cameras. However, with the new 50mph limit now in force, the Police will be enforcing the limit.

- DOG ISLAND/A435 CONDITIONS

Resurfacing of the south bound lane from the Dog Island had now taken place.

Various ideas had been emailed from the Parish Councillors to the Parish Clerk regarding the problem of the worn 'edges' of the Dog Island. It was agreed unanimously to ask Dave Bennett to rake over (when safe to do so) and to regularly attend to it when mowing the island. Parish Clerk to contact him.

- SCHOOL CROSSING

The Parish Clerk reported the findings of the Survey carried out by W.C.C. They advised that neither site (Henley Road/A435) 'met the requirement for the provision of a pedestrian crossing'. She had enquired what the criteria was and gave details of how this was used. This met generally with a questionable response from the Parish Council. However, as previously suggested W.C.C. (Lynn Harding) is looking favourably at the provision of 'dual flash' warning signs on both roads. This is subject to technical checks and if OK the aim is to install this Summer.

SCHOOL CROSSING continued ..

Contact had been made between the Parish Clerk and the School regarding the School and Parents serious concerns . The Parish Clerk had collected a number of letters and copy of an earlier Petition from the School. Suggestions in the letters covered – crossings, 30mph, humps, wardens, dual flashing lights and also provision of a barrier to the front of the School.

The dual lights seem to be a probability but the Parish Councillors also suggested looking at a barrier. Parish Clerk to contact regarding this and also possible crossing warden.

- DOG FOULING

As from 1st April 2009 a S.D.C. Order came into force regarding dog fouling. Fixed penalty fines of £75 or prosecution of up to £1000. The Parish Clerk gave details and notices had been posted on the Notice Boards and Website. She had requested 'signs' that could be placed in areas of the Village.

- LIGHTING

Cllr. Green declared an interest in the Village Hall and abstained from discussion. The street light at the Village Hall (owned by the Parish Council) was not currently working as it is on the same circuit as the Village Hall sign lights which are faulty. The Parish Clerk had made enquiries of W.C.C. regarding including this light on the annual maintenance contract but had been advised they would need to check it out first, then add to the cost. It was felt that as G.S. Adams were due to repair the Village Hall sign lights, that they also check/repair the street light (within the grounds of the Hall) and forward that section of the invoice to the Parish Council. G.S. Adams would then be able to include the light in their annual checks of the Village Hall. Proposed: Cllr. Regan, Seconded: Cllr. Crichton. The Parish Clerk would arrange insurance cover on the light.

- DONATIONS

Cllr. Green declared an interest and abstained from discussion. Donations of £250 each have in previous years been given to the Church and Village Hall towards grass cutting costs. In 2008/09 year no donations were given. The Church had sent a request for assistance towards increased costs and it was agreed to donate £250 to each – the Church and Village Hall but would be reviewed annually. Proposed: Cllr. Regan Seconded: Cllr. O'Neill Thomas.

A letter had been received fro Mencap, West Midlands seeking a donation. The Parish Council agreed not to donate as it left it open to requests from other similar bodies.

The donation towards the Friday Shopper bus service which is made to Studley Parish Council was not due to be reviewed until June. However, as donations were on the Agenda, it was decided to include in this Meeting. Cllr. Green asked the Parish Clerk if she knew the numbers of residents using the service. To her knowledge it was only a few. It was felt that it did provide a service and residents could take advantage of it. It was agreed to donate £50.00 again to this. Proposed: Cllr. Regan Seconded: Cllr. O'Neill Thomas.

Signed

- EMERGENCY PLANNING

The Parish Clerk had attended a meeting at S.D.C. where a new format of the 'Plan' had been discussed and ideas sort from those attending. A presentation was given on the effects in the past years. A new lay-out had been received and the Parish Clerk would update. The new Plan was due in June.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- INTERNAL RISK ASSESSMENT

The Parish Clerk had already forwarded the current 'Financial Risk Assessment' Sheet to the Parish Councillors for their consideration. All those present (Cllr. Fitzhenry by telephone) agreed it was in order. The Parish Clerk passed around the 'Statement of Assurance' and all Parish Councillors present signed it.

- GENERAL RESERVE

This is currently £6000.00 and it was agreed by all Parish Councillors present to put any monies over at Year End into the General Reserve for future projects/expenditure. The Parish Clerk reported that this would be around £6000.

She also reported that the first Precept payment was due.

- BUDGET ITEMS

The Parish Clerk read through the current figures and it was agreed by Parish Councillors to leave discussion on this until the next Meeting when the Parish Clerk would submit full Year End figures. She advised that Section 137 spending for 2009/10 was £6.15 per elector.

- BROADBAND

Following the Parish Clerk's attendance at an Audit Meeting, she had emailed Parish Councillors regarding Broadband payments to her. Confirmation of Parish Councillors comments were unanimously made in that she should continue to be reimbursed for the full cost. The Parish Council do not pay anything towards the cost of using her home as an office. Proposed: Cllr. Green, Seconded: Cllr. Crichton.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Clerk circulated a list of Applications Received/Decisions since the last Meeting (see Appendix 1). Comments were required regarding Dr. & Mrs. Crisp's Application 09/00489/FUL. There were no objections. Cllr. Topham said there had been some questions in the Planning Department regarding the proposals and it was due to go to an enquiry.

Cllr. Regan had attended a Planning Committee Meeting which included the Application by Arden Leisure for Studley Football Club (09/00096/FUL). This had been Granted.

9. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Councillor, Cllr. Topham spoke about the Refuse Collection service and savings being made.

No new housing would be coming to Mappleborough Green from Redditch. The Wynyates area would be for business/office development. Bromsgrove are taking 4000 houses which they need.

S.D.C. had been given another award, making four (digital, planning, workplace, excellence).

Planning was a concern in some cases (officer's decisions/Committee).

County Councillor, Cllr. McCarthy spoke regarding concerns of children outside the area (W.C.C.) coming into Grammar Schools. This was affecting Alcester with a Redditch intake. It could affect Mappleborough Green children.

She reported on the success/improvement of the old Walsgrave Hospital.

Studley Library needed to make savings and she had asked for a study to take the Library into the Village Hall and to include extra hours (Library Report due July).

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Robert Weeks (S.D.C.) had written regarding plans for Nature Conservation/ Biodiversity Action Group. This was on the Website/Notice Boards and emailed to the Parish Council. A meeting on the subject is to be held at S.D.C. on 20th April for those interested.

W.C.C. had forwarded details of the new timetable for the Mobile Library Service listing its facilities and to encouragement to use it. This was on the Website/Notice Boards.

W.C.C. had emailed with details of new permits for small vans/pick-ups/4x4 vehicles enabling them to use the Waste Sites if these were their only vehicles. To be posted on the Website/Notice Boards.

The Parish Clerk reminded Councillors of W.C.C. Mineral Core Strategy Consultation Document – the period had been extended to 8th May 2009. No comments were made by Parish Councillors present for forwarding on.

11. FOR CIRCULATION – none

12. DELEGATES REPORTS – none

Signed

13. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENT/FINANCE
The Parish Clerk circulated a list and Payments Made and for Approval since the last Parish Council Meeting together with a Bank Statement sheet (54/55). Payments were approved and cheques signed. (Appendix 2).

She advised that NALC had confirmed agreement of the National Salary Awards for Parish Clerks which gave an extra .027p per hour on the interim payment already made. This gave a total of 2.75% for 2008/09.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday, 18th May to be preceded by the 5th Annual General Meeting at 8.15p.m. at the Village Hall.

Cllr. Green said he wished to stand down as Chairman but would, if required, stand for one more year only.

The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

Signed

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED/
NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS GRANTED/
APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN
SINCE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2nd FEBRUARY 2009**

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- No. 09/00096/FUL Arden Leisure Ltd., Studley Football & Social Club,
Abbeyfields Drive, Studley B80 7BF.
Proposed: 1 no. full size synthetic pitch and 2 no. five a side synthetic
pitches and associated fencing. The extension and alterations to the
existing clubhouse. New vehicular access, revised car park layout,
The erection of a new sports hall and replacement/additional floodlighting.
- Amendment to above dated 16th March –
Lighting scheme to existing pitch and proposed pitches
Details of lighting columns and units
Confirmation of proposed opening hours
- No. 09/00342/FUL Mr. K. Osaki, Hillcrest, Birmingham Road, Mappleborough Green
Proposed: Replacement Dwelling
- No. 09/00367/FUL Mr. S.W. Coley, Hill Crest Farm, Pratts Lane, Mappleborough Green
Proposed: Retrospective application for rear first floor balcony and
2-bay garage with store
- No. 09/00489/FUL Dr. and Mrs. Crisp, Outhill Cottage, Henley Road, Outhill.
Proposed: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement
dwelling.

DECISIONS RECEIVED

- No. 08/02118/LDE Mr. M. Crisp, Outhill Cottage, Henley Road, Outhill.
Proposed: Use of land as part of residential curtilage.
REFUSED
- No. 08/03251/LBC Mrs. C.A. Matthews, Yew Tree Cottage, The School House,
Birmingham Road, Mappleborough Green
Proposed: Replacement of existing windows and door at rear of property
with double glazed units in hard wood painted white or left in natural
finish. Replace existing porch at front of property.
GRANTED

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PAYMENTS MADE SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (2nd February 2009)

Cheque No.	Description	Amount	Date Paid
100282	Parish Clerk – Wages February less PAYE	£348.31	5.3.09.
100283	Admin. Expenses – February (Ink cartridge, postage, mileage)	£21.91	5.3.09.

CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNING

100284	Admin. Expenses – March (Ink cartridge, paper, post, photocopying)	£56.41	
100285	2GeeDesign – Website updates Jan-March	£48.00	
100286	Parish Clerk – Wages March less PAYE	£360.94	
100287	Post Office – PAYE payments Jan/Feb/March	£264.55	
100288	Broadband – February/March	£	to be agreed
100289	WALC – Subscription for 2009/10	£160.00	

Signed

18th May 2009.