

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF  
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008  
At 8.15pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

APOLOGIES: Cllr. L. Topham  
PRESENT: Cllr. M. Green, Cllr. J. Fitzhenry, Cllr. S. Regan, Cllr. N. O'Neill Thomas  
Cllr. J. Fitchett, Cllr. H. McCarthy  
No members of public present  
CHAIRMAN: Cllr. M. Green

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Colin Staves, Policy Heritage and Design Manager – Planning Services at Stratford-on-Avon District Council, who had been invited to address the Meeting on the subject of the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy.

Mr. Staves distributed sheets outlining the meaning of W.M.R.S.S., what is being considered and forecast dates on staged decisions, together with a Briefing Note on Phase Two dated January 2008.

The allocation of houses for Redditch is to be spread over into Stratford District and concerns are for Mappleborough Green and Studley being in close proximity. Wynyates triangle to the north-west of the Village is still a consideration. Stratford District Council will be giving a response by 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Discussion then took place with concerns that expansion into Stratford District does not count in the Warwickshire total and are for concerns for Green Belt.

The preferred option would be development on the Bromsgrove side. Redditch's own open spaces are not being looked at, nor development of Astwood Bank/Feckenham. Any development on Mappleborough Green borders would affect traffic on the A435 which is already at capacity. Mention was made of the proposed Eco Town south of Stratford.

Stratford District Council's course of action is:

- Core Strategy – a joint document for the whole area (Redditch/Bromsgrove/Stratford)
- Further technical work and public consultations
- Rely on study now
- Stand firm

Former 'out migration' from Birmingham to Redditch means Birmingham areas have space – possible 're-migrate' back?

Mr. Staves encouraged everyone to look at the West Midlands Regional Assembly website – [www.wmra.gov.uk](http://www.wmra.gov.uk) for more information. He also confirmed that any resident can comment on thoughts of implications to the W.M.R.S.S. panel by post or email before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

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The Chairman thanked Mr. Staves for his presentation and attendance.

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Meeting closed at 8.55pm -

