

MINUTES OF THE 37th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 7th DECEMBER 2009
at 8.15pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

1. THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE MEETING AT 8.15pm
2. PRESENT - Cllrs. M. Green, G. Ward, S. Regan
3. APOLOGIES – Cllrs. J. Fitzhenry, N. O'Neill Thomas, A. Crichton, L. Topham
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none
5. PUBLIC FORUM – One member of the public was present. He raised the question of spending on projects for the Village and were residents aware of money available. Both the Chairman and Clerk re-iterated that appeals for ideas from residents are regularly made via the Website and Notice Boards and are on the 'Contact Sheet' that was recently delivered to all properties. This appeal is also made at Parish Council Meetings. The gentleman asked if money could be used for zebra crossings. Both the Chairman and Clerk again confirmed that this subject had been raised on more than one occasion. Earlier this year a request for an investigation into this was made to Warwickshire County Council. The outcome of surveys was negative. This is all recorded in the Minutes which are posted on the Website. Discussion on speed was on the Agenda later. The Chairman welcomes ideas on spending for consideration.
6. THE MINUTES OF THE 36th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 5th October 2009 were accepted as a true record and signed. The Clerk pointed out an error in a date in the Minutes of 3rd August. Item 6 should read 18th May. This was acknowledged, amended and signed by the Chairman.
7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Matters arising from the last Parish Council Meeting
- SPEED/SIGNAGE/DUAL FLASHING LIGHTS
Following discussion at the last Meeting when Richard Elbourne, W.C.C. presented the results of the Speed Survey, the Clerk had been in contact with him for an update. Mr. Elbourne said he would probably attend this Meeting, however, he is off work at present and there is no update available. He had already advised that he would have to have discussions with the Police before any action could take place. One of his colleagues advised the Clerk that he would investigate and report back on the current situation regarding the dual flashing lights as this was scheduled for first week in December.

Cllr. Regan asked the Clerk if she knew anything concerning a possible speed check at the junction on the A435 by Washford Mill as he had seen evidence of one taking place. The Clerk had no knowledge of this.

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- GRASS CUTTING

The Clerk had chased Nick Wild again regarding the surface and edging repair on the Dog Island but no reply to date.

She had attended the last Community Forum at Henley following up the response at the previous meeting (Wootton Wawen) when a number of other Parish Councils complained about the standards/regularity of the cuts. She was disappointed to report that an address from Matt Austin of S.D.C. did not cover the specific complaints, merely reiterating their policy. It had been suggested at the Wootton Wawen meeting that a representative from W.C.C. would also be present at the Henley meeting to answer questions. No one attended. The quality of the cutting had improved in the last cut. It was suggested that S.D.C. and W.C.C. have a 'co-ordinated approach' to this matter. (See Community Forum notes of 11th November on S.D.C. website).

- PURCHASES

Following the last Parish Council Meeting, the Clerk had emailed the Parish Councillors for ideas on spending. Cllr. Ward had drafted a 'leaflet' to go out to all residents. It was agreed to wait until the New Year to put this out. Cllr. Ward would organise.

- ADVERTISING ON THE WEBSITE

Following a request from 2GeeDesign to put an advert on the Website and agreement at the last Meeting, the Clerk had contacted him but no reply as yet. She had put a notice on the Website for any other interested parties and she had contacted WALC for clarification on this. They had confirmed it was in order but suggested a disclaimer be added – this has been included.

- FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

A draft copy of this form was given to the Parish Councillors at the last Meeting for their consideration. This was now proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Green and seconded by Cllr. Ward and signed.

- WARWICKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

No report following the second Public Consultation Meeting at Studley has yet been put on the W.C.C. Website. Cllr. Regan had heard reports that it had again been well attended but other meetings in the district had not. The Consultation period was now over and awaiting results.

- COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The Clerk was in the process of drafting this.

- CONTACT SHEET

This had now been distributed to all properties in the Village.

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OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- COMMUNITY FORUM

The Henley meeting had been attended by the Clerk. She felt discussions heavily were on matters affecting Henley/Wootton Wawen/Studley. She would not be attending again unless requested to do so by the Parish Council. Other Parish Councils did have Parish Councillors attending. The Police Surgery is useful.

- APPEAL FROM SCHOOL FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT

An email had been received from Martyn Hale, Chair of Governors for Mappleborough Green Primary School detailing funding needed for play equipment. Their short-fall is around £2000 and he asked that the Parish Council consider making a donation. The Parish Councillors present discussed this and agreed that £200 be donated. Proposed by Cllr. Green, seconded by Cllr. Ward. The Clerk to contact Mr. Hale. She advised that a 'Sport England' fund is available (notified in a funding bulletin from W.C.C.). She would make enquiries to see if this could help the School project.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk distributed a list of applications which had been responded to and included the latest application for consideration.

No. 09/01806/LBC Mr. S. Coley – this was discussed, no representations from Parish Councillors present.

A notice of Amendment to Application no. 09/01025/FUL Mrs. Foxon had been received too late for any 'observation' – the Councillors present supported.

Cllr. Regan asked the Clerk if she was advised on any 'follow-ups' on conditions made in granted Planning Applications. She was not, she had attended a Planning Seminar earlier in the year when she raised the question did S.D.C. follow-up after granting permission and been advised not normally. Two applications within the Village were giving some concern (raised by Cllr. Regan and Ward).

9. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS – none received.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- An email had been received from S.D.C. advising of an increase in the type of 'recycling' material now acceptable. The notice which was attached has been put on the Village Website/Notice Boards. S.D.C. advised that no leaflets would be going out to householders regarding this and had requested it be passed on where possible. The Clerk had emailed the Parish Councillors.

An email had been received from Martyn Hale following previous contacts regarding blocked gullies/drains on the A435. The Clerk had already emailed Nick Wild at W.C.C. with the complaint and been advised that work was proceeding along the A435 to Coventry Highway and should be completed before Christmas. Following Mr. Hale's latest email, she had forwarded a copy to Nick Wild, Cllrs. Barry, Topham, Green.

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Details and a Booking Form had been received from WALC regarding a Seminar on 13th February 'Responding to Planning Applications'.

11. FOR CIRCULATION – none

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENT
FINANCE/BUDGET/PRECEPT 2010

The Clerk distributed sheets showing:-

- Payments made since last Meeting and for payment
- Bank Statement Sheet (62 & 63)
- Up-to-date Spreadshet
- Budget Sheet

The balance in the account after payments to be cleared is £15,961.35 which includes £11,500 General Reserve. Notice of the Precept requirement would be due in the New Year to S.D.C. and it was agreed by all Parish Councillors present that this should remain at £11,000.

A letter had been received from Paul Lankester, Returning Officer, S.D.C. as a reminder that Elections are due for Mappleborough Green next year and detailing the costs of 'uncontested' and 'contested' elections (max. £879). This needs to be born in mind when confirming the Budget.

The Parish Councillors present agreed that the existing Budget figures (2009/10) be kept.

Notification had been received from WALC of the subscription for 2010/11 of £162.00.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday, 1st February, 2010 at 8.15pm at The Village Hall.

The Chairman advised that he may not be able to attend.

- The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.05pm -

Signed

PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTICES RECEIVED/
NOTICE OF APPLICATION DECISIONS
SINCE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5TH OCTOBER 2009

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- No. 09/02089/FUL Mr. & Mrs. R. Chadwick, Four Winds, Birmingham Road, Mappleborough Green
Proposed: First floor extension over existing garage, existing garage converted into bedroom. Demolition of rear extension and construction of new single storey conservatory and utility.
Comment from Parish Council: No representations.
- No. 09/02116/FUL Mr. A.D. Hinde, Wilcott, Birmingham Road, Mappleborough Green
Proposed: Erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof to side.
Comment from Parish Council: No representations.
- No. 09/02182/FUL Dr. and Mrs. Crisp, Outhill Cottage, Henley Road, Outhill, Studley.
Proposed: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling.
Comment from Parish Council: No representations.
- No. 09/01025/FUL Mrs. Alison Foxon, Gorcott Hall, Gorcott Hill, Beoley.
Change of use of existing buildings from a single residence to a mixed use of single residence and venue for weddings, events and dinner parties. Amendment to application.
- No. 09/02380/FUL Mr. S. Coley, Hill Crest Farm, Pratts Lane, Mappleborough Green
Proposed replacement roof to covered parking bay.

DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED

- No. 09/01806/LBC Mr. A. Crichton, Moat House Farm, Pratts Lane
Dated: 26.10.09. **Granted with conditions.**

Signed

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Cheque No.	Description	Amount	Date Paid
100324	Plants for Dog Island (Sue Crampton)	£40.00	16.10.09.
100325	2GeeDesign – Website updates Aug.-Oct.	£36.00	19.10.09.
100326	Plants for Dog Island (Sue Crampton)	£34.20	26.10.09.
100327	Stationery - October/printing of Contact Sheet/envelopes	£70.92	2.11.09.
100328	Mappleborough Green Church Committee – Rental of cupboard in Ankcorn House	£109.00	2.11.09.
100329	D.J. Bennett – Landscaping October	£125.00	2.11.09.
100330	Parish Clerk – Wages October + Broadband less PAYE	£385.93	2.11.09.

CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNING

100331	Staples – Post It Notes, Ink cartridges x 2 Postage - 'Contact Sheets' to outlying properties less refund on postage to CiLCA	£36.60
100332	Parish Clerk – Wages November + Broadband less PAYE	£357.56
100333	2GeeDesign – Website updates Oct./Nov.	£31.80
100334	D.J. Bennett – Landscaping November	£125.00
100335	P.A. Janes – Repair to Abbeyfields Notice Board	£130.00

Signed