

MINUTES OF THE 40th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 17th MAY 2010
at 8.40pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

1. THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE MEETING AT 8.40pm
2. PRESENT - Cllrs. G. Ward, A. Crichton, M. Green, J. Fitzhenry, N. O'Neill Thomas
3. APOLOGIES – Cllr. S. Regan
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none
5. PUBLIC FORUM - none present
6. THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND THE 39th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 29th March 2010 were accepted as a true record and signed.
7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Matters arising from the last Parish Council Meeting:-
 - SPEED/SIGNAGEThe Clerk had emailed Richard Elbourne, W.C.C. again for an update on the revised speed within certain areas but as yet no reply. Clerk to chase.

A letter from W.C.C. Road Safety Unit had been received advising that they are suspending the use of temporary posts for the SpeedAware signs because of problems. The letter states that Parish Councils may wish to purchase permanent fixed posts on which a flashing sign could be attached – depending on the site location. These would cost up to £400 each to install and would still only offer a limited schedule. It was felt that other areas in the Village did not require these signs as there are two flashing signs already on the A435. Cllr. Green reported that the southerly one is faulty. The Clerk had already notified W.C.C. of this but would chase them up. The dual flashing lights on the Henley Road seem to be proving effective.

- A435 GULLIES/ROAD SURFACES

The Clerk had been chasing Nick Wild and John Brown about this and various dates had been promised and passed. Mr. M. Hale had been in contact with the Clerk and W.C.C. complaining about the situation. The Clerk will continue to follow-up.

Cllr. O'Neill Thomas said the gullies in Haye Lane need attention – the Clerk would report.

- PURCHASES

The Clerk had been trying to source a plant trough to match those previously supplied. She had obtained a catalogue from Forest Garden Products but the style had now changed being wider. Earlswood Nurseries could make a plant trough to order but if was felt amongst the Parish Councillors that as the quality of the Forest product had proved good, to proceed with ordering. Clerk to action.

- NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A cheque had now been received from S.D.C. and a section allotted in the accounts book for this. Ann Bicknall, Co-Ordinator, had been advised funds are available.

- ABBEYFIELDS FOOTPATH

The Clerk reported on emails/telephone conversations between herself, Cllr. Regan and Dot Mitchell, Clerk to Studley P.C. to try to establish responsibility/ownership of the footpath and fencing. W.C.C., S.D.C. and Studley P.C. funded this project after the then owners of the land, BKL, agreed for the right of way as long as the Parish Council maintained it. This appears to have been a verbal agreement as no documents are on record.

However, as the fence was part of this, it would now be in ownership of Mappleborough Green Parish Council. The P.C. currently maintain the lighting along the path and strimming of the edges.

The Clerk had been in touch with the Insurance Co. regarding cover for Public Liability, which they would agree to do but required more details.

The Clerk had drafted a letter which she had sent to all Parish Councillors, which she suggested sending to the current owners of the land, Studley Football Club, to have an agreement drawn up stating the responsibilities of the P.C. for Audit and Insurance purposes.

The Parish Councillors asked her to contact W.C.C. and S.D.C. querying that as they helped fund this could it be included under their insurance. Clerk to action.

- DONATIONS

An application from the Citizens Advice Bureau at Stratford for a donation was discussed but all Parish Councillors present agreed that funding should only be locally. Clerk to reply.

Cllr. Green had been contacted by the Cricket Club with concerns over damage to the boundary fence alongside the river. He had tried to contact the lady in questions to establish the problem. Cllr. Regan, who had been copied with the enquiry, suggested in an email that this is probably W.C.C. responsibility. The Clerk advised that she had received notice of a Grant which could possibly help. Cllr. Green will await a reply from the Cricket Club.

The annual donations were discussed. Cllr. Green withdrew from any discussions regarding the Village Hall and Church.

Village Hall and Church donations towards the cost of grass cutting of £250.00 each were agreed - proposed by Cllr. Crichton and seconded by Cllr. Ward.

A £50.00 donation to Studley Parish Council towards the cost of the Friday Shopper service was agreed and also proposed by Cllr. Crichton and seconded by Cllr. Ward.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk distributed a list of Applications received and decisions since the last P.C. meeting. (Appendix 1)The following were discussed:-

No. 10/00508/FUL RSB, The Manor, Haye Lane, Mappleborough Green
No. 10/00744/AGNOT Mr. S. Coley, Hillcrest Farm, Pratts Lane,

No objections to either Application

The Clerk advised that No. 10/00489/FUL Dog Hill Farm had been Granted with conditions regarding access through the Garden Centre.

9. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS – none received

The Clerk advised that Cllr. Clive Richards had been elected as County Councillor and Cllr. Justin Kerridge as District Councillor

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(i) W.C.C. 'Community Development Fund 2010/11' this is for local organisations and community groups with up to £8000 for a one off project – possibly the Cricket Club. Clerk would email to P.C.

(ii) WALC – request for information for their Annual Report on P.C. achievements during 2009/10 – Clerk to send a copy of the Chairman's report.

(iii) WALC – notice of a Briefing Event for Chairmen 12th June – Cllr. Ward is unable to attend. There included an offer of a visit by a 'Tutor' to the P.Council – no action required.

(iv) A new version of 'Governance & Accountability for Local Councils, a Practitioners Guide' is now available from WALC for £10.50 – the Clerk asked that this be purchased and it was agreed.

11. FOR CIRCULATION – none

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENT/FINANCE

The Clerk distributed a list of payments made since the last meeting and those for approval. It also showed receipt of the first half of the Precept. The payments were approved and cheques signed. (Appendix 2). The Balance Sheet was also distributed showing £19,467.54 less cheques drawn (£1432.07) leaving a balance of £18,035.47.

The Clerk suggested a review of the Fixed Asset values against the old Notice Board and the Shredder. Discuss at the next meeting.

Notice had been received from WALC advising that banks will likely 'withdraw cheque payments from 2014 although legislation allows until 2018'.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 2nd August 2010.

- The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.40p.m. -

MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTICES RECEIVED/ NOTICE OF APPLICATION DECISIONS SINCE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 29th MARCH 2010

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

No. 10/00508/FUL RSB at The Manor, Haye Lane, Mappleborough Green
Proposed: Replacement dwelling

No. 10/00744/AGNOT Mr. Coley, Hill Crest Farm, Pratts Lane, Mappleborough Green
Proposed: Steel framed agricultural building

NOTICES OF DECISIONS

No. 10/00296/LBC Mr. A. Crichton, Moat House Farm, Pratts Lane, Mappleborough Green
Granted

No. 10/00219/FUL Mr. Karl Dunn, Grovewood, Ullenhall Lane, Beoley
Granted

No. 10/00489/FUL Dog Hill Farm, Birmingham Road, Mappleborough Green
**Considered by the Planning Committee 28.4.10. – Granted with
conditions**

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PAYMENTS MADE SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 29th MARCH 2010

Cheque No.	Description	Amount	Date Paid
100349	2GeeDesign – Website updates Feb./March.	£30.00	7.4.10.

CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNING

100350	WALC – Copy of Standing Orders	£25.00
100351	WALC – Annual Membership Subscription	£162.00
100352	AON Insurance – Annual Insurance Premium	£479.63
100353	Mappleborough Green Primary School – Donation towards Adventure Trail	£200.00
100354	D.J. Bennett – Landscaping April	£115.00
100355	Parish Clerk – Staples – Stationery Mileage charge attending HMRC Seminar	£19.44
100356	Parish Clerk – Wages April + Broadband less PAYE	£361.00

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

26.4.10. BACS	Stratford-upon-Avon District Council – 1 st half of Precept	£5,500.00
28.4.10. Cheque	Stratford-upon-Avon District Council For Neighbourhood Watch account	£200.00

Signed