

MINUTES OF THE 6TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 17TH MAY 2010
at 8.15pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs. M. Green, J. Fitzhenry, N. O'Neill Thomas,
G. Ward, A. Crichton.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Cllr. Green proposed Cllr. Ward as Chairman and this was agreed by all Parish Councillors present – seconded Cllr. Fitzhenry. Cllr. Ward duly elected.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies from Cllr. Regan.
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Retiring Chairman, Cllr. Green, gave the Chairman's Report for the past year outlining the activities of the Parish Council. Report Appendix 1.
5. CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE
Cllr. Ward signed his Acceptance of Office which was duly witnessed and signed by the Clerk.
6. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE – PARISH COUNCILLORS
All Parish Councillors present signed their Acceptance of Office, witnessed and signed by the Clerk.
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
Cllr. Crichton was proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr. O'Neill Thomas, this was agreed by all Parish Councillors present and seconded by Cllr. Fitzhenry.
8. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING 18TH MAY 2009
The Minutes of the meeting were again confirmed as correct and true and signed.
9. DATES OF MEETINGS
The dates of the Parish Council Meetings for the remainder of 2010 were confirmed. The Clerk gave dates for 2011 as:-

7th February, 4th April, 23rd May, 1st August, 3rd October, 5th December

These were accepted by the Parish Councillors. Clerk to book the Village Hall.
10. BANK MANDATE
No changes required.

11. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk issued to each Parish Councillor:-

- Year End Balance Sheet showing £13,997.54
- Spreadsheet to year end
- Expenditure Against Budget showing £9307.57 spent
- Up-to-date Financial Risk Assessment
- Up-to-date Fixed Asset Register

A resident had queried that the Precept be lowered. The Clerk said this had previously been brought up and it had been felt that the amount of reduction would not be significant because of the running costs of the Parish Council. There is a General Reserve of £11,500 for potential costs which could be incurred for such items as Abbeyfields Footpath maintenance (on Agenda for Parish Council Meeting following).

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had been completed and signed by Vince Ellicott. She had asked the Parish Councillors to consider Section 2 on the Annual Return – ‘Annual Governance Statement’. All Parish Councillors present agreed with the comments and the Annual Return was signed by the Chairman and countersigned by the Clerk.

The Clerk pointed out that a cheque for £10.80 had not been included on the Return when completed. Amendment was agreed and was initialled by the Chairman and Section 1 signed by him and countersigned by the Clerk.

The Clerk advised that the notice regarding electors rights to view the accounts would be posted on the Notice Boards and Website on 2nd June 2010.

- The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.40p.m. –

Signed

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CHAIRMANS REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st March 2010

- **Negotiations with W.C.C. regarding safety issues around the School, resulted in the establishing of 2 dual flashing lights – 1 set on the Henley Road, 1 on the A435 near Hilliers.**
- **New signage on the A435 at the bottom of Gorcott Hill was also put in place including the siting of a Vehicle Activated Sign to slow vehicles down on the northern approach to the Village.**
- **Discussions are on-going with W.C.C. regarding the Speed Survey for the Village. Subject to discussions with the Police, speed limits will be brought down in some areas and the possible moving of the 40mph back up the Henley to the junction with Hays Lane.**
- **The problem of surfaces on Hays Lane and Pratts Lane are on-going and the Parish Council is active in trying to get permanent repairs done. On-going contact is also being made regarding the clearing of gullies on the A435 and pleased to report that the gutters have been machine swept.**
- **Similarly we are pushing for repairs to be done to the surface/edge of the Dog Island.**
- **During the year the Clerk has attended Community Forums to put the case re the poor state of verges after grass cutting by S.D.C. Assurances have been made and the first cut taken place this year which appears to be of an acceptable standard.**
- **An up-to-date Contact Sheet with helpful information was distributed to all residents this has been followed by a further leaflet asking all residents for ideas on what they would like spending on for the benefit of the Village.**
- **The Parish Council are also supporting opposition to any cuts in the local Fire Service.**

Signed

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2nd August 2010.