

MINUTES OF THE 28th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 19th MAY 2008
at 8.45pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

1. THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE MEETING AT 8.45pm
2. PRESENT - Cllrs. M. Green, J. Fitzhenry, S. Regan, N. O'Neill Thomas, L. Topham
3. APOLOGIES – Cllrs. H. McCarthy, J. Fitchett
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None
5. PUBLIC FORUM – 3 members of public present
Mr. G. Ward raised items:-
 - The condition of the road surfaces within the Village.
 - Use of the old bus pull-in area opposite the Village Hall. Complaints had been made from residents whose properties back on to this area. Lorries are using it as an overnight stop thus nuisance from noise during the night from slamming doors and engines starting up early in the morning, plus evidence of human waste being found. Could the Parish Council look into this problem.The Parish Clerk said the state of the roads was on the Agenda later. The Chairman noted the problem regarding the lorries and this would be discussed at the next meeting.

A lady present commented on the value of the Friday Shopper bus service to Redditch and also pleased to receive the Village Booklet.
6. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND THE 27th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING of 7th APRIL 2008 were accepted as a true record and signed.
7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING
 - THE PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY
This had been re-advertised and a Notice circulated with the Village Booklet. Mr. Graham Ward had contacted the Parish Clerk to put his name forward and was in attendance. The Chairman invited him to address the Meeting. It was proposed by the Chairman, Cllr. Green, that Mr. Ward be co-opted onto the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr. Regan. The Parish Clerk would issue the necessary forms to Mr. Ward for completion.
 - THE VILLAGE BOOKLET/WEBSITE
This had been distributed to all residents and had met with favourable reaction. The Parish Clerk asked if mention of Warwickshire Walking website could be put on the 'Walks' page of the Website as they have a link to Mappleborough Green with our walk featured. It was questioned if this was a commercial body but the Clerk said whereas they do sell maps, the walks are free to download. This was accepted by the Parish Council and agreed to make a mention.

- THE VILLAGE BOOKLET/WEBSITE continued
The Parish Clerk reported that the End of Term Return had been sent back to 'Awards For All' and a letter received from them closing the paperwork but the file would remain open for seven years. They did not request the balance of £575 back. The Parish Clerk said this would be allocated to the Website development and Broadband. She distributed a spreadsheet and expenditure details of the spend on the extended period of the Grant.

- ABBEYFIELDS PLAY AREA

The Parish Clerk had followed up Stratford District Councils offer (Chris Fennell) for a Five-A-Side area, following agreement at the last Parish Council Meeting. However, he now had replied that money was not available even for this facility. The Parish Councillors agreed to close this matter until such times as Stratford District Council review finances.

- TRAFFIC CONCERNS

Following the last Parish Council Meeting, the Parish Clerk had acknowledged to Shirley Reynolds, Warwickshire County Council, her offer to meet with Cllr. Regan and said he suggested a meeting including representatives from Studley and Coughton Parish Councils. Due to the Local Elections affecting Studley, this would need to be after those. Dot Mitchell, Parish Clerk at Studley, suggested Cllr. Regan may wish to attend one of their Parish Council Meetings to outline his ideas. The Parish Clerk would contact Studley to arrange this and possibly a representative from Coughton.

Cllr. McCarthy had contacted the Parish Clerk and Dot Mitchell, inviting them to join her in attending a 'workshop' on 'Speed Camera Criteria' on 4th June. They had accepted but the organiser, Louise Lyle of W.C.C., advised that as this is to create a new Countrywide criteria and not address local matters, it may not be appropriate for the Parish Clerks to attend. Cllr. McCarthy will report back.

Cllr. McCarthy had also contacted Carolyn Burrows, Safety Engineering at W.C.C., regarding the speed on the north approach to the Village. Ms. Burrows had emailed a Plan with suggestions for signage and this had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors. A meeting took place on 15th May between Carolyn Burrows,

Cllr. McCarthy and the Parish Clerk on site to discuss the ideas. Following this meeting Ms. Burrows had forwarded an up-dated Plan detailing the items discussed.

This was distributed to the Parish Council at the Meeting. All were in agreement that this would help. The Parish Clerk was to establish the owners of the hedgerow which Ms. Burrows said requires cutting back, and the Clerk to write to them. Cllr. Green would check into this also.

- FLOODING

It was believed that the work now carried out by Stratford District Council in clearing the stream at Abbeyfields, would solve the problem there.

Regarding Pratts Lane, this is ongoing and though Nick Wild of W.C.C. has identified the problem i.e. cracked pipe, the Parish Clerk was having difficulty in getting details of a repair time. The Parish Clerk had received a letter from Robert Weeks, Head of Environment, S.D.C. regarding 'Flood Defence Assistance Grants' – Land Drainage. There is a deadline of 21st July 2008 for applications. The Parish Councillors suggested an application be made for possible work in Pratts Lane. Parish Clerk to follow-up.

- A435 / DOG ISLAND

The Parish Clerk had been chasing Nick Wild, W.C.C. regarding the condition of the road from the Dog Island south. She had received as yet no response. The Parish Councillors all agreed it was in a bad state of repair. Parish Clerk to keep chasing.

Nick Wild had also been contacted regarding the condition of the Dog Island. He had confirmed that contractors were due to attend to this but could not give a date. Parish Clerk to follow up.

The Parish Clerk had emailed Nick Wild with a complaint regarding the condition of the grass verges following cutting. All Parish Councillors agreed on the bad state of workmanship. Cllr. Topham had also complained. On speaking to Nick Wild he said the contractors would return. The Parish Clerk had stressed the urgency of this to him.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION –

- NEW WASTE COLLECTIONS

The Parish Clerk had made enquiries regarding the 'FLAME BUS' visiting the Village to explain the new arrangements. However, as Studley have asked for it to visit there she had asked for dates and times from Dot Mitchell in order that it could be posted on the Notice Boards and Website.

Posters and detailed sheets had been received from Stratford District Council and these had been posted on the Notice Boards and Website. Cllr. Topham confirmed that all residents will be notified. He had stipulated there must still be a weekly kitchen waste collection as part of the new arrangements. Collections of plastic bottles and cardboard would be included.

- AUDIT COMMISSION SURVEY

The Parish Clerk had advised the Parish Councillors via email, of a survey on responses from Warwickshire County Council. She had completed on behalf of the Parish Council – this was circulated to those Parish Councillors present.

- LINK – HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

WALC had forwarded details of this service. The Parish Clerk had emailed the Parish Councillors with the attachment. Details would be put on the Website.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1 Notice of Granting had been received since the last Meeting:-

08/00209/ADV	Orchard Pub Co. Old Washford Mill – external lighting	Decision Granted 10.4.08.
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A Planning Portal Questionnaire had been received via WALC regarding Planning Applications being sent via email. The Parish Clerk had emailed the Parish Councillors with details and she had completed the forms. The Parish Councillors agreed this would be a good format – saving paper. Plans are already available to view on Stratford District Councils website. The Parish Clerk should continue to post details on the Notice Boards and Website.

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9. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No report received from the County Councillor.

District Councillor, L. Topham, reported he had a meeting in Redditch with representatives from Bromsgrove, Redditch, Stratford and Solihull regarding the W.M.R.S.S. They were opposed to the plans. Wynyates triangle is a real possibility for some of the housing – possibly 440. The housing has to be adjacent to Redditch and in addition to Stratford's own plans for 5600, a further 3600 between Bromsgrove and Stratford District Council. The proposed ECO town south of Stratford is expected to be 6000. Cllr. Topham expressed concerns over building on Green Sites. The Slough and Green Lane in Studley were also mentioned as possibilities. The site of the old Mike Davies nursery is a Brown site of Redditch.

In October the consultation period ends with a decision expected April 2009. Cllr. Topham said that Stratford District Council is 2nd out of 238 Councils.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- BIODIVERSITY DAY

Notices had been posted on the Notice Boards and Website.

- ADMINISTRATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT

A letter had been received from Liam Nevin, Monitoring Officer, S.D.C. regarding advertising the changes to complaints procedure. Parish Clerk to circulate and post on Notice Boards and Website.

- PUBLIC REALM GRANT SCHEME (Stratford District) FROM W.C.C.

A letter and Application Form had been received detailing the Grant of up to £1000 available for one-off projects 'that will improve a publicly accessible external area proving direct benefit to the Local Community'. Any application must be endorsed by the Parish Council. A list of possible projects was included. The projects must be met with 50% match funding. Parish Clerk to look into this.

- BRIEFING DAY – WALC

Details had been received of various Briefing Days. Cllr. Ward would be interested in attending. Parish Clerk to give details.

- OFF STREET PARKING

A letter from Robert Walsh, Stratford District Council had been received asking for response to a survey. The Parish Clerk had previously emailed the Parish Councillors

- they confirmed, no comments to make.

11. DELEGATES REPORTS – none

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12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENT

PAYMENTS MADE SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (7th April 2008)

Cheque No.	Description	Amount	Date Paid
100215	LexisNexis – copy of Arnold-Baker Reference Book (approved and signed at last meeting)	£53.45	7.4.08.
100216	Parish Clerk – Wages April less PAYE	£347.24	12.5.08
100217	Broadband – April	£22.98	12.5.08.
100218	Admin. Expenses – April	£58.11	12.5.08.
100219	D.J. Bennett – Landscaping April	£115.00	12.5.08.
100220	Studley & Mappleborough P.C.C. –Photocopying	£15.00	12.5.08.
100221	Harlequin Print – Village Booklet & Contact Sheet	£521.00	12.5.08.
100222	2GeeDesign – Website updates April	£23.75	12.5.08.

CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNING

100223	WALC – subscription for 2008/09	£155.00
100224	Allianz Insurance – annual cover	£371.30
100225	Broadband – May	£19.70*

100226	Select Business Services –	
Maintenance		
	Plant Troughs at Village Hall	£12.00
100227	Castle Nurseries - Plants for 3 troughs (Parish Clerk)	£18.76

*adjustment to Broadband charges (inc. refund)

The Parish Clerk also distributed Bank Statement Sheet no.44 details showing £9562.54 at 26th April 2008. The first payment of the Precept was due - £5500.00.

13. DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
This was confirmed as 4th August 2008 at 8.15pm at the Village Hall.

- Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.45pm –