

MINUTES OF THE 45th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 23rd MAY 2011

at approximately 8.45pm FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
in THE VILLAGE HALL

1. THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE MEETING AT 8.50pm
2. PRESENT - Cllrs. M.Green, N. O'Neill Thomas, G.Ward and J.Kerridge
Clerk B.Howes
3. APOLOGIES – Cllr. S.Regan, A.Crichton and C.Rickhards
Proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr O'Neill Thomas. Cllr Ward abstained
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Cllr M.Green – agenda item relating to Donation to Village Hall.
5. PUBLIC FORUM -
No members of the public present.
6. THE MINUTES OF THE 44th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF April 4th 2011
Minutes were signed by Cllr Green as a true record. Chairman Cllr Ward abstained.
7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Matters arising from the last Parish Council Meeting:-
 - MEETING WITH RICHARD ELBOURNE, HIGHWAYS, WCC
Clerk confirmed Richard Elbourne would be attending the next Parish Council meeting, on August 1st which will be advertised on noticeboards and website. Mr Elbourne will be available to answer questions raised by the Council and members of the public present.
 - COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME
Clerk explained the SpeedAware Package available from WCC and it was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase the £250 Package – Clerk to arrange.
Proposed by Cllr O'Neill Thomas, Seconded Cllr M.Green
 - GRASS CUTTING
Clerk confirmed that Dave Bennett is happy to continue working with the Parish Council for at least the next 3 to 4 years. It was agreed that the Clerk would instruct Dave Bennett to cut around signs that have been missed and for additional cuts to be made if necessary in between cuts made by the District Council. Parish Councillors to inform the Clerk when the above action is required.
Cllr Green questioned Cllr Kerridge regarding the excessive road sweeping in Haye Lane and it's timing, particularly before grass cuts. Cllr Kerridge confirmed that the road sweeper is controlled by the County and grass cutting is the District Councils responsibility. Cllr Kerridge will investigate the issue raised and report back at the next Parish Council meeting.

Signed

- Newsletter

Clerk distributed copies of the contact list previously circulated to residents. It was agreed that the list is now out of date. Clerk to contact and update details of those listed and arrange with Janet Green for copies to be printed. It was proposed that the list would be distributed as:

Pratts Lane	G Ward
Abbeyfields	S Regan
Haye Lane	N O'Neill Thomas
Birmingham Road	G Ward and J Fitzhenry
Common Lane	M Green

Item to be discussed at next meeting.

- Grit Bins

Cllr Green confirmed that he had taken delivery of three additional grit bins. It was discussed to site the bins at the top of Moathouse Court, opposite Cllr O'Neill Thomas' (by field gate) and in the centre of Abbeyfields.

Clerk to enquire with Highways re filling them and then to arrange citing.

- Dog Fouling and Control

Clerk confirmed Stratford District Councils response to our request for 'no dog fouling signs' on posts – they do not supply them and recommend these be purchased from any local DIY store.

It was agreed to purchase two more dog foul bins for placement in the Parish, specifically on the corner of Pratts Lane (A435 grassed area) and in Haye Lane.

Proposed by Cllr Green and seconded by Cllr O'Neill Thomas.

Clerk to order and arrange placement and maintenance of the bins.

Cllr Ward raised the issue of the problem dog on Pratts Lane and requested that action be taken. Clerk confirmed that an email had been sent to the Animal Officer, which will be chased.

- Parish Plan

Clerk handed out a copy of Coughton Parish Councils Parish Plan for perusal and Cllr Kerridge explained the benefits of having a plan.

It was decided not to commence and for the matter to be discussed again in the future if it was deemed necessary by the Council and/or residents.

Proposed by Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Ward.

- Core Strategy Consultation 24/3/11

In Councillor Fitzhenry's absence this item will be on the next agenda.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Yearly payments/Donations –

Cllr Green signed a Declaration of Interest due to his involvement with the Village Hall. It was discussed and agreed that the donation Mappleborough Green Parish Council make to The Village Hall will be increased to £500 per year, payable by cheque in two six monthly instalments (May and October).

It was agreed that the donation made to the Church for grass cutting will be increased to £500 per year, payable by cheque in two six monthly instalments (May and October).

It was agreed to continue to pay a contribution to Studley Parish Council for the Friday Shopper service - £50 per year.

Yearly payment to WALC for the parish subscription and to Ankcorn House, for the rental of cupboard space will continue.

All of the above to be reviewed annually.

Proposed by Cllr Ward, seconded by Cllr O'Neill Thomas.

Insurance –

Clerk handed out the renewal premium and policy details. It was agreed to continue to use Aon and to pay £655.56 for the coming year.

Clerk to obtain a quote and arrange the additional cover on the policy for the extra three grit bins purchased.

Proposed Cllr Green, seconded Cllr Ward

Mirror –

Clerk read email response from WCC regarding the use of mirrors on highways, confirming that they do not recommend them due to the giving of a distorted view and the false sense of security they give to drivers and other road users.

Police Surgeries –

Clerk confirmed that PCSO Thomason is able to run police surgeries from a mobile van within the Village car park. Clerk to advertise the surgeries on the Councils noticeboards and website. PCSO Thomason was willing to attend Parish Council meetings at our request to discuss surgeries within the Parish.

Clerk to notify Liz Young, Village Hall re dates/times of surgeries and to arrange PCSO Thomason attending a Parish Council meeting in the future.

Noticeboards –

Clerk confirmed the criminal damage to the noticeboard in Abbeyfields. Clerk instructed to contact Dave Bennett to make the fixture safe by removing the board and leaving the posts and to contact the insurance company re making a claim for a replacement.

Parking issues in Pratts Lane –

Councillor Ward raised the concern of double-parking in Pratts Lane. Clerk to contact PCSO Thomason for advice and assistance.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk handed out a list of Applications and Notices received since the last Meeting.

Parish Councillors had no objections to the Application:-

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| 11/00761/FUL | Hillcrest
Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of one replacement dwelling |
| 11/00996/VARY | Lakeside
Removal of condition 3 of planning permission S97/0227 to allow unrestricted occupation of the dwelling |
| 10/02398/FUL | High House Farm
Change of use of existing outbuildings and erection of a replacement building (part of Block B) to create x4 holiday lets and associated works including alterations to existing access |

Permission was granted for:

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| 11/00472/ELEC | Central Networks West
To reconductor and upgrade four spans of existing single phase 11kv overhead line to three phase 11kv overhead line by adding a third overhead conductor to the four spans of line |
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9. DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

County Councillor Rickhards had sent his apologies; there was nothing to report.

District Councillor Kerridge gave the following report:

Community Forums – Councillor Kerridge strongly recommended that members of the Parish Council attend the forums, explaining that they are a good source of information and give excellent networking opportunities, as well as finding out and questioning issues relating to the district and our Parish. Councillor Kerridge suggested that Mappleborough Green may wish to hold a forum in the near future. Parish Council Accounts – Councillor Kerridge queried the accessibility of Parish Council accounts. Cllr Ward confirmed that accounts are available at each meeting and are available to be viewed by the public upon request.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk confirmed that Carole Mathews is happy to continue to maintain the trough on entry to the village on the Birmingham Road from Redditch and will supply receipts for plants purchased.

11. FOR CIRCULATION

No items for circulation

Signed

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENTS/FINANCE
Clerk distributed up-to-date Bank details and list of payments made since the last Meeting. Balance £18,833.05
The Clerk confirmed the statement of accounts were in order and approved by Vince Ellicott, Internal Auditor. The Annual Return was signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
The next Parish Council Meeting will be Monday August 1st 2011 at 8.30pm at The Village Hall.

- The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 10.15p.m. –

Signed