

MINUTES OF THE 7TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 23rd MAY 2011
at 8.30pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllrs. M. Green, N. O'Neill Thomas, G. Ward

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Cllr. Green proposed Cllr. Ward as Chairman and this was agreed by all Parish Councillors present – seconded Cllr. O'Neill Thomas. Cllr. Ward duly re-elected.
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies from Cllr. S.Regan, A.Crichton
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None
4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
Chairman Cllr. Ward 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. It was agreed that those Councillors not present should sign their acceptances at the next full council meeting on August 1st 2011
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS
It was agreed by all Councillors present that the Vice Chairman would be elected at the next full council meeting on August 1st 2011.
8. MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING 17th MAY 2010
The Minutes of the meeting were again confirmed as correct and true. Approved at full council on August 2nd 2010.
9. DATES OF MEETINGS
The dates of the Parish Council Meetings for the remainder of 2011 were confirmed. The Clerk gave dates for 2012 as:-

February 6th
April 2nd including Annual Parish meeting
May 21st including Annual General meeting
August 6th
October 1st
December 3rd

These were accepted by the Parish Councillors present. Clerk to book the Village Hall and inform all other Councillors not present at the meeting.
10. BANK MANDATE
No changes required.

11. PRESENTATION OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk issued to each Parish Councillor:-

- Year End Balance Sheet showing £15,898.14
- Spreadsheet to year-end
- Expenditure Against Budget showing £1,325.60 under spent
- Up-to-date Fixed Asset Register

There is a General Reserve of £12,000 for potential costs, which could be incurred for such items as Abbeyfields Footpath maintenance.

The Clerk confirmed that the Fixed Asset Register had been amended to show all items listed at their purchase value and confirmed that a nil value will only be listed when an item ceases use.

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 advised that the notice regarding elector’s rights to view the accounts would be posted on the Notice Boards and Website on 21st July 2011 for 4 weeks.

- The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 8.50p.m. –

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**INFORMATION FOR CHAIRMANS REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31st March 2011**

A number of personalities associated with the PC were 'waved off' during 2010 whilst their replacements were welcomed with open arms!
Carole Matthews in particular deserves special mention given her sterling service on behalf of the PC and the individual Councillors over the last few years - our thanks and best wishes go with her.

Councillors Kerridge and Rickhards were welcomed into the fold, as was Becky Howes - our new Parish Clerk, who thus far appears to be coping well with the ordeal of looking after us!

The issue of the ownership of, and acceptance of responsibility for the footpath and fence beside the Abbeyfields playing field was resolved and insurance cover for the fence is now in place under MGPC's policy.

The matter of speed limits in and around the Village remains contentious, however at the time of writing, it appears that the lack of hard evidence to support any further reductions in the limits, allied to the distinct lack of funds for new signage/restrictions/further investigation on the part of WCC remains the determining factor precluding any further advancement regarding this issue. The Council will of course, continue to debate the matter and push for further action.

Grass cutting now appears to be resolved as far as who does what is concerned – the Parish Council now knows where the Village's responsibility ends and the district's begins so management of this matter should now be simplified.

Having finally received the good news that speed monitoring equipment was now available for the use of a Village 'body', it quickly became clear that interest appears to be limited, and at present the number of interested parties does not meet the minimum requirement to allow us to carry out our own surveys - perhaps a more concerted effort to advertise the matter needs to be considered?

Road repairs throughout the Village are ongoing but on an extremely inconsistent (and makeshift) basis - a sign of the times no doubt. The Council will continue to chip away (no pun intended) at the relevant authority and seek to maintain the level of running repairs at the very least.

Funds for local public transport have been targeted for sharp reduction and the chance of Mappleborough Green benefiting from a more inclusive service (i.e., some form of enhanced service taking in the Henley Road) appear to be waning.

G Ward