

MINUTES OF THE 39th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, 29th MARCH 2010
at 8.40pm at THE VILLAGE HALL

1. THE CHAIRMAN OPENED THE MEETING AT 8.40pm
2. PRESENT - Cllrs. M. Green, G. Ward, J. Fitzhenry, N. O'Neill Thomas, A. Crichton, S. Regan, L. Topham
3. APOLOGIES – None
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none
5. PUBLIC FORUM - none
6. THE MINUTES OF THE 38th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 1st February 2010 were accepted as a true record and signed.

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – Matters arising from the last Parish Council Meeting:-
 - SPEED/SIGNAGE/DUAL FLASHING LIGHTSThe Clerk reported that the Dual Flashing Lights are now operational. SpeedAware checks started again, 25th February being the latest date. The schedule is on Warwickshire County Council Website.

Richard Elbourne, W.C.C., has been off work for a long period but now returning part-time. He was looking into bringing down the speed limits in certain areas within the Village and liaising with the Police. Lynn Harding, Team Leader of Traffic Projects for W.C.C., would ask that Mappleborough Green is a priority to be looked at by Richard.

- A435 GULLIES/ROAD SAFETY

The Clerk had contacted John Brown at W.C.C. again regarding the gullies. The work is logged in to be carried out but there is now a back-log due to limited access to the equipment. The Clerk is chasing this up. Work has taken place at the north end of the Village sweeping the gutters.

The Clerk had taken photographs of pot holes etc. in Haye Lane and forwarded them to Mr. Brown. Work is planned to surface dress Haye Lane but it will be long term (not in the next years allocation).

Cllr. O'Neill Thomas reported that a number of men appeared to be checking Haye Lane surface recently.

- PURCHASES

Leaflets had been delivered to all residents in the Village requesting ideas. Only one suggestion had been received from the residents who look after the plant trough by 'The Boot'. The trough has been temporarily repaired but a replacement is needed. The Clerk advised that the two troughs at the Village Hall were around £200. Cllr. Crichton Proposed purchase of a new trough, Seconded by Cllr. Ward.

Another enquiry regarding the removal of a wasps nest was not agreed.

Signed

- ELECTIONS

Nomination and Consent Forms had been given to Parish Councillors. Cllr. Fitzhenry agreed to take completed forms to Stratford District Council.

The Clerk advised that if the Election is not contested, the Annual Meeting and next Parish Council Meeting can take place as planned on 17th May, if contested the Poll would be 27th May if the General Election is called for 6th May.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- NEW STANDING ORDERS

The Clerk had distributed a copy of the latest Part 2 Standing Orders for consideration. The Proposal to Adopt these was made by Cllr. O'Neill Thomas, Seconded by Cllr. Green. The Clerk advised that a full hard copy of Parts 1 & 2 could be purchased from WALC for £25.00. She suggested this should be purchased to hold on file. The was agreed by all Parish Councillors.

- CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk reported there is to be an updated Model Code of Conduct, but this would now be introduced after the General Election.

- CONSULTATION – CORE STRATEGY

Details of this had been sent to the Parish Councillors – the Clerk advised that the period had now been extended to 22nd April 2010.

- NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Ann Bicknall is now involved in the Neighbourhood Watch. She has been in contact with Cllr. Jim Bacon at Studley who is on their Neighbourhood Watch Committee. He advised that there is a fund available from Stratford District Council of £200 to each Village/Town Neighbourhood Watch Group for administration costs etc. As Mappleborough Green does not have a Neighbourhood Watch Group set up with a bank account for such funds, he had suggested it be paid to the Parish Council and set aside for Neighbourhood Watch. This was met with approval by all Parish Councillors. Clerk to contact Cllr. Bacon.

It was also felt that possible future leafleting of the Village could further raise awareness of the Neighbourhood Watch and generate interest in contacting the Parish Council on matters of concern.

- LIAISON MEETINGS

The Clerk had previously reported the setting up of these meetings. The next meeting is 14th July and she asked Parish Councillors to let her know if they wished to attend. She intends to go.

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Clerk had a short list of Applications already notified to the Parish Councillors – there was just one for attention.

Application 10/00489/FUL - Les Topham Garden Centre at Dog Hill Farm
Proposed: Demolition of three existing vehicle repair and maintenance buildings and erection of new storage building associated with Les Topham Garden Centre.

Mr. Topham had requested to speak and the Chairman invited him to do so.

Mr. Topham gave an outline history of the site and his proposals and usage.

The Chairman asked Parish Councillors to contact the Clerk with any comments.

9. DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

No report from the County Councillor.

Cllr. Topham advised the Meeting that he would not be standing for re-election and understood that Cllr. Barry also would not. Cllr. Topham gave a brief report saying that Council Tax had been kept down to 1.5%.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had written to W.C.C. confirming the Street Light Maintenance for 2010/11 and had received an acknowledgement.

An email had been forwarded to the Parish Clerk regarding the proposed Hi-Speed Rail Link to London. Consultation is due in the Autumn.

A letter had been received from Citizens Advice Bureau in Stratford appealing for funding. Cllr. Regan suggested replying that it would be considered at a 'Finance Committee'. Cllr. Topham advised that S.D.C. already support them.

11. FOR CIRCULATION

12. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAID/FOR PAYMENT

The Clerk handed Councillors a list of Payments Made/Due since the last Meeting together with a current Spreadsheet and Bank Statement Sheet to date. The balance of £15,046.55 included £11500 General Reserve. The Precept first payment of £5500.00 was due the end of April.

Cllr. Regan said provisions should be in place for any maintenance that may be required on the footpath across Abbeyfields Estate. The Clerk asked who owns the path as this work was carried out prior to her becoming Clerk. She was only aware of the Parish Councils responsibility regarding the lighting and strimming on the path. She would contact Cllr. Regan again and Studley Parish Council further. Cllr. Regan believed the Cricket and Football Clubs are owners.

The Statement of Assurance was considered, agreed by all Parish Councillors and signed.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date set for the Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting is 17th May. This is subject to the result of the Parish Council Election and if the General Election is called for 6th May. Clerk to confirm.

- The Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.10p.m. –

APPENDIX 1.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS NOTICES RECEIVED/
NOTICE OF APPLICATION DECISIONS
SINCE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1st FEBRUARY 2010

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

- No. 10/00296/LBC Mr. A. Crichton, Moat House Farm, Pratts Lane, Mappleborough Green
Dated 22.2.10. Proposed: Repair to external wall and chimney brickwork and structural
Timbers.
Comment from Parish Council (12.3.10.): No representations.
- No. 10/00219/FUL Mr. Karl Dunn, Grovewood, Ullenhall Lane, Beoley.
Dated: 2.3.10. Proposed: Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement
house with annex building to be used for a temporary period as a
dwelling whilst the new house is under construction.
Comment from Parish Council (3.3.10.): No representations
- No. 10/00489/FUL Les Topham Garden Centre
At: Dog Hill Farm, Birmingham Road, Mappleborough Green
Proposed: Demolition of three existing vehicle repair and maintenance
buildings and erection of new storage building associated with
Les Topham Garden Centre.

NOTICES

- No. 09/01025/FUL Mrs. Alison Foxon, Gorcott Hall, Gorcott Hill, Beoley
Dated: 18.2.10. Notice of Appeal against decision not to Grant.
No representations from Parish Council

Signed

APPENDIX 2.

Mappleborough Green Parish Council
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PAYMENTS MADE SINCE LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 1st FEBRUARY 2010

Cheque No.	Description	Amount	Date Paid
100343	Staples – 3 ink cartridges, envelopes, plastic file pockets	£77.05	2.3.10.
100344	Warwickshire, Solihull & Birmingham Training Partnership – 7 copies of Good Councillor Guide	£10.50	2.3.10.
100345	Parish Clerk wages February + Broadband less PAYE	£314.74	2.3.10.

CHEQUES FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNING

100346	Parish Clerk – stamps for posting Village Leaflet to outlying properties (2 nd class)	£10.80	
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17th May 2010.