

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF  
MAPPLEBOROUGH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2010  
At 8.15pm AT THE VILLAGE HALL

APOLOGIES: None

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

Approximately eight members of the public were present.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr. M. Green

The Chairman welcomed Lizzie Price, Area Support Officer, Stratford-upon-Avon Area Office of Warwickshire County Council and invited her to speak on the subject of Community Forums.

Ms. Price displayed a map of the areas covered by this district. She explained the nature of the Forums being a place where any matters of concern could be raised and put directly to representatives of Warwickshire County Council, Stratford District Council and the Police.

The Forums take place quarterly, moving to a different venue to cover the District. This does mean that agendas also refer to matters relating to other areas not specific to where the meeting is held. However, it is a way of raising awareness of problems other communities are experiencing and could in fact relate to residents locally. It has been found that it is a way of bringing together communities with common concerns and therefore getting things done.

Prior to each Forum is a 30 minutes Police Surgery which is an informal gathering, with refreshments, to talk to local Police representatives. The first part of the Forum proper is a formal Police presentation/report by Sergeant Bob Shaw, Safer Neighbourhoods Team. This reports on follow-ups from previous meetings, crime figures and requests from those present for current concerns. An 'informal' vote is taken to see which were the three most voted areas of concern to be prioritised.

Ms. Price asked those present what they would like to see done to promote the Forums – more publicity? – would they attend Forums in the future? The Parish Council receive notices and emails regarding the Forums and these are put on the Website and Notice Boards.

The Chairman and Clerk reminded everyone present that the Parish Council regularly make residents aware that the Parish Council encourage requests for help/suggestions both at the Parish Council Meetings and by leafleting the Village.

Ms. Price left literature and useful information for anyone who wished to take copies. She ended her presentation by encouraging people to go to one of the Forums and see just how it could make a difference.

The next Community Forum is 1<sup>st</sup> July – the venue to be confirmed.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Price for her presentation.

- Meeting closed at 8.40p.m. -

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17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.