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Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Meeting

Date: 4th July 2011 **Venue:** The Village Hall **Commencing:** 8pm

Present: **Chairman** Donald Komrower **vice- Chairman** Sam Preece

Councillors: Hilary Hossack, Alan Hutton, And Di Coate-Bond **Clerk:** Susan Lefley.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE. No apologies.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. Minutes of the meeting on 20th May 2011 were approved by all the councillors as a true record and signed by Donald Komrower.

3 ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING.

3. Finance: The clerk completed the Annual Audit and sent the details off in time for the 20th June deadline.

5. PAYE: The clerk has found a Basingstoke company to implement the PAYE for the Parish Council at a cost of £100 plus VAT per annum.

4 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT.

Recent Applications;

BDB/74446 Hill Cottage, Greywell Road, Up Nately Erection of a single garage. **BDB/74479** Manor Farm House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Conversion of existing out-building to living accommodation and erection of a detached garage. **BDB/74433** No 8 Canal Reach, Andwell, Hook RG27 9QN Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and alterations. Insertion of a door and balcony to rear (south) first floor elevation. **BDB/74527 & 74528** Meddings Farmhouse, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of a part single storey, part first floor side extension.

Granted; BDB/74282 Priory Farmhouse, Andwell. Installation of 5 replacement casement windows on South elevation of farmhouse.

Refused; BDB/74199 Sheraton, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for use of land as residential.

The Parish Council discussed the situation regarding the conversion of outbuildings into additional living space. The Chairman asked each Councillor in turn their thoughts on the matter. The general consensus was that the parish council would not be against families using the properties for their own use, for no profit but were against them being sold off as separate dwellings. Also, the converted building would need to be tied to the main house in perpetuity. One councillor brought up the point that the parish could be considered in the eyes of the B&DBC planners, as a non-sustainable community and they would therefore not be so willing to allow infilling and conversions. This did cause concern as it would be nice to allow the villages to evolve over time and not stagnate.

The clerk to write to Mr Framalico to seek guidance about out building conversions in general.

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5. FINANCE.

5.1.1 Payments were approved.

Chq. No 000534	Return of plot 8's deposit	£50.00	Neil Brittain.
Chq. No 000535	2 notice boards (1 PC/1 VHC)	£432.00	Green Magic
Chq. No 000536	HALC annual fee	£194.00	HALC
Chq. No 000537	Plaque for village hall	£210.00	Delabole Slate Co
Chq. No 000538	Floor cheque, not yet given.		
Chq. No 000539	The Villager	£246.00	The Villager
Chq. No 000540	Wood for pond bridge	£65.41	Colin Trussler
Chq. No 000541	Ink/paper/invites	£56.39	Clerk
Chq. No 000542	Grass Cutting	£445.20	Martin Gosling
Chq. No 000543	Insurance	£397.53	Came & Co.
Chq. No 000544	Paper for leaflets	£10.77	Clerk
Chq. No 000545	Decorating supplies/postage	£108.02	Donald Komrower

The clerk showed the councillors the insurance policy and this was checked through to make sure everything is covered.

6. PARISH INITIATIVES.

6.1 A copy of the Footpath booklet, which was printed by the clerk, was shown at the meeting and it was decided that she should continue to print further copies. Alan Hutton was asked if he would like to put a few words at the beginning of the booklet. A copy will be put with the Villager and the aim is to deliver them with the August edition. The clerk is to liaise with Lorna and Jane regarding numbers required.

Approx 250 booklets will be printed, 200 for the homes in the Parish and 25 in The Gamekeepers and 25 in Linden Market and possibly additional copies to go into the two churches. The quoted cost for 250 booklets was £200 and the estimated costs with the clerk printing them is around £60-70 (25p a copy) the additional copies will be sold for £1.00

Clerk to liaise with The Villager and begin printing asap. Alan to prepare a few words for inclusion.

6.2 Di informed the Parish Council that Trish Banks at B&DBC will be tinkering with the parish website to improve the look and is after some photographs to include on the site. Donald at a recent BDAPTC meeting commented that he had heard that Di had not been alone in trying to get to grips with the site and that the general opinion of the set up was that although easy, it was very inflexible.

Please send Di some photographs.

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7. RECREATION.

7.1. Hilary finally managed to get hold of EJS, the company who refurbished the play ground and they are returning to remove the spare shackles off the swings and to address the wet pour in areas. Donald has already sorted out a couple of other issues, which hopefully will result in a clean report from B&DBC.

7.2 Anne Lywood commented that new signs were needed for the playground (requesting 'No Dogs') and also one for the dog mess issue. She also asked that the parish council consider tidying up the old car park, with possibly resurfacing it so children can ride their bikes or skateboards. The parish council will look at improving this area next year, providing they are successful in applying for grants.

7.3 The hall floor will be remedied during the summer holidays and payment is being withheld until it has been corrected.

7.3.1 There are internal items that are needed to complete the project, such as a new stage. The Village Hall Committee will be asked to provide a list of items and these will be discussed. Once decided, the parish council will apply for funding.

Clerk to help apply for grants.

7.3.2 Alan voiced his concern over the gap between the original gate and the hedge. This is apparently screened off with some plastic mesh when the children are playing outside. The Chairman stressed that this was an issue to be taken up by the VHC and the responsibility of the nursery school, who are very safety conscious with at least three people watching over the children when they are outside. He also commented that when the old car parking area is looked at, this area can also be given some thought.

7.3.3 The pavilion was creosoted by the lads who damaged the telephone kiosk. They also had to pay BT a sum of money. This kiosk can now only take emergency calls.

7.3.4 New signs are required around the hall/recreation ground and a list will be drawn up itemising and costing out the various options in time for the next meeting. Also, the slate plaque and original plaque need to be hung in the entrance hall.

Sam & Donald to walk around the site and decide upon signage.

Sam & Donald to hang plaques

8. OPEN SPACES.

8.1. The allotments now have mains water installed and a new gate. Di as a trustee has to prepare the annual return to send to the Charity Commission in July.

9. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.

9.1 The pond on Tunworth Road, adjacent to Elm Cottage, will be dug out in August and the spoil laid on farmland. Highways are going to look at the grips in the same area too. Blue lines have appeared on the Greywell Road, indicating a possible start to the traffic calming measures. Not many items have been addressed from the list compiled by Sam and Keith Holdsworth. Donald has asked Sam to prepare an updated list of outstanding works in time for the next meeting

Sam to prepare list.

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9.2 It has been established that the stile adjacent to The Old School House comes under the responsibility of the said property. The parish council has access to a kissing gate free of charge and will offer this to the householder for installation. The stile is very difficult to use now and elderly members of the parish are finding it a problem, therefore a kissing gate would be the ideal solution.

Clerk to send a letter to owners of The Old School House and ask for their help in improving the situation.

9.2.2 There is now a horse in James Butler's field; therefore the gate has been padlocked for obvious reasons. A parishioner has had problems with climbing the stile next to the gate, as it is quite high. Sam asked Mr Butler if he could look into putting a kissing gate there instead. Mr Butler very kindly offered to move an unused gate to this location and install it. He asked if Sam had access to the footpath sign discs to mark out the path. Sam managed to get 30 discs from HCC along with a few posts. HCC were very pleased that the landowner was willing to do this, as is the Parish Council.

- 10. MOTORWAY BUND/NOISE.** The Parish Council received a letter from Maria Miller MP regarding the resurfacing of the M3 between junctions 5 and 6. There are apparently 40 schemes to consider nationwide and during 3 Value Management Workshops (23rd May/17th June/15th July) these schemes will be prioritised for funding. Also, following the spending review, not all major road resurfacing projects were funded and only the minimum amount to keep the roads in a safe condition has been provided for this financial year. In future, they say it is likely that funding will only be available to treat targeted areas within lanes and it is therefore unlikely, that the full width of the M3 will be resurfaced in the near future. This letter was received with a great deal of disappointment but the parish council will continue to lobby nonetheless. At the APA Maria did mention trying to get the speed limit reduced down to 50mph along this stretch which would reduce the noise. She also mentioned tyre redevelopment.....

Clerk to send letter of thanks to Maria and to request her continued support.

11. CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION.

11.1 Maria Miller MP asked on our behalf, why street lights were being placed along the edge of the Parish. Hampshire County Council responded that the lighting was installed on the grounds of safety and that the scheme came about following a safety audit on the road crossing on the A30. They also apologised for not letting the parish council know of this development but also added that it was not a matter for consultation.

11.1.2 The Parish Council received a letter from DigitalUK to let us know that the switchover to digital television will take place across the South and South East between February and June 2012. They have provided a community pack with general information and also details of the Switchover Help Scheme aimed at older and disabled people.

Clerk to put info on the Village Hall notice board and an item in the Villager

11.1.3 Donald received a newsletter from the Order of Tiron, since becoming a member. Andwell was the site of a small priory which was a cell or dependency of the great Benedictine abbey of Tiron. It was founded early in the twelfth century by Adam de Port of Mapledurwell

From: 'Alien houses: Priory of Andwell', A History of the County of Hampshire: Volume 2 (1973), pp. 223-225.
URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=38132> Over the past ten years, this association

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has collated a lot of research into this order with an aim to extend the recognition of the history of Thiron-Gardais's abbey.

Clerk to out an article into Villager for any local history interest.

11.1.4 Donald attended a meeting on 16th June held by **Basingstoke District Association of Parish and Town Councils**. Broadband was on the agenda and Glenn Peacey explained that by 2015 they are hoping for 80% of broadband users to have 2MB. There are also still large lumps of the town without great coverage and how unfortunately, Hampshire was not successful in its bid for government funding into improving this service. Community Speedwatch was also discussed. This involves using local volunteers to be trained in using the speed gun to collect information on site, which is then logged into a computer at the police station and details recorded. If the same car is registered on a regular basis speeding, the police pay them a visit at their homes. As the Greywell Road through Mapledurwell is 60mph, it was deemed unnecessary for the parish council to pursue. The Localism Bill was another subject for discussion which is aimed at devolving greater powers to councils and neighbourhoods and in giving local communities control over housing and planning decisions.

Clerk to let the councillors know when the next BDAPTC meeting is being held.

12. DATE FOR THE FUTURE MEETINGS.

12.1 The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 5th September 2011 at 8pm.

13. MATTERS ARISING

13.1 Di Coate-Bond is leaving for pastures new in November and would like to stand down as Parish Councillor in October 2011. With Sam Preece and Hilary Hossack both wishing to also stand down next year, it was thought we should co-opt someone to take Di's place in October. There are Parish Elections in May 2012.

Please let Donald know if you can think of a suitable replacement.

13.2 B&DBC have agreed on a figure of 600 homes to be built in the borough. The committee have asked the figure of 400 to be considered. This may take the pressure slightly off big Greenfield areas being developed.

14. MEETING CLOSED at 09.50pm

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