

# **Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Meeting**

**Date;** 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011. **Venue;** The Village Hall. **Commencing;** 8pm

**Present;** **Chairman** Donald Komrower, **Vice-Chairman** Sam Preece

**Councillors;** Hilary Hossack, Alan Hutton. **Clerk;** Sue Lefley

**PC Andy Reid, Keith Holdsworth and Neil Tweed.**

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** No apologies received. All present.
- 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.** The minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 were approved by all the councillors as a true record and signed by Donald Komrower.
- 3. ACTIONS FROM THE LAST MEETING.**
  - 4.1 The clerk confirmed that she had not received a response to the letter sent to Giorgio Framalitto regarding the conversion of garages. The Parish Council wished to seek clarification on the issue following the planning application made by Manor Farmhouse to convert their garage/outbuilding into living accommodation. At the recent visit by the planning committee to Manor Farmhouse, a copy of this letter was handed out to committee members in an attempt to stimulate a response.
  - 6.2 Trish Banks has kindly agreed to update the Parish Council's web site until a councillor is found to take on this task. This may not happen until May 2012.
  - 7.3.1. See 7. RECREATION.
  - 7.3.4 Additional signage is required for all areas around the village hall, including a sign with contact details for the hall, dog fouling, playground and gate signs. The Village Hall Committee will liaise with the Parish Council, who will be funding the signage and once a website has been created for the Village Hall, along with a web address, the signs will be created using the updated information.
  - 9.1 Keith Holdsworth attended this meeting see 9. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.
  - 8.1 Daffodils and crocus were planted around the village hall by members of the Parish Council and their spouses.
  - 8.2 Risk assessments for all areas in the Parish will be reviewed at the next parish council meeting. These were carried out quite recently and according to Alan Hutton, they need to be reviewed every five years.

**Clerk to place risk assessments on the next agenda and bring copies to meeting.**

8.4 A new trustee needs to be found for the allotments and this role may possibly be taken on by Neil Tweed once he accepts the role of a co-opted parish councillor.

9.1 The clerk contacted Rob Thompson with regard to the stile alongside The Old Schoolhouse. Mr Thompson is checking the Land Registry to verify ownership and will let the Parish Council know in due course.

**Clerk to follow up before next meeting.**

13.1 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations will be organised by the Village Hall Committee. Alan Hutton has been approached regarding using his field next to the Gamekeepers. The celebration will take place during the first week in June 2012.

#### **4. PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT.**

##### **Recent Applications;**

**New Applications; BDB/75104** Beaumont House, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of a single storey rear extension forming an orangery. **BDB/75184** Manor Farm House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Listed building consent for the conversion of existing out building to living accommodation.

**Granted; BDB/74527/74528** Meddings Farmhouse, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell Erection of a part single storey, part first floor side extension.

4.2 A parishioner brought a matter to the attention of a councillor regarding Pennybridge Farm. The smallholding is currently on the market and the sales particulars state that the log cabin on the site is now without the required permission. The Chairman asked everyone their thoughts on the matter and wondered whether time would sort this out once a buyer had been found. It was agreed that the particulars should be forwarded to the planning department to seek clarification on this matter, especially as the parish council had been approached by a member of the parish.

**Clerk to forward particulars to the enforcement department at B&DBC**

4.3 A recent change in planning policy now requires that every new unit of housing should carry a developer's fund (S106) This fund generally was only attached to large scale developments but will now be attached to any new residential property. Manor Farm House attracted this additional cost of £1000 for their proposed, small conversion. The parish council was asked if they had a current project for this amount. At present no such projects exist as funding is

being sought for a larger project which can only proceed if the full amount is granted.

## **5. FINANCE.**

5.1. Payments were approved.

Chq. No 000551	Audit Commission	£660.00	Audit Commission.
Chq. No 000552	Grass Cutting	£718.80	Martin Gosling.
Chq. No 000553	Bulbs for VH	£ 80.94	J Parker
Chq. No 000554	Villager 2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	£100.00	Villager
Chq. No 000555	Padlock for VH	£ 23.82	D Komrower
Chq. No 000556	Glasses for VH	£120.00	Peter Cox
Chq. No 000557	RDPE Photocopy/file	£ 14.62	Sam Preece.

5.2 Sam Preece discussed the fund application made to RDPE which has recently been submitted. It is a very competitive fund and we will not know for a few weeks if we have been successful. See 7.3 for more information.

5.3 The Chairman read out the prepared budget figures for the next few years in preparation to setting the precept for the coming year. The aim over the next few years is to build a small surplus of funds to be used on ongoing improvements. A new electrical feed is required for the hall, along with improvements to the playground and a revival of the old car park into a useful space. It was hoped that S106 funds and grants may assist in these plans over time. Next year's budget does not include any capital expenditure whilst the reserves are being built up and the precept will be held at £5,200 for the forthcoming year. However, the following year we may have to increase this by 10% to cover the grass cutting costs. This is covered at present with help from B&DBC but this funding may not continue. It was suggested that the football group pay extra towards this cost but it was thought unfair, as they do only use the pitch on average, one day a week and members of the parish use it at other times and also grass is cut in other areas around the parish, not just the football pitch.

The parish fund and precept forms were both signed, with the precept being set at £5,200.00 for 2011/12.

## **6. PARISH INITIATIVES.**

No news

## **7. RECREATION.**

7.1 Hilary Hossack explained that she had sent out 9 letters to users of the tennis courts to ask either for the return of the key or for payment. She received two replies, along with payment and an apology. The balance she fears will not result in anything. To date the tennis subscriptions have been dealt with quite informally but next year a letter will be sent out in March to current key holders and the padlock will be changed so that 2011 keys will not allow access. A five pound deposit has been charged for the key this year and it is hoped this will be incentive enough to hand them back or to collect a new key. The Chairman asked how many subscribers there had been this year and thought that 19 was quite good but that it would be good to generate more interest.

7.2 Alan Hutton commented once more about the need for a small gate alongside the old entrance gate to keep the toddlers away from the road.

7.3 Sam & Liz Preece have spent hours preparing an application for funding from RDPE. This very in depth application required quotes, account forecasts and many other forms to be completed. The items which the Village Hall Committee are hoping to get the funding for are; acoustic panelling for the ceiling in the village hall to greatly improve the dreadful acoustics which are causing so much consternation; a light weight stage to replace the back breaking one used at present; ambient lighting for social occasions and a visual improvement to the entrance of the hall to aid the hire of the hall for weddings and suchlike. They hope to hear news quite soon but explained that it is very competitive.

## **8. OPEN SPACES.**

8.1 A councillor is needed to replace Di Coate-Bond for the allotments and a new signatory for the allotment account cheque book needs to be organised.

## **9. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.**

9.1 Keith Holdsworth from Highways attended the meeting. This gave Sam & Donald the opportunity to discuss various road issues in the parish. Keith requested that in future all road problems be reported via Hantsweb where there is a site dedicated to all road issues from pot holes to white lines and flooding. The Parish Council thanked him for the recent work carried out on the Greywell

Road to calm the traffic. Keith was also asked about the emergency entrance/exit that is planned for the M3. At present Highways are looking at implementing this at Andwell motorway bridge but Alan Hutton thought that this did not make financial sense and that a slip road would be better placed at the bridge near The Hollies, the entrance of which is BOAT 24 which runs along Green Lane and exits rather dangerously out onto the A30. The Parish Council have wanted to down grade this BOAT to a bridleway for many years to prevent fly tipping along this lane and if Highways decide to use this as an entrance to the M3, a gate would solve this problem and save the Highways money which could go towards the much needed resurfacing of the motorway along our stretch. Keith said he would look into this and provide us with a contact name.

Clerk to put a notice in the Villager to advise parishioners of the web site they can use to report a road fault.

Clerk to draft a letter to Steve Pellatt

## **10. MOTORWAY BUND/NOISE**

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION.**

11.1 The clerk read a recent letter from Maria Miller regarding the motorway. There is no change in the situation but the clerk has informed Maria of the intended emergency slipway to see if she can influence any decision on its placement and financial implications.

## **12. DATE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**

12.1 The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 8pm. Further dates of March 12<sup>th</sup>, May 17<sup>th</sup> for the AGM and May 24<sup>th</sup> for the APA.

## **13. MATTERS ARISING.**

**13.1** A notice was hung for two weeks on the notice boards around the parish to advise the electorate of a vacancy on the Parish Council. If ten people came forward within this time, a bye-election would need to be held. If this did not happen, the Parish Council could co-opt someone until the next election, which for our Parish will be May 2012. Following a notice in The Villager, Neil Tweed presented himself and attended a meeting in September to see if he was interested and was co-opted onto the council at this meeting. He will be helping with the allotments and planning applications. He was warmly welcomed by all.

13.2 The three chairmen of the parishes covered by The Villager will be meeting to discuss the newsletter with the editor Sue Turner. Two years ago they met and agreed to meet up again to consider the changes made at the first meeting and decide if any other ideas have emerged. Donald asked the councillors if they had any comments. Sam rather liked the idea of having a gardening section as he felt this would encourage people to read it. Also, keeping it a non political publication was paramount and this was agreed by all.

13.3 PC Andy Reid attended the meeting and handed the Chairman a report. There were no crimes reported in either Mapledurwell or Up Nately since September 2011.

**14. MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50pm**