

Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council Meeting

Date: 21st March 2011 Venue: The Village Hall Commencing: 8pm

Present: Chairman Donald Komrower Vice- Chairman Sam Preece

Councillors: Hilary Hossack, Alan Hutton Clerk: Susan Lefley. PC Andy Reid

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

Minutes of the meeting on 24th January 2011 were approved by all the councillors as a true record and signed by Donald Komrower.

3 ACTIONS FROM LAST MEETING.

13.4 Most eligible areas have been risk assessed but there are a couple outstanding. Outstanding risk assessments to be completed.

6.1 The clerk placed a notice in HALC's Round Robin to ask what other uses Parish Councils' have given to their adopted telephone kiosk. Although no feedback was received she did find two other uses for the kiosk, a tiny art gallery and a book depository. It was decided that the kiosk needs to be tidied up, repainted, re-glazed and once done, a use found for it then. Clerk and Councillors to arrange for a small work party to begin the project.

13.4 For details of the APA see 7.2 7.1 Clerk forwarded notice board details to Sam. Two are required for either side of the entrance to the hall. The Parish Council will be funding one, the Village Hall Committee, the other. Some hardwood boards are very highly priced and Sam even approached a local company but the price was still prohibitive. Sam has found a company that provide a weather resistant economy version board called series 30 which would suit the location. There are two sizes; Size to take 9 A4 sheets £155 ea ex vat Size to take 12 A4 sheets £185 ea ex vat They have anodised aluminium frames/cork faced boards/shatterproof plastic glazing. Sam to liaise with VHC to decide which sized board to opt for.

8.1 Planning permission was not required after all for the installation of mains water onto the allotment site.

11.1 The clerk has been in constant contact with Maria Miller over the resurfacing of the motorway and will continue to do so.

13.2 The clerk has contacted Spencer Gallagher with regard to the website. It was agreed that Donald would approach the Basingstoke Voluntary Service to see if anyone there can help design and build a website. It was also suggested that maybe someone in the Parish might be able to offer their services. Clerk to put notice in Villager.

13.3 Glenn Peacey was asked how our bid for Broadband was progressing. Seemingly, he is putting forward another bid for us which presumably indicates the last bid failed? He also urged everyone to bid online on the Hampshire County Council's website. Andy Reid said that Herriard have approached Virgin Media as a Parish in the hope of getting a better Broadband service.

4 PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT.

Recent Applications; Recent/New Applications; BDB/73850 Kingfishers, Frog Lane, Mapledurwell. Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the existing use of 2 barns for car repairs and land for car parking. BDB/73680 Klondyke, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of 1 five bed roomed dwelling following the demolition of piggery buildings and barn. BDB/73752 Hillside, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Erection of a single storey rear extension to existing garage with room in roof space to form annexe ancillary to dwelling. BDB/73960 Glebe Cottage, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of a 2 storey side extension and construction of 2 rear dormer windows. Refused; BDB/73589 Manor Farm House, Mapledurwell. Conversion of existing outbuilding into ancillary accommodation and erection of detached garage. BDB/73670 Klondyke, Heather Lane, Up Nately. Demolition of piggery buildings and barn. Withdrawn; BDB/73684 & 73685 Rose Cottage, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Erection of a single storey rear extension including 2 roof lights.

5. FINANCE.

5.1.1 Payments were approved.

Chq. No 000527 Cheque Spoiled.
Chq. No 000528 OHW Phase 2/7th payment £6,911.52 OHW Ltd.
Chq. No 000529 OHW Phase 2/8th payment £4,164.00 OHW Ltd.
Chq. No 000530 OHW Phase 2/9th payment £648.00 OHW Ltd.
Chq. No 000531 OHW Phase 2/final payment £6,000.00 OHW Ltd.
Chq. No 000532 Clerk's Annual Pay £2,000.00 Sue Lefley
Chq. No 000533 Stamps £12.60 Sue Lefley

The final payment to the builder will be held until most of the snagging jobs have been completed. The Annual Audit is nearly upon us and Donald asked if the clerk would contact Robin Best to ask if he would like to carry out the Internal Audit as last year. Clerk to contact Robin Best.

6. PARISH INITIATIVES.

6.1 Anne Lywood and Susan Coull will be obtaining a quotation for 500 footpath booklets to be printed and coming back to the Parish Council possibly before the next meeting in May to ask for financial support. In principle, providing the price is not too prohibitive, the councillors are in agreement.

7. RECREATION.

7.1. Sam gave a resume of jobs needed to finish off the project. Outside lighting needs looking at, as does the grass next to the path, the loose hob and the lights which are not flush with the ceiling. Shrinking cracks will be looked at in the summer when the building has dried out. A new sign for the Village Hall will be looked at after the AGM and come into next years budget.

7.1.2 A plaque to commemorate the opening of the newly refurbished hall will be hung in readiness for the 'grand opening' when Maria Miller MP will do the honours. The plaque will be hung outside and in view of this a slate version was preferred, as more rural looking object. Clerk to make some drafts of appropriate wording for plaque and send round to the councillors. Also clerk to confirm Maria is definitely coming before inscribing plaque.

7.1.3 Further items for the opening evening for the hall were discussed, such as food and drink, contacting the Gazette and getting a list together of all the past members of both the Village Hall Committee and Parish Council, to invite them to this evening. The invites need to be sent out before 20th April. Councillors are to compile a list of people to invite and forward to clerk. Donald & clerk to discuss matter further.

7.2 Hilary is following up subscriptions for use of the tennis courts, which become due on the 1st April. A £5.00 deposit is now being taken for each padlock key.

7.3 The playground received its annual risk assessment which is commissioned by B&DBC. Its risks were low/medium which is comparable to other parishes and in a lot of cases, better than. The chestnut paling fencing is in need of replacement and will need to be budgeted for but the overall site is better than it was last year since being revamped and will be reviewed next year with a possibility of including the old car park into the scheme.

8. OPEN SPACES.

8.1. The village pond in Mapledurwell is causing concern to the residents since the fence was demolished by a car. Highways have said they will be fixing it at some time and Sam was asked if he could contact Keith Holdsworth to get a date from him. The little bridges which are around the pond are also in need of some attention. This will need to be carried out by the friends of the Parish Council. One bridge is dangerous and should be dismantled as soon as feasible, the other needs some more metal mesh placed on it to prevent the surface becoming slippery. Donald has offered a sleeper for the former and has asked if Diane can approach a couple of the regulars in the village for their help and report back to Donald. Diane to approach CT & NP and Sam to contact Keith Holdsworth.

8.2 The Mapledurwell Allotment Group has been awarded £7, 852.00 by B&DBC to put mains water onto the allotment site. This work will be carried out in the next few weeks. The councillors enquired when the gate will be replaced and this will happen after the work has been completed. The VAT resulting from this work will be claimed back by the Parish Council.

9. ROADS AND FOOTPATHS.

9.1 Sam met up with Keith Holdsworth from Highways and together walked around the roads of the parish discussing problem areas. He has already filled in some of the smaller pot holes and cleared out a couple of drainage ditches. Sam was asked if he could obtain an informal list of jobs from Keith, as to be able to mark off those completed and keep a running total of those outstanding and periodically remind Keith that they still need attention. The traffic calming design that was discussed at the last meeting has not been represented to the parish council and Sam was asked to follow this up. Sam to ask for list and mention traffic calming

9.2 The ownership of the gate next to the Old School House, still remains a mystery. The bottom of it was about to fall off if opened, so Alan Hutton padlocked it closed, to prevent this lump of wood falling onto someone's toes. Someone levered the padlock off and broke it. He has now placed a cultivator against it. He does have a kissing gate that he can offer up towards the project and it was suggested that maybe a working party could help to put this in or to offer the gate to the owners of the School house and ask them to install it. Need to find a working party to help install gate?

9.3 Bags of dog mess are littering our footpaths and this perennial problem seems impossible to solve. The councillors found it difficult to understand why someone would go to the effort of collecting up the faeces, to just dump the plastic bag, which will not bio degrade and produce a disgusting eyesore for everyone else. It was suggested that another notice in the Villager be inserted. Clerk to place dog mess notice in the Villager

10. MOTORWAY BUND/NOISE. See 11.1 11.
CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/PARISH COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION.

11.1 The Parish Council received a letter from Highways announcing that Peter Eade is leaving and being replaced by Steve Pellatt.

11.1.2 The Parish Council received a letter from the Audit Commission, concerning the appointment of a different auditing team.

11.1.3 Sam received some literature about the Priory at Andwell. The Priory once belonged to the Tiron order of monks from France, who are collating a history of their priories. For a small fee, they will send this information. Donald offered to pay for this personally and offer the information to the history group.

11.2 Following reading an excerpt in the Local Council News (232 Autumn 2010) Donald discussed the idea of clustering and grouping with another parish. This is described as an alternative way of driving down management and administrative overheads. This was considered in principle a good idea and worth pursuing. Donald to arrange a meeting with a suitable parish

12. DATE FOR THE FUTURE MEETINGS.

12.1 The AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Friday 20th May, followed at 8pm by the Annual Parish Assembly, when the newly refurbished hall will be officially opened by Maria Miller MP

12.2 Forward meeting dates were decided upon. Monday 4th July, Monday 5th September and Monday 7th November. The room has been booked for these dates.

13. MATTERS ARISING

13.1 PC Andy Reid attended the meeting, giving the parish councillors the up to date crime figures for the parish. A report was handed to the clerk detailing the various activities from attempted burglary, suspect vehicles, erratic driving and a poaching incident. A full copy can be viewed via the clerk. The Parish Council thanked Andy for his continued efforts in keeping our parish safe and law abiding.

13.2 The Parish Council is now required to pay the clerk using PAYE. At present the clerk, who is self employed, uses an accountant to settle her tax issues. This is yet another hurdle and cost the parish council has to overcome. The clerk is to enquire about costs for a company to take on this task.

13.3 The clerk still has spare saplings in her garden. She has offered to pot them up for use in the autumn to replace any trees which failed over the summer.

13.4 As no logos were submitted to the Parish Council, it has been decided not to follow this up.

14. MEETING CLOSED at 09.35pm