



Mapledurwell & Up Nately Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 15th January 2020, 7.30pm Village Hall Committee Room

Present: Parish Councillors Hugo Cubitt (Chairman), Paul French, Kevin Rafferty,
Alison Stent; Clerk Susan Turner; Footpaths Warden Martin Carfrae

Guests PC Andy Reid

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Apologies – Tom Horsey

2. POLICE REPORT

PC Reid reported increase in crime in 16 of his 22 parishes, but decrease in both Mapledurwell and Up Nately. See **APPENDIX I** for *Crime & Incident Report*

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING 18th November agreed and signed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST in items on the agenda:

Chairman re the Mead House application 19/03328/HSE Mead House Heather Row Lane. Erection of a two storey rear extension to professional involvement

All Councillors deemed to have an interest in setting the Precept request.

Dispensation granted from BDBC via the Clerk as per s33(2) Localism Act 2011.

5. FINANCE

5.1 Cheque signed between meetings

833 R Price returned allotment deposit less water charge £43.71

5.2 Precept Request 2020/21 See **APPENDIX II**

AGREED An increase of 5% to achieve a 2020/21 Precept of £9,732, which divided by 2020/21 tax base (297.40) = £32.72 per annum per Band D household. This increase (of £463) equates an annual rise of £1.56 per band D household.

Also to bear in mind it will be half this for Band A and double for Band H.

Clerk to submit the signed request for to BDBC prior to 31st January.

6. ALLOTMENTS

6.1 To consider parking provision. Neighbours to be consulted.

6.2 Tree planting in the allotment field.

AGREED Unanimously no objection to Tree Planting Plan as supplied by tree warden John MacLean. See **APPENDIX III**. Tree Warden to include article in *Villager*.

6.3 New allotment holders – Expression of interest received for former Gardner plot with the fruit cage. Paul French to liaise.

7. MAINTENANCE

7.1 Trees - Tree fallen morning of 15th January during storm Brendan – from Frog Lane hedgerow (across the road just beyond the field gate at the bottom of the Gamekeepers). Clerk to request Tree Warden undertakes check of Parish Council trees – at Allotments and Village Hall land.

7.2 Playground

AGREED To book a Councillor playground maintenance course as soon as next available offering inspection and certification. Martin Carfrae to download the BDBC (android) ap – for the Village Hall Playground inspection reports.

- 7.3 Recreation and Village Hall Grounds** To arrange meeting with Martin Gosling, Alison Stent and Kevin Rafferty re Grounds and Playground maintenance.
- 7.4 Tennis Courts** Lorna Cuthill has for many years organised the keys for and maintenance of the tennis courts. She no longer wishes to continue. Chairman to take over in the interim – to contact Lorna.
- 7.5 Mapledurwell Noticeboard** (by pond) Paul French reported it may be possible to salvage some of the Noticeboard for repair. There is much to replace but the main casing seems serviceable.
- 7.6 Defibrillators** - To contact electrician for Up Nately phone box.

8 HIGHWAYS / RIGHTS OF WAY

- 8.1 Cycle path at the Hollies** Councillors noted that much has been cleaned and swept. Response received from HCC via Cllr Elaine Still – plus report from BDBC – that the majority of the path is clear. See **APPENDIX IV** (section of path marked in yellow on the map).

ACTION Clerk to follow up with Elaine re ownership / responsibility.

- 8.2. Verge north of Old Greywell Road** opposite Oak Tree Cottages. The Chairman visited the owner of Eastmoor Copse, the land north of the Oak Tree Cottages access road. He was given to understand that the Eastmoor Copse land doesn't come down to the road. Rather the verge opposite Oak Tree Cottages belongs to the housing association – English Rural Housing.

ACTION Chairman to contact English Rural Housing

8.3 HCCCS Cutting Schedule

Footpaths previously requested were 17, 21, 27. Suggestion for cutting 2020 - FP 27 from Canal Reach to Frog Lane, also consider path by Old School House. Footpath Warden to advise.

- 8.4 Footpaths maintenance** Footpaths, junction of Fps 15 and 16. Rail and 2 posts broken. Landowner responsibility, to log on HCC rights of way interactive map.

8.5 Lengthsman tasks

- To cut back and clear the pavement past the Hollies, A30 to M3.
- to advise on two areas of flooding. Tunworth Road north of Mapledurwell pond, and top of Tunworth Road by Cob Tree Cottages
- to clear grips, Greywell Road.

ACTION: Clerk to draft schedule.

9 PLANNING

9.1 Parish Planning applications for consideration

20/00013/FUL - 21 And 25 Elder House, The Hollies, Mapledurwell Replacement of existing two-storey oriel bay window structure with new two-storey oriel bay window structure. Planning Elder House – *No objections – necessary work / repair*

20/00009/PIP - Nunnery House, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Application for Permission in Principle for conversion of an agricultural building to 1 no. dwelling. To note that use of PIP application considered unsuitable for a conversion application. Clerk to draft objection on basis of dominance of the building having a negative impact in the landscape, and change of use of agricultural land at sensitive part of conservation area and adjacent to listed buildings (urbanisation and domestic intrusion into the countryside). *Agreed by majority.*

19/03365/HSE 1 Bleagrove Cottages, Bleagrove Lane, Up Nately Erection of a car port with cycle shed. Bleagrove Cottages. *No objections.*

T/00550/19/TCA - The Gamekeepers, Tunworth Road, Mapledurwell. Application for works to trees growing in a conservation area. PROPOSAL: T1/T2 Eucalyptus: Fell. T3 Cypress: Fell. T4 Cherry: Fell.

It was noted that the removal of these trees was included within the Gamekeepers' recent planning application for two newbuilds, and that the Tree Officer's response was 'No objection with conditions'. The removal of the Eucalyptus is justified by the applicant on safety grounds.

See **APPENDIX V** for all planning applications relating to the Parish

10 VILLAGE COMMUNICATION.

AGREED The website, if more interactive, could be as useful as a Facebook page as a source of Parish information.

11 FURTHER REPORTS

11.1 First aid training tba

11.2 Spring Litter Pick suggested.

12 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesdays, 7.30pm, 11 Mar, 20 May (AGM/Assembly), 22 July, 16 Sept, 18 Nov

Meeting closed 9.15pm with thanks to all present