

Mawsley Village Association (MVA) Meeting - Notes

Date: Wednesday 29th April 2026

Venue: TCAM

Attendees: Julia Baines
Christian Ceccarelli
Jenny Clucas
Sam Eggleton
Owen Few
Jake Fisher

George King
Christine Hamilton
John Holton
Chris Waine
Nicola Wisdom
Simon Wisdom

Apologies: Richard Barnwell
Paul Howells

NOTES

1. Jenny welcomed everyone to the meeting. She explained that the Fireworks topic would be first on the agenda as the Fireworks Team are also members of the Pool Team who had a match at 8.00pm.

2. **Actions from January Meeting**

Audited accounts Research pros and cons of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and option of a volunteer accountant	John - on agenda
Public Benches Continue to pursue project	Completed
Welcome Pack Contact active Estate Agents Produce contact list	Paul - ongoing Completed

3. **Fireworks Night 2026**

A new Fireworks Team has agreed to organise the 2026 Village Fireworks Display. Jake, Owen and Christian attended the meeting to discuss the plans for 2026. Chris and the previous team will act as advisors for the new Team.

Jenny had circulated a draft Procurement Policy with the Agenda and this was approved.

The Fireworks Team is a sub-group of the MVA and therefore the key members need to be members of the MVA. Owen has joined and Jenny will send the Membership Form to Jake and Christian for completion.

The following points were discussed:

- Date was agreed as Sat 7th November.
- The event is funded from ticket sales and, in previous years, a grant from Mawsley Parish Council (MPC). John agreed to ask MPC for a grant for 2026.
- John ran through the budget for 2025 (a copy will be sent to the Team) and emphasised that the Event has to break even and ideally make a small surplus.
- Jake said they had contacted the Fireworks supplier and a price rise is due on 1st May, so they will now make a provisional order in the next two days to secure the current prices.
- Agreed that is vital that we have cancellation cover so that the cost of the Fireworks can be recovered if for any reason the event has to be cancelled.
- The Team has in hand the updating of the NNC Event Management Plan and the Risk Assessment. Jenny said that at least two MVA Directors would be happy to attend the NNC meeting to discuss the Event Management Plan when it takes place.

- The ticket price was increased last year, so there is no intention for any further increase. Payment via credit card was introduced last year and worked well.

The Team agreed to attend the July MVA Meeting and give an update on progress.

4. **MVA Finances update**

John as MVA treasurer gave a summary of MVA finances. The MVA currently has £14,662 in its bank account, including £4,362 of Skate Mawsley Funds. The MVA will continue to keep the financial position of the charity under close review. Going forward the MVA will have to consider ways to raise funds to continue its charitable work.

After the discussions at the October and January meetings, John has continued to explore the option of becoming a Charitable Incorporate Organisation, which would allow the MVA to remain a charitable company but not be registered at Companies House. This change may have implications for Director's liabilities and under this option we would still need to submit detailed accounts to the Charity Commission, so there would probably be no/little saving in accountancy fees, which was the main objective. The view remains that our current accountant's fees are highly competitive within the accountancy market. Therefore the conclusion was to put switching to becoming a Charitable Incorporate Organisation on hold, and John will continue to monitor options and implications.

5. **Village Fun Day**

A proposal from TCAM was that Fun Day revert to being a village MVA event, as it was originally, with TCAM still involved in the organisation was agreed at the January Meeting. After discussion about adding more family/sports activities into Fun Day, it was agreed to look at adding one or two, if possible, but instead to hold a Family Sports Day later in the summer. Jenny and Nic will meet to discuss this new event.

6. **Skate Mawsley Project**

MVA hold the funds raised by the Skate Mawsley project, via GoodHub, on behalf of the Project. The total held currently is £4,362.

Sam and Julia from the Skate Mawsley sub-group gave an update on progress at the meeting. Key points:

A response has been received from Liam Faulkner, Head of Environment by the MVA/Skate Mawsley Sub-Group to the various financial and legal questions posed. NNC has confirmed they would be willing to be a joint or second applicant on any grant applications made by the Skate Mawsley Sub-group and, if Skate Mawsley were successful in raising the necessary funding for a new skate ramp, they would:

- provide support and oversight of the delivery of the capital build.
- cover the public liability insurance for a new skate ramp and any maintenance required on the proviso that the ramp is of a concrete construction.
- cover the Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment cost up to a maximum of £9,999, if any of the successful grants were landfill related.

In addition, NNC have confirmed that to the Skate Mawsley Group, that as NNC are VAT registered, the VAT element will be covered by them, meaning any funding the Group raises will go further.

Based on this information the Group has obtained further quotes; the area size has been reduced to keep the project in the £55-60k budget ballpark. Sam and Julia handed out schematics of what was being proposed. The group currently have ~£29.5k raised (MPC grant and from fund raising) and are now exploring grant options for the further funding. Jenny and others offered to review draft grant applications. The option of sponsorship and promoting the sponsors name on the ramp was suggested. Sam and Julia will also follow up with Richard Barnwell's offer of help now that they have quotes.

7. **Welcome Pack**

Topic is ongoing. Jenny said she had drafted the contact/User Group list for including in the Welcome Pack. Paul is aiming to produce the Pack by Fun Day.

8. **Village Public Benches**

The additional public bench project is now completed; we now have four additional public benches in the Village. These are situated in the Eco Meadow, in the Spinney Wood, by top entrance to Spinney Wood, and by the Playing Fields. One bench was donated by NNC and Mawsley Parish Council (MPC) have funded the purchase of the other three benches. Installation costs have been covered by MVA, Mawsley WI and the MPC. Posts have been placed on the various Village Facebook pages and there will be an article in the next Village Newsletter.

NNC has said they would be supportive of further benches in the Village, but these would have to be funded via the memorial bench scheme.

9. **Village Newsletter**

The Easter Newsletter was delivered at the start of April and has received positive reviews. The next Newsletter will be issued in the first two weeks of September with the deadline for copy being mid-August.

10. **Regular village litter picks**

As previously agreed, going forward the plan is to run two litter picks a year in April and September (after the Easter and Summer school holidays).

A successful litter pick was held on Sat 11th April; the volunteers commented how much they enjoyed the activity and a similar amount of litter collected. The next litter pick is planned for Sat 12th Sept (after the summer school holidays) - Jenny will publicise the event on all the Village Facebook pages.

11. **AGM**

The MVA AGM will be held in conjunction with the TCAM AGM on Tuesday 26th May at 7.00pm at TCAM. Everyone was encouraged to attend.

12. **AOB**

Nothing raised.

13. **Date of Next Meeting – 21st July 2026 (provisionally - tbc) at 7.00pm, at TCAM.**

14. **Actions:**

Welcome Pack Ongoing, including contacting active Estate Agents	Paul
Agenda Items for July to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Finance update○ Fireworks Night 2026○ Sport Day 2026 idea - progress○ Welcome Pack progress○ Skate Mawsley	Jenny