

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 April 2012

Present: Cllr Thomas; Cllr. Cope; Cllr McDonald; Cllr Littler; Diana MacCarthy

Members of the public present: David Lewis (Commercial Estates Group); Peter Moore; PCSO Alan Sillince; 20 members of the general public.

12.4.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Farthing

12.4.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Littler declared his position as a Director of Mawsley Villagers Association Ltd. (MVA) and as a Director of The Centre at Mawsley CIC, and The Sports Council. Cllr MacDonald declared her interest in The Centre at Mawsley and The Mawsley Village Association. Cllrs Cope declared his interest in Mawsley Amateur Dramatics.

12.4.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Richard Priestly (RP) asked about the jubilee celebrations, he would like a village service to mark the occasion. Uniformed organisations are invited and he would like to involve the whole village. All councillors supported the suggestion and RP will write an article in the newsletter regarding this. VC asked if financial support was required, RP said this was not needed at present.

David Wilson (public) spoke regarding dog waste, Cllr Thomas updated the public regarding our current situation and the issues as the land is not yet adopted. He also confirmed that if someone is willing to state who is not picking up mess and report them, they will be prosecuted.

Frances Allbury asked when the roads would be adopted, Cllr Littler confirmed it should be completed by the end of the year. He also confirmed that the County and Borough council are dealing as well as Taylor Wimpey to progress this matter.

12.4.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Thomas proposed the minutes of the meeting held 12 March 2012 and Cllr. Cope seconded these.

12.4.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

11.10.5.1	Clerk	Letter to KBC re adoption of open space and pond	To clarify with Peter Chaplin that MPC not dealing with Eco meadow. Clerk to obtain copies of the plan to give to Councillors.
5.11.9.2	PT	To chase KBC re response to our letter regarding issues at the centre.	TB to chase Julia Beckett and update
12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way	Statutory Declaration needs to be sworn to say that whilst giving access we are protecting our rights of way.
6.11.13.1	DM	To review other account options (Cambridge BS)	Ongoing – DM to enquire whether a minimum sum needs to be left in an account to keep the Natwest account open.

9.11.3.1	PT	To contact Peter Chaplin re transfer of land for bus stop	DWH agreed in principle but still ongoing
9.11.6.1	PT	To speak to Taylor Wimpey regarding the Eco Meadow	Confirmed it will become a flower meadow and will then be adopted.
10.11.16.1	VC	To pursue possibility of relocating bike racks	Alternatives and costing to be prepared.
11.12.3.3	Clerk	To chase plan from Chris Bond showing proposed road marking	Chris Bond plan agreed at meeting is being used as and when each phase is adopted. Now 23 near misses - update
12.3.3.1	Clerk	Contact Chris Stopford re bins	Completed
12.3.3.2	Clerk	Contact Daventry BC regarding litter on C31	Email copy to Cllrs Moreton & Hakewill
12.3.8.1	Clerk	Letter to Bob L re money to older play area.	Completed
12.3.11.1	Clerk	Confirm tree planting can not go ahead whilst we do not own the land	Completed

Clerk to speak to Ben Webster regarding date that the Minutes and Agenda go on the website and additional items to add.

The lease for the eco meadow must be entered in to first. Cllr Littler said that a proposal stating the location should be put to the Parish Council by Tom Sanders as regards a pocket park. ACTION Clerk to add to the next Agenda 12.4.5.1

12.4.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Tim Bellamy was not in attendance.

12.4.7 Taylor Wimpey

Covered in matters arising. Colin Fry from Marriott asked if Clymac could attend TCAM and then put a proposal to us. Clymac said errors would be reported to Kier but that they would be his recommendations only.

12.4.8 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications

12.4.9 The Centre at Mawsley

Cllr Littler said that the kitchen was complete and operational. Cllr Littler suggested a note of thanks to Graham Leah for obtaining the kitchen and Alan MacDonald for help with his installation. All Councillors agreed. Cllr Thomas added Cllr Cope and Brian Tuite by way of thanks.

Cllr Littler added sales in February were quiet but March is good. 2011 accounts not yet finished. Painting of the outside of the building is now complete. Cllr Cope then asked whether we had a plan B for the funding of the Centre and also a general consensus on the way forward for Mawsley. Cllr Cope has prepared figures for alternatives, such as breaking down the Centre to square metres, and working out figures such as £98 per square metre to run the Centre. This is backed by TCAM figures. Cllr Cope said we need to make the centre more appealing and to have more promotion of the Centre. Cllr Cope felt that a five year plan needs to be set by the Council for maintenance and development of the Centre. Cllr Thomas agreed a meeting with TCAM to gain an idea of costs, Cllr Littler said the plan would need to be made between TCAM, MPC and MVA. Cllr Thomas suggested a meeting with TCAM prior to the next Parish meeting. Cllr Littler thought it better if the Parish Council formulated their plan prior to meeting TCAM. Cllr Littler asked what we would require a Village meeting for, Cllr Thomas said it was to put key issues to the village for wider consultation, he felt this would be useful for the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Littler said the main purpose of the meeting was to ask the village their views on continuing to fund the Centre. Cllr Littler said we should state what we propose to do and ask for their thoughts as opposed to opening it for their opinion. Cllr Littler thought it

would be difficult to do prior to the May Annual meeting. Autumn was suggested as an ideal time due to the information required.

12.4.10 Police Matters

1 Theft and 2 violent offences reported in March. (Domestic and youths fighting). Red van parked near medical centre was discussed; the police are looking in to whether it is parked dangerously.

12.4.11 Villager issues

TS again enquired as to the tree planting and it was confirmed again that it cannot go ahead due to land ownership issues, which the Clerk had confirmed previously to him by email.

Hedgerow maintenance – Cllr Thomas confirmed that he had spoken to KBC regarding this. Cllr Moreton had also raised the subject with his office.

Litter picking has apparently been undertaken by Kettering Borough Council. Cllr Cope said that villagers would be happy to help if the equipment was supplied. KBC will not supply the equipment but gave the details of a company that can assist in Loddington. Approx £130.00 for 6 sets. ACTION 12.4.11.1 to add to Agenda for next meeting.

12.4.12 Accounts and Budgets

All payments as per Agenda approved for payment.

TCM have paid the overdue insurance to the sum of £1850.32

CPRE membership was agreed to be continued.

12.4.13 Correspondence and Clerks update

General correspondence discussed.

Road naming suggestions – ACTION 12.4.13.1 Clerk to ask for time extension so that it can be put to the village.

Adoption of Code of Conduct to be reviewed for June meeting.

12.4.14 Planning

David Lewis (Commercial Estates Group) gave a presentation on the proposals. The needs for growth were discussed ie lack of housing and future needs. Development should be allowed if social, economical and environmental objectives are to be met, the difference now is that the public have more of a say at the initial point. Discussed the options of the land not just for housing, any comments need to be made to KBC before the end of the month. Mr Lewis asked for any comments and suggested a workshop event to help involve the local people. Tom Sanders asked what role David Lewis had in the land. What were the advantages of speaking to him as opposed to KBC. Cllr Littler suggested it was in our interest to talk to developers as opposed to just planners, due to the interest they have in what villagers want. There would be no vehicular access from Mawsley just cycle and footpath. Frances Allbury asked what the benefit was of further housing to the village. David Lewis suggested funding for the Centre, Allotments, open space etc. Richard Priestly asked about the school, David Lewis suggested that financial support could help with expansion or new building. David Wilson referred to the trouble with access for disabled people if they have to go on to the C31 then back in to the village. Cllr Thomas reiterated this was an early stage for ideas. Cllr Littler said it was normal practice for developers to offer financial support when trying to build. David Lewis said it would be approx 100-150 houses being built. Cllr Cope said that although he was against development it was better to take part in the discussions than to be led by the planners. David Lewis said there were a lot of applications in Northamptonshire, where Parish Councils have engaged the parish has benefitted, where they have not places like Long Buckby have had the planning granted but not benefitted. Pat Rowley asked for a definition of housing needs. David Lewis said there was normal needs and affordable needs. It was asked whether development was inevitable. David Lewis said that was not the case but KBC needs to meet housing numbers. Objection to development was not a material consideration. Pat Downing stated that she wanted

people to know that there was a second option and that was not to develop. The school is over run and the village has been developed for 10 years, it needs time to settle before further development. Cllr Thomas stated that we would make a decision on our representation tonight to report back to KBC.

Planning was then discussed by Cllr Cope, Cllr Thomas and Cllr MacDonald, as Cllr Littler left the room.

Cllr Thomas's initial view was that the village does not need further extension. The school has no room for growth, and would require a separate development. Cllr Cope confirmed that he was also against development if it continues we will never grow as a community if there are always builders. Cllr MacDonald agreed. Cllr Cope said further that we should keep consultation going; otherwise we may lose future funding. Cllr Thomas confirmed that our response would be to say no. Concept of Mawsley was a traditional village from scratch. Cllr Cope mentioned accessibility, no car access between old and new village. ACTION 12.4.14.1 prepare letter for circulation prior to 23 April 2012.

12.4.15 Items for newsletter.

Send copy of our letter to KBC regarding future proposed extension to Mawsley and Proceeds of Crime funds. Annual Parish meeting – Cllr Littler suggested asking groups to report to the Council on their past year prior to the meeting. Cllr Cope felt a Sunday afternoon would be good for all groups to attend. All Councillors save for Cllr Cope voted in favour of Cllr Littlers suggestion. Speak to Jane for list of groups to ask (5 mins max per group). ACTION Clerk 12.4.15.1

12.4.16 Any Other Business

Queen Elizabeth II (Monday April 30th 3-5pm) two representatives from Council to attend. Cllr MacDonald to attend.

Cllr MacDonald said a lady from Roman Settle with a Chair was struggling to get to the Centre due to lack of drop kerb. Cllr Cope confirmed there was sufficient drop kerb access.

Cllr Holland has resigned with immediate effect. A new vacancy will be advertised in the newsletter. Cllr Thomas voiced his thanks for all his help and his sorrow at his leaving.

ACTION POINTS

12.4.5.1	Clerk	Add eco proposal to May Agenda	
12.4.11.1	Clerk	Add litter picking equipment to Agenda	
12.4.13.1	Clerk	Request extension to road naming time limit	
12.4.14.1	Clerk	To write letter to KBC regarding our thoughts on proposed extension	
12.4.15.1	Clerk	Ask Jane at TCAM for list of user groups	

The meeting ended at 22:24

Signed:

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