

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15 December 2014

Present: Cllr Littler; Cllr Sanders; Cllr Cope; Cllr Richards; Cllr White; Diana MacCarthy (Clerk)

Members of the public present: Trish Cottington; Rob Bailey, Simon Wisdom and Chris Leeson (TW)
Cllr Moreton attended at 9.15pm

14.12.1 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Baker; Cllr Barnwell – apologies accepted.

14.12.2 Declaration of Interests

None received

14.12.3 Allotted time for members of the public

No members wishing to speak. Cllr Cope notified the Council that Mick Podd passed away and condolences were passed on by the Council.

14.12.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 17 November 2014

Proposed by Cllr Richards and Seconded by Cllr. Cope.

14.12.5 Accounts and Budgets

Simon Wisdom gave an overview of TCAM/MVA relationship, before providing a background to their 2015/2016 request of £24k. See slides attached to Minutes (these are available to view online or a hard copy can be obtained from the Clerk.).

Cllr Littler then asked Councillors to consider whether the Parish Council would continue to fund TCAM for £24,000 for the next financial year along with the £10,000 capex request. If £24,000 is under spent over the financial year this will be repaid to the Parish Council.

It was resolved to offer revenue support for £24k next year with any underspend returned to MPC, proposed by Cllr Littler and Seconded by Cllr Cope.

The second **resolution** is that we offer a £10k capex allowance which is subject to a report on maintenance to be received for the next meeting, it was proposed by Cllr Littler and Seconded by Cllr Cope.

All Councillors present were in agreement with the above

Approval of the budget and precept is to be confirmed at the next meeting subject to discussions from the November and December Minutes.

Paid to	In respect of	Amount (net)	VAT
Clerk	Salary	341.40	£0.00
TCAM	Room Hire	£37.50	£7.50
Top Notch	Light repairs	£95.00	£19.00
John Cole Lawnmower repairs	Mower and strimmer services	£82.40	£0.00

It was resolved to accept all payments. Proposed by Cllr Cope and seconded by Cllr Richards.

Budget Preparation

Current available funds: 26 November 2014 - £50,570.72 – Current Account

31 October 2014 - £13,409.64 – Community Fund Account

The Clerk requested that the Council agree a set pay scale in line with NJC pay scales. The Clerk is to circulate information relating to this to Councillors prior to the next meeting. The Clerk is also to circulate a demo of the RBS software which offers an accountancy package for Parish Councils.

The Clerk confirmed that a recommended pay increase had been proposed of 2.2%. **It was resolved** to approve the pay increase, proposed by Cllr Sanders and seconded by Cllr Richards. All Councillors were in agreement.

14.11.6 Matters arising from the previous meeting

12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way	Await response from County Council – Cllr Barnwell dealing
12.11.13.1	KW	To speak to KBC regarding advice on Neighbourhood Plans	Clerk to arrange a meeting with Cransley, Broughton and Mawsley. Boundary of neighbourhood plan is to go to Borough Council Executive for approval.
12.12.13.1	RB	People March to be visited and advice given for activities for young people within Mawsley.	A meeting is to be arranged with Cllr Barnwell and Cllr Baker.
14.4.7.1	Clerk	Open space plan	Chris Leeson at TW to provide.
14.4.7.3	JH	Article 4 area and glazing issues	Cllr Hakewill is dealing.
14.4.7.4	BL	Licence to occupy	Cllr Littler and Cllr Barnwell to review and sign documentation. Clerk to check who needs to sign on behalf of Council.
14.6.12	Clerk	Dog Bins	New bins shall be allocated upon adoption. Enforcement will patrol the area over the coming weeks. Amanda McDade to attend a future meeting to update. Clerk to enquire as to cost of purchasing extra

It was resolved to extend the meeting at 9pm, proposed by Cllr Sanders and seconded by Cllr Richards.

14.12.7 Mawsley Interface with Kettering Borough Council

Cllr Hakewill was not in attendance, but had spoken to the Clerk as regards his disappointment in the lack of any information provided to the Parish Council regarding the new wind turbine.

14.12.8 Taylor Wimpey

Chris Leeson from Taylor Wimpey attended the meeting and provided a full update. The notes of these are attached to the Minutes. (These are available to download online or a hard copy can be obtained from the Clerk).

Key points are; As regards the s104 storm drainage – both agreements have been entered in to and registered. The full foul drainage is adopted, and foul pump stations are also transferred.

Roads cannot be adopted if the drainage is not vested. The water authority, require a right to put water in to Cllr Barnwell's pond but this has not been granted. Cllr Barnwell has a range of issues with TW and this is

what is holding up the granting. Legal mechanisms are now being put in place to ensure this takes place shortly.

Roads – Phase 1 & 2 are adopted. Bill Rhodes is now dealing with road adoption along with Chris Bond (Northamptonshire County Council). There is a great financial impact on TW whilst adoption is undertaken. For example they cover the gritting costs which are approximately £750.00 each time.

Cllr Richards enquired as to the weeds which are growing in the gutter, these were sprayed twice last year and will be done again in the spring.

The Parish Council also enquired as regards a concern raised by residents of Roman Settle. It was confirmed that the roads are owned by TW and are subject to a s38 agreement, Bedford Pilgrims therefore has no right to enforce parking restrictions on these roads but can on the turning head.

Update needs to be sought from DWH as regards their roads and NCC and Highways for roads and open space.

Roads where there is no pavement were part of the planning criteria and cannot be changed.

Open space is mainly adopted with a few areas out-standing, these are mainly those alongside the roads.

TW continue to employ Barba landscapes on a bi monthly basis for highways and verges maintenance.

Pub site – One attempt at clearing was undertaken in October 2014, but Chris Leeson said he appreciated that some rubble has been left and this will be removed in January 2015. TW will then have no further control over the site unless it is used for a public house. Mawsley Taverns will then be responsible for maintenance ongoing.

School drop off and congestion – Speed survey and pedestrian crossing survey have taken place. It concludes that a crossing is not appropriate. Kier WSP confirmed that the traditional criteria, is no longer valid as a measurement of whether a crossing is required. Three opportunities have been given – a central pedestrian refuge near the medical centre, double yellow lines extended, or a possible zebra or crossing to the northern access of the school. Chris Leeson confirmed that NCC will not get involved or consider funding the crossing until they are adopted. He recommended that School governors speak to him to see if a temporary crossing could be put in place. He further added that the third option may be something that TW would be willing to fund.

There is no specific requirement under the Highways Act to put a ‘slow-down’ sign on the roads, but TW would have no issue with this as long as it is appropriate adoptable signage.

Geoff Smith can be contacted for any emergencies in relation to roads and highways and the Clerk has his details.

14.12.9 The Centre at Mawsley

It was resolved that we purchase a cage to protect the video camera. This was proposed by Cllr Sanders and seconded by Cllr White.

14.12.10 Police matters

Police were unable to attend but reported one incident of theft handling in November.

14.12.11 Villager issues

School crossing – this is covered under the Taylor Wimpey heading.

Neighbourhood plan – Cllr White is to prepare a proposed plan area for the next meeting and the rationale for this.

Dog Fouling – Amanda McDade has added anti dog fouling posters to the village

Signage – TW are to remove, out of date signage from around the village.

Pub site – This is being cleared in January 2015.

Village youth- A meeting is to be held on 30 December 2014. Vicky Waine is to be invited to our next meeting.

14.12.12 Council Issues

Cllr White circulated a proposed face-book policy. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

14.12.13 Mawsley School Junior Council

Cllr Baker was not in attendance but reported that the children would like to prepare posters regarding the dropping of dog waste which are to be put on the noticeboard.

They will also undertake a survey (not neighbourhood plan) looking at what young people in Mawsley would like. All Councillors were happy with this.

14.12.14 Correspondence and Clerks Update

An email from local resident Chris Henson was read out and endorsed with regards to the new Wind Turbine. It was agreed that this should be forwarded to Rob Harbour (Head of Planning at Kettering Borough Council) and to Borough Councillor James Hakewill.

15.12.15 Planning

KET/2014/0827 – 13 Long Breech – additional garage and home offices – no objection

KET/2014/0562 – 41 Long Breech – Conservatory to rear – no objection

Cllr Moreton referred to his dissatisfaction at the lack of information received by the Parish Council in relation to the wind turbine.

15.12.16 Items for newsletter and website

Report on Chris Leeson visit

Precept and parish council responsibilities

The meeting ended at 9.50pm

Signed:

Date: