

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 December 2013

Present: Cllr. Barnwell; Cllr Meredith; Cllr Littler; Cllr Allbury; Cllr Baker; Diana MacCarthy (Clerk)

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; Pat Rowley; Mick Podd, Vic Cope; PCSO Alan Sillince; Chris Davies

13.12.1 Apologies for Absence: None received

13.12.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Littler declared he had resigned from his position as a Director of Mawsley Villagers Association Ltd. (MVA) in July of this year.

13.12.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Mick Podd asked for progress on the siting of the benches. Cllr Barnwell said he had reviewed this and would like to meet with Mr Podd to discuss this further at the site at the top of Rosehill Way. He further mentioned a lack of response from Cllr Hakewill which Cllr Barnwell said he would speak directly to him about.

13.12.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Barnwell proposed the minutes of the meeting held 18 November 2013, and Cllr. Meredith seconded these.

13.12.5 Accounts and Budgets

Update from NCALC regarding the proposed increase of hours from 18 to 26 for the duties of a Clerk, amendment to be made to 2014/2015 budget.

Glass Washer payment was requested by TCAM from the Parish Council fund to the sum of £1320 under cheque number 391. This was approved by all, although noted that the request was retrospective and the washer had already been purchased as it was needed urgently.

TCAM room hire payment approved to the sum of £37.50 paid under cheque number 389.

Following approval at the last meeting for the clerk to attend an Excel course, payment was approved to the cost of £159.00 paid under cheque number 388..

The Clerk had enquired as to the cost of the ‘Good Councillors Guide’. NCALC confirmed this at £2 each and it was agreed by all, that four copies would be ordered for future Councillors. £8.00 was paid under cheque number 390.

All Councillors agreed that it would be beneficial if a meeting was to be had with the Directors of TCAM as to what they should be paying for themselves and what we will contribute towards going forward. This is to be arranged for the New Year.

13.12.6 Matters arising from the previous meeting – see Minutes

12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way	Await response from County Council
12.11.9.2	RM	Research CCTV costings.	Cllr Meredith to review quotes and surmise for next meeting.
12.11.13.1	RB	To speak to KBC regarding advice on	It was agreed that the first step would be to

		Parish Plans	be prepare a questionnaire for the village.
12.12.13.1	RB	People March to be visited and advice given for activities for young people within Mawsley.	Cllrs Baker and Barnwell to attend

13.12.7 **Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council**

No new correspondence had been received from the Council despite a request by the Clerk for an up to date report.

13.12.8 **Taylor Wimpey**

Chris Leeson was thanked by Cllr Barnwell for his attendance. He provided an updated report on progress. Cllr Littler voiced his disappointment that we were being told by Taylor Wimpey that the Eco meadow and the Public Open Space had been adopted and the Parish Council had not been informed by the Council. ACTION 13.12.8.1 Speak to Borough Council about what the commuted sum will be used for and regarding lack of contact with the Parish Council regarding progress.

Bollards have been put up at the back of the shop to prevent parking. Further it was raised that when the attempted robbery took place at the cash point the ground had again been damaged. Chris Leeson said he would look at putting wooden bollards in to this piece of land.

A speed survey had been undertaken on Rosehill Way, it determined that the average speed was below 20mph and therefore there was no need for an island to be installed.

Cllr Littler suggested we speak to the Borough Council to ask what their intention is with regards the Public Open Space. ACTION 13.12.8.2 – Clerk to speak to Kettering Borough Council.

Cllr Barnwell asked for a copy of the Transfer plan to KBC so we can see what land they will own. ACTION 13.12.8.3 Clerk to request a copy of the plan.

Cllr Allbury asked about Grit bins and whether they will be filled with grit. Mr Leeson said he could either fill the bins or ask for them to be removed. Cllr Barnwell said he felt it would be beneficial to fill them. Mr Leeson confirmed he would ensure they were filled prior to the bad weather. Cllr Allbury also asked that the gates to the former pub site are locked at all times following the break in, Mr Leeson noted this.

Mr Leeson then discussed street lighting, there is now a PFI lighting contractor (Balfour Beatty). There is a revision to Phase 7 of the street lighting. Under a Dedication Agreement the lights will become the responsibility of the County Council when adopted. All Councillors were happy with this confirmation.

Cllr Barnwell suggested a further meeting in spring to provide a further update, to which Mr Leeson agreed.

13.12.9 **Mawsley Community Fund**

No applications

13.12.10 **The Centre at Mawsley**

We have not heard back from TCAM as regards amendments to Lease which had been emailed to Rob Bailey. ACTION 13.12.10 .1 Clerk to ask whether Rob Bailey and Simon Wisdom can attend a meeting prior to the January meeting as the Lease has now expired. Also to attend the January meeting to provide an update to the Council. Landlords inspection was undertaken and no serious issues were found but a report is to be prepared by RB ACTION 13.12.10.2

13.12.11 **Police Matters**

A burglary was reported in Rosehill Way which happened during the night. Further there were two violent offences which were both domestics and a theft from vehicle. It was emphasised that most burglaries were happening in insecure properties. A brief overview of Street watch was also given, it would involve a volunteer working for 2 hours a month patrolling the streets and reporting anything they need to. Cllr Littler

then discussed the rural forum meeting with Mr Simmons, Police Commissioner. Mr Simmons explained his limitation on increasing his budget, but said that he will endeavour to prevent the loss of any further officers, he also aims to recruit 700 special constables and ensure continuation of PCSO's. It was felt the high turnover of Specials was due to the current lack of support which he is trying to change. The number of senior management is also to be reduced and there may be a merger between the police and the fire service. Cllr Littler felt that the addition of 20 officers (which could be paid for out of current budget savings) would have been beneficial but there seemed to be no commitment for this.

13.12.12 Villager issues

A number of pub site suggestions had been put forward by people within the village. Some of these, it was felt would not be financially viable due to the cost of the land and the cost of any building. One villager had proposed a retirement home or sheltered accommodation, which the Councillors felt should be reviewed in more detail ACTION 12.12.12.1 Clerk to contact villager who had offered to research this possibility.

Another issued had been raised regarding the grass verge to the rear of India to Mawsley. Due to delivery drivers parking on the verge the grass had become ruined and it was suggested that boulders of some form be placed there. Boulders had also been requested along Hawthorne lane, but Mr Leeson of Taylor Wimpey said there had been an issue with people being injured by tripping over the boulders and that the company were now hesitant to continue installing these.

Finally an issue with regard to street lighting had been raised and Mr Leeson provided a copy of the revised street lighting plan. Any issues as regards the location and siting of lights needs to be referred to Taylor Wimpey or David Wilson depending on the location.

13.12.13 Health & Safety issues

No specific issues were raised.

13.12.14 Correspondence and Clerks update

The Clerk presented an updated information sheet detailing Councillor contact information. It was approved subject to the Christian names of the Councillors being given in full. This will be added to the website and noticeboards once the two new councillors are elected.

An overview of the Council was also prepared, again to be added to the website. It was felt by Cllr Barnwell that certain aspects of this were too generic and needed to be personalised to Mawsley, This to be amended by Cllr Barnwell and the Clerk and re-circulated.

A monthly plan of required action has been prepared and is to be received and added to by the Councilors, showing required action by the Council on a month by month basis.

13.12.15 Planning

KET/2013/0755 – change of use approved for Mawsley to India from take away to restaurant. All Councillors in favour.

KET/2013/0762 – change to UPVC for windows in Article 4 area. Approved for rear of property proposed by Cllr Littler seconded by Cllr Baker. Cllrs Meredith and Barnwell voted against application and it was approved only by majority not unanimously. It was noted by several Councillors that had the windows been to the front of the property then approval would not be granted at Parish level.

13.12.16 Items for newsletter/website.

Further ideas for the pub site.

Councillor resignation and new co-option.

Message from Chairman for New Year.

The Annual Parish Meeting was discussed and it was felt that the gathering planned for February of local groups should be amalgamated with the Annual Parish Meeting. All Councillors were in favour of this.

Monday 13th 2014 11.30 – 12.30 the Council is to attend a meeting at school and is to be given a tour by the headmistress, so that we can meet the school parliament and the junior council.

13.12.17 Any Other Business

None raised.

The meeting ended at 21.40

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