

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18 February 2013

Present: Cllr. Thomas; Cllr. McIvor; Cllr Cope; Cllr Littler; Cllr Barnwell; Diana MacCarthy (Clerk)

Members of the public present: Adrian Allen (Diamond Estates); Tom Sanders; Judy Baker; Reg Baker; David Wilson; Pat Rowley; PCSO Jason Parish; Brian Sutcliff; Brenda Sutcliffe; Tricia Cottingham; John Shortt; Amanda Burgess; Malcolm Andrews

13.2.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Farthing; Cllr MacDonald

13.2.2 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. Cllr Cope declared his interest in Mawsley Amateur Dramatics and Bowls. Cllr Farthings husband is a member of MVA.

13.2.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Many suggestions were put forward as regards future use of the pub site. David Wilson raised the issue of dog bins, and the new site allocation. The person collecting the waste has been having an issue with dog mess bags not being closed properly. He further felt that although dog waste can be placed in ordinary bins, there was a health implication for those collecting from ordinary bins, as they have no place to clean their hands.

Further at the Loddington Way bus site, the new path way that has been added is too narrow for push chairs/wheel chairs. Tom Sanders confirmed that the path outside 2/2a was too narrow. Cllr Littler felt this should be referred to TW and the Highways department. (ACTION 13.2.3.1 Clerk to speak to TW/Highways department to ensure that the path/service verge meets legal requirements). Amanda Burgess felt that the road junction was now quite dangerous.

Further the footpath at The Spinney at the end of Loddington Way is in poor condition because of mud. David Wilson asked for some gravel to make the path more viable. Cllr Thomas said the path was an on-going issue as regards open space, and it was awaiting adoption by Kettering Borough Council. Cllr Littler suggested speaking to Kettering Borough Council (ACTION 13.2.3.2 Clerk to speak to KBC planning department and copy the two Borough Councillors in). Cllr Barnwell and Cope felt this should be dealt with by the Borough Councillors and not the Parish Council at all. Finally David Wilson felt that the speed of traffic in this area is becoming a concern. Cllr Barnwell reiterated that this is a Borough/District Councillor issue and they should be contacted directly, as Parish Councillors we are restricted. Further he felt that those Councillors should attend future meetings. (ACTION 13.2.3.3 Clerk to invite them to attend next meeting).

Tom Sanders raised the issue of snow near the Centre; Cllr Littler said this was a Centre issue and not a Parish Council matter, but that the Centre had the issue in hand.

Malcolm Andrews raised the issue of the fly tipping of shrubbery near his property. Cllr Thomas said he needs to speak to environmental health about its removal.

Amanda Burgess further raised a planning issue as regards a conservatory attached to a property within Mawsley. Cllr Thomas said that if a property has not been built in accordance with the planning approval, this should be raised with the planning department of Kettering Borough Council.

13.2.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Barnwell proposed the minutes of the meeting held 21 January 2013, subject to some wording amendments as regards precept discussions (see attached) and Cllr. Cope seconded these.

13.2.5 Accounts and Budgets

Top Notch installation of Ballasts - £240.00

TCAM – Room Hire - £56.25

Keith Barrow heating service - £306.00

All Councillors approved the payments.

13.2.6 Matters arising from the previous meeting – see Minutes

12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way	Form and wording received, plan to be supplied to Richard Barnwell. Clerk to post to RB.
12.11.9.2	VC/BL	Research CCTV costings.	Ongoing, but awaiting electrical issues to be resolved
12.11.13.1	BL	To speak to Tim Bellamy regarding advice on Parish Plans	Cllr Littler said that Tim Bellamy would provide a copy of plans which other local villages had used. It was agreed Cllr Littler and Cllr Barnwell would speak to planning and report back to the Council.
12.12.13.1	RB	To ask representative from 'People March' to attend	Approval needed from Cambridgeshire County Council for representative to attend.
13.1.7.2	PT/VC	Issues as regards electrical defects	Meeting on 19 Feb and then will speak to Julia Beckett at Kettering Borough Council

13.2.7 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Nothing received.

13.2.8 Taylor Wimpey

Discussed in matters arising.

13.2.9 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications received.

13.2.10 The Centre at Mawsley

Discussed in matters arising.

ACTION 13.2.10.1 clerk to prepare list of TCAM documents held.

13.2.11 Police Matters

There was one domestic incident in January. Police have been visiting residents to ask if they have any further concerns but responses have not been collated.

Cllr McIvor has agreed to take over the role of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and will be contacting those interested parties.

ACTION 13.2.11.1 Clerk to ask for extension as regards the Community Speed Watch.

ACTION 13.2.11.2 Send information to Pat Rowley for Newsletter

13.2.12 Villager issues

Adrian Allen (AA) gave a brief overview of the pub site. They are looking at a way forward and hoping to agree a scheme which will be supported. Site is not big enough for a care home as minimum requirement

would be 40 rooms. Other suggestions included gym and church. AA confirmed that there was a commercial issue in that it must be cost effective. Further there is a restrictive covenant on the site which Taylor Wimpey (TW) would need to remove (cannot be used for residential development without TW consent). Mawsley Taverns have confirmed that it is not viable to open as a pub. Cllr Cope asked for the current market value, AA said it was not high as there was a limit to the use with the current covenant. AA said he was happy to ask Mawsley Taverns for an estimated sale value if it was to be purchased for a community benefit.

AA felt that a residential development should not be out of the question, but maybe with fewer houses than initially suggested. Planning law has changed and there is now a presumption in favour of development and Kettering Borough Council have a land shortage over the next five years.

Cllr Barnwell asked whether there is any requirement to market the land at an appropriate value. AA said it was now being marketed with no fixed price.

A gym was also proposed, AA felt that there may not be enough of a head count in Mawsley to make it viable, but he will speak to some experts within the leisure field.

AA suggested some single storey accommodation as this was lacking in Mawsley.

Village meeting – ACTION 13.2.12.1- add to next Agenda, having a village meeting when the APM is held in May, this will be added in the April Newsletter. A brief discussion was had as regards tying it in with the opening of the older children's play area.

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13.2.13 Correspondence and Clerks update

General correspondence was discussed.

13.2.14 Planning

KET/2013/0068 – 6 Birch Spinney – no objections

Neighbourhood plan – Cllr Barnwell asked for further information as regards Parish plan at Rural Forum. He was informed that it would not really have any weighting in future developments if it went against National and Borough Council strategy.

13.2.15 Items for newsletter/website.

ACTION 13.2.15.1 Clerk to email Information as regards planning applications and material considerations to Cllr Thomas.

ACTION 13.2.15.2 Cllr Thomas to forward article on precept

13.2.16 Any Other Business

ACTION 13.2.16.1 Allotment lease up for renewal in April. Needs to be discussed at next meeting – add to next Agenda.

Cllr Littler discussed the safety of the new play area and its location.

Cllr Cope confirmed that a request had been placed that we have some original Roman ruins on display at the Centre. All Cllrs agreed this would be a good idea.

Cllr Cope also said that we urgently need a crossing in the village. ACTION 13.2.16.1 Clerk to obtain update from Chris Bond at Northamptonshire CC.

Cllr Barnwell suggested referring to the new 111 service in the newsletter.

Further there was a consultation document on wind turbines which Cllr Barnwell discussed.

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ACTION POINTS

13.2.3.1	Clerk	Check path meets legal requirements
13.2.3.2	Clerk	Speak to Cllrs regarding path at The Spinney
13.2.3.3	Clerk	Invite Cllrs Hakewill and Moreton to attend the next Parish meeting
13.2.10.1	Clerk	Prepare list of TCAM documents held
13.2.11.1	Clerk	Request extension to Community Speed Watch application
13.2.11.2	Clerk	Send information regarding Speedwatch for newsletter
13.2.13.1	Clerk	Add village meeting to next Agenda
13.2.15.1	Clerk	Email information regarding material consideration to Cllr Thomas
13.2.15.2	Cllr Thomas	Forward article on the setting of the precept for newsletter
13.2.16.1	Clerk	Add allotment lease renewal to next Agenda
13.2.16.1	Clerk	Obtain update from Chris Bond regarding crossings within the village

The meeting ended at 22:30

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