

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21 January 2013

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

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; Mrs Wilson; Judy Baker; Reg Baker; John Shortt; Alan Swatton; Pat Downing

13.1.1 Apologies for Absence: None received.

13.1.2 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.

13.1.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Cllr Cope thanked Cllr Littler for all his hard work in securing funding for the older children’s play area. All Cllrs agreed. Cllr Littler has also secured £7,000 from the Borough Council for a BMX track.

13.1.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Thomas proposed the minutes of the meeting held 3 December 2012 and Cllr. MacDonald seconded these.

13.1.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting – see Minutes

12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way	Cllr Barnwell is waiting for the wording to be emailed across.
12.11.9.2	VC/BL	Research CCTV costings.	Ongoing.
12.11.13.1	Clerk	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 ‘People March’ to attend and provide advice	Ongoing

13.1.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Nothing received.

13.1.7 Taylor Wimpey

Tom Sanders had a meeting with Chris Leeson, Phase 2 has 12 months maintenance left to run. Issues with Anglian Water and drainage had delayed the adoption process. Cllr Barnwell confirmed there were issues

with the balancing pond on his land. ACTION 13.1.7.1; Clerk to write to Chris Leeson and to copy in Kettering Borough Council, as regards progression of the drainage system. Cllr Barnwell also said that another issue was that the fence which surrounds the village is owned by TW, they are trying to get Cllr Barnwell to take over maintenance which he is refusing. He feels this will be an issue in the future when the fences become damaged.

A discussion was then had as regards a cheque received from TW regarding the emergency lighting. Cllr Barnwell felt that Kettering Borough Council should also take some of the responsibility for the inadequate building that was transferred and also assist us financially with the repairs. ACTION 13.1.7.2 Cllr Thomas and Cope are to speak to Julia Beckett as regards this and give her a list of outstanding issues (Cllr Thomas and Cope to prepare this list) ACTION Clerk 13.1.7.3 to send letter to TW stating that we will allow Kier in to do work as instructed in letter as we accept this needs to be done, but this does not affect our position as regards any other work that needs to be done. – Letter to be sent to Cllr Thomas for approval prior to sending.

13.1.8 Mawsley Community Fund

An application was received from The Mawsley Line Dancing Group. They require new music equipment as currently those attending supply the music. Community fund can pay up to 75% of the cost and the minimum amount spent would be £250, this application did not fulfil the criteria. Cllr Littler suggested speaking to the MVA.

13.1.9 The Centre at Mawsley

No issues raised.

13.1.10 Police Matters

No police in attendance and no monthly reports. Cllr MacDonald said that police are setting speed traps within the village over the coming weeks.

Responses received regarding Neighbourhood watch are to be forwarded to Jane Calcutt.

13.1.11 Villager issues

Bins – It was suggested that we invite KBC to a site meeting to discuss location of litter and dog bins. These will not be placed until each phase is adopted. Cllr Barnwell suggested only having litter bins as dog mess can be placed within the ordinary bins. Cllr Cope to liaise with KBC to arrange date and time. ACTION 13.1.11.1

Cllr Thomas discussed his meeting with the probation service. The community payback scheme is unpaid labour which can fulfil jobs within the community. The people who take part are risk assessed as not high risk individuals. He has asked that we notify him if there are any suggestions.

Pub site suggestions ranged from a swimming pool, health centre, Care home and burial ground. These will be discussed next month with Diamond Estates.

Fly tipping has been taking place the edge of Mawsley.

ACTION 13.1.11.2; The Clerk is to speak to the highways department (Chris Bond) regarding the placing of tarmac/high service, to aid bins and goods stillages to the back of the shops.

ACTION 13.1.11.3; Clerk to look at the boundary of the car park to the back of the shops, and to obtain an official plan. This is also to be added to the Agenda for February.

13.1.12 Accounts and Budgets –

Cllr. Littler left the room before the setting of the precept was discussed due to conflict of interests with regards TCAM funding.

Cllrs considered the list of commitments for 2013/2014 issued by the Clerk prior to the December meeting. This was £34503, including the sum of £24,000 as community support for The Centre (payable as 12 monthly instalments of £2000). Cllr Thomas reminded the Council that in previous meetings in November and December 2012, it had agreed in principle to contribute towards the costs of capital expenditure by The Centre, mainly for the replacement of expired items currently in place. Informal discussions with The Centre had indicated that c. £10,000 per annum would be adequate to cover these costs. Also a figure of £10000 per annum was estimated to be required to cover repairs and annual on-going maintenance costs. Further, it had

been agreed at the December meeting that any monies unspent at year-end from this amount would be put into the separate bank account already agreed to be set up for Centre spending, where it would be ring-fenced for any future work needed at The Centre. Further Cllr Barnwell felt that we needed to build up the buffer in case of any expensive emergencies that may occur, that had been depleted somewhat over the last 12 months. In previous meetings it had been agreed additions should be made to this fund over the years until a net total of around £50000 is reached.

Cllr Cope suggested a precept of £60,000 to meet all the requirements for the coming year and ensure we build up savings for future projects. This would equate to an additional £28 a year for a band D property.

Cllr Thomas suggested increasing the precept by £15,000 to £50,000 (plus Kettering Borough Council grant of £4,520.00).

Cllr Cope suggested £50,000 based on the holding of a village meeting throughout the year. Cllr Thomas and Barnwell said that it could not be a proviso but that a meeting could be discussed separately and organised if agreed.

Cllr Thomas proposed a precept of £50,000 no one seconded, Cllr Farthing proposed £60,000 which Cllr Cope seconded. All councillors were in agreement.

Finally it was agreed that we would pay the January, February and March community support payments to The Centre as a £6000 payment in January to help ease the cashflow issues experienced by The Centre in the early part of the year.

13.1.13 Correspondence and Clerks update

Various correspondences were discussed.

ACTION 13.1.13.1 Clerk to speak to the Rights of Way Officer regarding the fields to rear of the Playing field.

13.1.14 Planning

We are awaiting an update from Tim Bellamy (Kettering Borough Council).

13.1.15 Items for newsletter/website.

To be discussed at next meeting.

13.1.16 Any Other Business

Cllr MacDonald raised an issue with the island on Loddington Way in that buses are finding it very hard to move around and are damaging the new island.

Cllr Cope asked whether it was worth looking at a new sound system for the Centre. ACTION 13.1.16.1 Cllr Cope to investigate.

Further an enquiry had been raised as regards safety documents within the Centre. It was confirmed that we have a Health & Safety file with all relevant documents.

Speak to insurance company for advice on our ladder – ACTION 13.1.16.2 Clerk to speak to Came & Company – Cllr Cope to send details to Clerk.

Cllr Barnwell said it would help if we could a list of what documents/maintenance we should carry out – Clerk to speak to Came & Company ACTION 13.1.16.3

ACTION Clerk to add Health & Safety to February Agenda ACTION 13.1.16.4

ACTION POINTS

13.1.7.1	Clerk	Clerk to write to Chris Leeson cc KBC and for the drainage issue to be progressed
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13.1.7.2	PT/VC	Speak to Julia Beckett as regards contribution to repair costs at the Centre
13.1.7.3	Clerk	To prepare letter to TW as regards cheque
13.1.11.1	Cllr Cope	To Liaise with Kettering Borough Council regarding citing of litter bins
13.1.11.2	Clerk	To speak to Chris Leeson at Taylor Wimpey regarding the placing of tarmac at the back of the shops
13.1.11.3	Clerk	Look at Official plan to the car park to the Centre and Add to February Agenda
13.1.13.1	Clerk	Speak to Rights of Way officer regarding fields surrounding the playing field
13.1.16.1	Cllr Cope	To investigate new sound system
13.1.16.2	Clerk	To speak to Came & Company regarding safety ladder specification
13.1.16.3	Clerk	Speak to Came & Company regarding document requirements
13.1.16.4	Clerk	Add Health & Safety to Februarys Agenda

The meeting ended at 22:50

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