

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 March 2015

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

Members of the public present: Toby and Joanne Clegg, David Wilson

15.03.1 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr Baker.

15.03.2 Declaration of Interests

None received

15.03.3 Allotted time for members of the public

David Wilson spoke about the state of the entrance to the village by The Spinney. It is very muddy and has wheeled vehicles travelling through which pulls up the grass, when emptying the bin. He understood that the bin was to be moved nearer to the cycle path to prevent the vehicles having to access the grass. Cllr Littler suggested we ask Kettering Borough Council to move the bin so that the vehicles do not need to go on the cycle path. Further at the end of Birch Spinney, motorised disability scooters are also churning the grass area. The Clerk is to establish who owns the area of land for maintenance at the end of Birch Spinney and the fence and speak to Chris Leeson of Taylor Wimpey.

Further questions were raised as regards the letter received from Anglian Water by all residents. The questions and answers provided from Anglian Water can be seen at the bottom of the Minutes. Cllr Barnwell suggested it was a Borough Council issue and that the email should be forwarded to Cllr Hakewill.

Further between, 15-31 Loddington Way there is a track from which Taylor Wimpey removed the top soil and covered with stone. This has been left for some-time and something needs to be done. The Clerk is to speak to Chris Leeson.

Wind Turbine – NCALC advised that there is no legal obligation for Kettering or Daventry Borough Council to advise us on an application. Further it was agreed that there was a lack of public consultation which there should have been due to the environmental impact. Cllr Littler suggested contacting Daventry Borough Council to ask why we were not consulted. The Clerk is to draft a letter for the Chairs approval.

Cllr White referred to the NN1 project which now includes Daventry and will mean that all planning applications will be shown on google maps, he suggested that this this may be a way in which we can keep an eye on future applications. Mr Clegg said he would prefer that the emphasis of the letter was not an apology but an acknowledgement that they understand that any further planning will include a consultation with Mawsley and that this is not a precedent. This would be a positive way forward. This is to be included in the letter.

Clerk to request a letter from KBC to confirm that we will now be consulted going forward – also Clerk is to write to MP highlighting the issue.

15.03.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 16 February 2015

Proposed by Cllr Barnwell and Seconded by Cllr Richards.

15.03.5 Accounts and Budgets

The following invoices were approved for payment.

Paid to	In respect of	Amount (net)
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Clerk	Salary	£348.75
TCAM	Room Hire	£22.50
ADT	CCTV	£683.51
CPRE	Membership	£36.00
Willows Nursery	Allotment	£550.00

It was agreed that we would have a sinking fund and a maintenance fund for TCAM. The sinking fund needs to be built up to £50,000.00. Cllr Littler is to prepare a resolution for the next meeting.

All payments referred to above were approved for payment.

Cllr Richards attended a funding event on behalf of the Council and concluded that there was lots of money available for small groups but not much available for a Parish Council. Cllr Richards is to circulate an overview to MPC and MVA. Further, Kettering Borough Council Community fund is available from 1 April 2015 and the Clerk is to look in to this.

Review of the risk assessment and update the asset register and insurance review. – The Clerk confirmed that the risk assessment and insurance were due their annual review. This was discussed and reviewed and an updated copy of the document is to be circulated. There were no amendments required but it was agreed to revalue the Community Centre prior to the insurance renewal.

The up to date budget spreadsheet was reviewed and approved as correct. The Clerk is to bring an example of the budget reconciliation, budget, payments and receipts from their new accounts software to the next meeting. Further it was agreed by all that Cllr Barnwell to become the new Finance Councillor and will meet with the Clerk to carry out quarterly reviews.

15.03.6 Matters arising from the previous meeting

12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way	Ongoing
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, Cllr Cope and Cllr Richards
14.4.7.1	Clerk	Open space plan	Still awaited from Peter Chaplin at KBC. Clerk to draft a letter to David Cook complaining of the lack of correspondence. A small black and white plan had been produced but the Clerk is to require larger, coloured plans for clarity.
14.4.7.3	JH	Article 4 area and glazing issues	Cllr White is still dealing and will speak to Cllr Hakewill.
14.4.7.4	BL	Licence to occupy	This was discussed and subject to receipt of plans and figures will be completed.

There is to be a Litter pick on Saturday 28th March, we have six co-ordinators who will assist with their specified area. Cllr Barnwell asked for confirmation that they will be briefed and comply with all requirements, this was confirmed.

15.03.7 Mawsley Interface with Kettering Borough Council

A formal complaint is to be sent to David Cook requesting an explanation as to why we have not been updated and kept informed as regards what is adopted, what is going to be adopted, areas which will not be adopted and areas which have been adopted by highways. The Clerk is to draft a letter for the Chair and then send the approved copy to Cllr Hakewill.

15.03.8 **The Adoption Process**

Cllr Barnwell confirmed that all contentious issues which were holding up the adoption had been resolved as far as he was concerned, and that documents should shortly be signed. Anglian Water will then be responsible for the infrastructure but he would continue to mow and maintain the land. The balancing pond and the s104 Agreement can now therefore be adopted.

15.03.9 **Community Fund**

No applications received

15.03.10 **The Centre at Mawsley**

MVA/TCAM Meeting - Cllr Richards attended a MVA meeting on behalf of the Council. It was felt that the village entrance signs should be dealt with by the Parish Council. Cllr Littler felt this was a project that we need to work on quickly. It will be signage indicating where the shop/centre is for example. Cllr Barnwell said signage is the responsibility of Kettering Borough Council. Cllr Cope is to obtain costings for new signs. Cllr Barnwell noted that he was not in favour of this option as it may be dangerous in terms of taking on additional responsibility.

Youth – TCAM ran a disco for older children which ran at a £84 loss . They confirmed that they were happy with this and are organising a second dance

Litter Pick – TCAM will be supplying refreshments which will be paid for by the MVA

The meeting was extended at 9.00pm proposed by Cllr Richards and seconded by Cllr Cope.

Cllr Littler and Richards are to attend the next MVA meeting.

Bike shed floor and rack –. Last of the summer wine club have a list of jobs which they would like to undertake during the year. For the bike shed the only expense is for gravel and sand. The cost for paint will be paid for by TCAM. Further, Cement and sand and lengths of timber for the gate all need to be paid for. Cllr Cope was asking for a fixed budget for them to be able to undertake the works of approximately £100.00. Cllr Littler proposed the sum of £100, which was Seconded by Cllr White. Cllr Barnwell stated we cannot approve works for the play area as it is owned by Kettering Borough Council.

Centre Doors – There are 44 doors in the centre, many of which need attention. Cllr White said that if a fire door is to be amended or changed a certified person must approve it and carryout the works. Fire doors have to be inspected each month and must be repaired by someone who is Certifire registered. The price for one pair of doors is approximately £1500.00 and if you change the door you need to change the frame as well. Cllr Littler said we need to have a fire risk assessment and have the doors approved. These will then need to be acted on and checked every three months. The Clerk is to request that TCAM update their fire risk assessment. A proposal was put forward that we have an independent certifiere inspection undertaken of the doors to a total cost of £250.00 prior to the April meeting – proposed by Cllr Littler seconded Cllr White.

Also there is no hot water or heating at the Centre intermittently. The boiler is tripping out and needs to be reset regularly. Bosch Worcester will do a strip out and replace for £250 plus VAT and will then offer a warranty. Proposed Cllr Barnwell and seconded by Cllr Littler.

Cllr Cope to prepare a maintenance schedule and bring to the next meeting.

Fans for hall – Cllr Cope to get quote for fans as way of cost saving.

LED Light saving - £1500 saving could be had if we switched from normal lighting. It was felt this was for TCAM to investigate. Cllr Littler suggested asking a member of TCAM to attend the MPC meeting.

15.03.11 **Police matters**

No reported crimes in Mawsley in February.

15.03.12 **Villager Issues**

Facebook, Neighbourhood plans and digital by default are to be added to the April Agenda.

Cllr Barnwell is to investigate ownership of the hedge by the skate ramp and will report back as it requires cutting back so that litter can be removed. Cllr Barnwell is to remove the netball stands from the play area.

15.03.13 Correspondence and clerks update

The Clerk referred to general correspondence which had been received, and had bought nomination forms to the meeting for those Councillors which wished to stand again.

15.03.14 Planning

The Council had no objection to either planning application.

15.03.15 Items for the newsletter and website

No issues were raised.

The meeting ended at 10.15pm

Signed: **Date:**

Anglian Water response to enquiries.

This site is designed as a duty/assist setup so that if one pump trips or cannot cope with incoming flows then the assist pump will be turned on automatically. These pumps have had issues due to normal wear and tear. Anglian Water is due to go back to site later this week to assess the condition of the wet well a month on from it being fully cleaned, both pumps being unblocked and all valves being cleaned out.

Response to comments raised are below (AW response in blue to question raised in black)

Primary causes of pump failure are rags and grease and metals - although it's difficult to imagine how metal objects can be flushed down the household drain. *This may have been misread the letter says "and other household material flushed down toilets and drains" this can be any household material such as food, cotton wool buds, cotton wool pads, make up wipes, other types of wipes and plastic items such as toilet block holders. It is sometimes surprising what can be found within the pipes and pumps that can cause a blockage.*

As I understand it the Symonds Way station has not only had a pump blockage but also "backed up" sewage in the pipeline to such an extent that nearby homes have been rather inconvenienced - this ought not to happen *We agree. There have been occasions where our electrical and telemetry systems have let us down and we have worked hard to resolve these issues at the site. We are continuing to review any issues that occur at the pumping station. However, the amount of built up of debris that is experienced on the surface of the sewage has been found to be 6 inches (150mm) thick or more. This is due to the wrong things being placed in the sewer. This site is cleaned three times a year to tackle this but we also need to reduce the amount that's put down the drains in the first place.*

Station design should be such that the pump (s) will pass sizable solids due to their impellor design chosen to suit the application and, the liquid flow in the line must be such that smaller solids will not fall out of suspension. *This is true. The pumps at this site can pass solids up to either 75mm or 100mm in diameter. The problem we have been experiencing is that, generally,unflushable matter floats and combines with fats to build a large 'mat' of debris on the surface of the sewage liquid. This can then break into large lumps and be drawn into the pump causing a blockage. Sewers are also laid to gradients which promote self cleansing speeds of liquids. Materials which are not able to breakdown like toilet paper can get caught on minor imperfections in joints, these can then build up over time to create a blockage.*

In the event that a pump does inadvertently stop due to blockage or motor failure then there ought to be a reserve pump installed alongside that will operate instead to keep the flow going whilst the failed pump is attended to. i.e. if the normal flow only requires one pump then two are installed, if normal requires two pumps then three are installed *This is true. At this site one pump is required for normal flows. There are two pumps at the site, with one running as a back-up, but due to the problems we had experienced in failures and blockages, both pumps can run together if required.*

When a pump stops due to blockage the electrical controls should be such that the motor will trip out (switch off)automatically and damage to "electrics" will not occur. *This is true. All pumps have an electrical overload switch which will trip the power*

supply should it need to. Similar to household electrical systems, many other faults can occur preventing pumps from operating, such as power supply interruptions. During planned interruptions we are able to provide alternative arrangements such as a generator. However during un-notified interruptions sophisticated telemetry alerts us to issues and our response is prioritised alongside other customer and asset issues.

Similarly I would expect the spare pump to automatically start thereby keeping the sewage and /or storm water flowing, if it does not then the smaller solids will drop out of suspension and the pipeline as well as the pump will become blocked and clearance may well become a major job. *This is true. Both pumps can operate at the same time, even though the normal flow requires just one single pump. A spare pump will start automatically except in circumstances where a failure may have occurred. In these situations other arrangements will be made such as tankering in the short term until a pump can be delivered. The site is controlled by an ultrasonic level monitor and this has been checked and is working correctly.*

Anglian water would know of the problem via auto radio signal and they should react to it immediately, so no houses or streets ought to be at risk under normal circumstances *We have a sophisticated telemetry system which scans our sites generating alarms and gathering data. This system is monitored all year round by our Operational Management Teams who respond to the alarms depending the particular circumstances and the priority of the alarm. Anglian Water has in the region of 6000 sites including pumping stations and water recycling centres. During normal operation these will be attended within the priorities assigned, and that has earned us a positive reputation for being able to offer close to a 'blue light' response. However during high workload times or exceptional events it is not always possible to respond in these timescales. Due to the issues experienced with this site the response to these alarms was reviewed and increased where possible.*