

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st August 2017

Present: Cllr B Littler (Chair), Cllr K White, Cllr T Sanders, Cllr K Wilson, Cllr P Richards

Also present: Borough Cllr J Hakewill; Juliet Lewis (Clerk)

Public present: 13 members of the public were present at the meeting.

- 17.08.01** To receive **Apologies of Absence:** Cllrs C Moreton had sent apologies ahead of the meeting.
- 17.08.02** To receive **Members' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** None.
- 17.08.03** To receive **Members' requests for Dispensations:** None
- 17.08.04** **To approve Minutes of the Meeting 17th July 2017.** It was resolved to accept the minutes of Monday 17th July 2017 as a true and accurate record. All agreed.
- 17.08.05** **To discuss Matters arising from these minutes only:** All actions were complete prior to the meeting, details covered in the agenda items below.
- 17.08.06** **Police / Neighbourhood warden update:** Not present. Crime statistics are not available past May which were published in the last set of minutes.
- 17.08.07** **Public Time (15 min):** M Denham raised concerns about the possible siting of the teen shelter mentioned at previous meetings. She reported a lot of noise coming from the area as numerous youth have been congregating in and around the skate park. Cllr White confirmed that the Rural police had promised to increase their patrols until the end of the school holidays. Cllr Littler commented that it is the responsibility of the Borough Council. Cllr Richards confirmed that he has made a note of the concerns.
- 17.08.08** **Borough / County councillor update:** Cllr Hakewill gave the following update:
- **Offices at Barnwell Court:** Neither the objection letter from Councillor Hakewill or from the Parish Council had an impact on the decision to approve this planning application. Cllr Hakewill will take this up with the MP and is considering approaching the owner directly to request they reconsider. Cllr Wilson will put together a list of residents, if any, looking for office premises and pass to Cllr Hakewill to assist.
 - **Fence by Hares Run:** Young person was injured on the fence which seems to be being used as an entrance. Cllr Hakewill has proposed that a gate is put in.
 - **A6:** Reopens 4th September
 - **Broughton Travellers Site:** Extension has been refused.
 - **Teen Shelter:** Offer of support given.
 - **Pub Site:** New fence is in, Mr Clayson has given the following update: We have removed the Heras fencing on the perimeter erected new four rail fencing with a 2 five bar gates for access and strimmed back the undergrowth. In 2 or 3 weeks we will be going back to spray the weeds which will start to come through. In mid-August we are having the Topographical and levels surveys completed after which time I can then get our architect to do some sketch drawings for discussion with yourself, the parish and local people. Cllr Sanders asked if there was a specific amount of Section 106 monies which would be available. Cllr Hakewill advised there was not and that it may be in the best interests of the Parish Council to work together on a mutually agreeable project.

- **DW Homes adoption process:** Peter Chaplin has advised that there was no specific maintenance payment agreed in the original planning approval and DW has ceased communication re adoption of open spaces. Conversations are continuing internally to establish the best course of action going forward.
- **Footpath:** Borough Council will pay for the footpath to Birch Spinney. Cllr Hakewill has requested that this be extended into the wooded area. Rob Harbour is awaiting quotes. Additional work may be funded if it falls within the budget. Cllr White mentioned that work had been carried in 2014 to investigate the best method and indicative costs. The path had been designed and a quote of £13.5k received however it was voted not to proceed. Cllr Hakewill requested that Cllr White forward the details.
- **Winter maintenance:** Cllr Hakewill has emailed Brendan Coleman and is awaiting a response. He will chase.

Cllr Sanders also raised the following issues for the attention of Cllr Hakewill:

- **Interface with NCC and KBC:** We are still having issues with maintenance, the grass cutting commenced late, residents have taken to cutting the grass themselves as no idea when / if it will be cut etc. Cllr Hakewill will follow up on specific examples. Cllr Littler commented that it is not a matter for the Parish Council and that the Borough Councillors were pursuing the matter.
- **When are TW highways being handed over?:** Cllr Sanders commented that there are issues not being dealt with such as blocked drains and lights not working. Cllr Hakewill to follow up, believe agreement with the land over has been holding things up. Cllr White advised that he had spoken to the land owner who has confirmed the document has now been signed. There is still an issue with the border fencing but that should not hold up the process any further. Cllr White warned that even with everything in place the process will take 18 months.
- **DW maintenance of open spaces:** Cllr Sanders asked if we can obtain a letter of intent to maintain the open spaces. Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent many months ago to no avail. Cllr Littler commented that we have no power as a Parish Council but public pressure is sometimes the best way to go. Cllr Hakewill advised that the Borough Council had no right to cut the grass on private land and therefore they are unable to help on a practical level but that he is maintaining pressure to get the adoption process sorted.
- **Transport scrutiny review / clean air strategy:** Cllr Sanders asked Cllr Hakewill's opinion on these documents. Cllr Hakewill referred to the saying 'if you don't use it you'll lose it' as the Borough Council cannot be seen to / will not subsidise bus routes which are not being used. He stated that there is a project called Total Transport which is looking into other ways of addressing the issue.

Cllr Wilson asked if there was anything they could do to influence the timetable as no busses after 6:30pm may be a factor in under utilisation. Cllr Hakewill advised that she would need to speak directly to Stagecoach.

Cllr Sanders commented that we should be addressing the stigma attached to bus use as well as improving the routes.

17.08.09 Planning: (a) To discuss the following planning applications:

No new applications were presented for consideration.

17.08.10 Finance: (a) To approve monthly Receipts & Payments: The following payments were presented and approved for payment:

Cheque No	Payee	Details	Budget Heading	££
669	J Lewis	Salary & Travel	Clerk Salary	£469.93
670	HMRC	Clerk Tax & NI	Clerk Salary	£223.60
671	TCAM	INV 2578	Room Hire	£25.50
				£719.03

It was Resolved that the payments be made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and subsequent amendments.

Bank account total on 01/08/17 was £79,542.07 which include £40k TCAM sinkage fund. Note that there were a number of uncashed cheques as at 01/08/17.

17.08.11

Bus Shelter Project: Cllr Sanders confirmed that he and ex councillor Vic Cope had investigated the best deal for one shelter as agreed in the last meeting. They are in receipt of 4 quotations for both supply of the shelter and the associated ground work. After some discussion and review it was proposed to accept quotations from Littlethorpe of Leicester for the supply of the shelter and Northants Groundwork Contractors for the associated ground work. Cllr White recommended both companies from personal experience. Both were selected as the best value and reputation.

Cllr Sanders stated that the next stage is to meet with NCG, Littlethorpe and Northants County Council in order to workout how the project will be implemented.

Cllr Littler commented that we will need permission from TW who currently own the land where the shelter is being proposed and the Borough Council who will take ownership of the land in the near future. He suggests that written permission should be received from both parties prior to the release of any funds.

Given the two accepted quotes Cllr Littler confirmed that the cost exc VAT would be £5875. Cllr Sanders confirmed that we already had £1155 in the bank accounts and Cllr C Moreton had promised a further £1k. This will leave £3720 of funding required.

Cllr White proposed that the Parish Council fund the project to a maximum of £3720 exc VAT on the condition that written permission is received from both Taylor Wimpey Homes and Kettering Borough Council re permission to install the shelter on the land. Cllr Richards seconded the proposal and all agreed.

17.08.12

Allotments – progress update: Cllr R Barnwell was not able to give an update on if any progress had been made regarding the search for suitable land. Cllr Littler suggested that we need to put together a brief for legal advice. We need to ensure that we are clear as to the next steps in the process and to ensure that any action we take does not leave us open to legal question. Cllr Littler commented that advice now will be a lot more cost effective than facing a legal battle in the future.

It was agreed that Cllr Littler and the Clerk will put together a legal brief for agreement at the next meeting.

17.08.13

Mybus summer update: Cllr Sanders confirmed that there was no interest in the summer excursion programme and the project has been brought to a close. There were nominal costs which will be confirmed shortly but they are less than were agreed.

Cllr Sanders stated that there was very little parental support, some parents of younger youths showing concern about the age range.

Cllr Littler asked the Clerk to send letters of thanks to those involved. Cllr Sanders to provide contact details of those individuals to the Clerk.

- 17.08.14** **TCAM payment into sinkage fund:** TCAM have confirmed that they will make a payment to MPC of £5,442 to be transferred into the sinkage fund.
- 17.08.15** **Councillor vacancy:** Initially we had 3 residents interested in applying for the Councillor vacancy. Two have withdrawn their application. We are awaiting confirmation from the third that they wish to continue their application. Once confirmation has been received we will agree the next steps.
- 17.08.16** **Older Youth – Meeting point / Teen shelter:** Cllr Richards stated that he will speak to Dave Lane especially in light of comments made by Ms Denham in public time to ascertain if Mawsley is a suitable village for a shelter and, if so, if the site that has been suggested is the best place for it. This will not be picked up until October. Members of the public who have previously expressed an interest in helping ascertain the views of the youth in Mawsley will also be contacted by Cllr Richards in the early part of October.
- 17.08.17** **Village Tree Warden and hedgerow maintenance.** Cllr Sanders asked why we don't have a tree warden. He stated that some trees within the village already need maintenance as well as local hedgerow. Cllr Littler advised that, as the land is currently privately owned, we do not have a tree warden. Cllr White expressed an interest in the role.
- Cllr White and Cllr Richards will go on another 'walkabout' with Geoff Smith in October. Clerk to arrange.
- 17.08.18** **MPC interface with NCC and KBC:** See 17.08.08
- 17.08.19** **" Statement of Intent" from DWH re landscaping maintenance and standards – Status / Progress on pre-adoption snagging of Highways, pathways street lighting and drainage:** See 17.08.08
- 17.08.20** **Autumn/Winter Woodland Maintenance and rectification to the gravel footpath** [Ref: the commitment by KBC at the August 2016 'Walk About'] : See 17.08.08
- 17.08.21** **Clean Air Strategy ,Public Transport and the effects on rural villagers:** See 17.08.08
- 17.08.22** **Neighbourhood development plan:** Clerk to re-circulate via facebook and the website. Any resident that does not have access to the internet can contact the clerk to request a copy.
- 17.08.23** **Update on any progress with TW and adjoining land owner regarding road adoption:** See 17.08.08 / Cllr Barnwell with give confirmation at the next meeting.
- 17.08.24** **Update required on footpath continuation at head of Birch Spinney:** See 17.08.08
- 17.08.25** **Village stones at the entrance:** Letter sent, clerk to forward details to Cllr Richards to follow up.
- 17.08.26** **Village maintenance group:** Cllr Richards and Cllr White will organise a group of volunteers. They will meet shortly to agree the best way to attract and organise the volunteers. More information at the next meeting. Cllrs Sanders commented that the ethos of volunteering is no longer in the village.
- 17.08.27** **Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above:** Mr Kemples has requested the opportunity to speak at the next Parish Council meeting to gain opinion / support on his plan for work / life units prior to submitting a planning application. Clerk has confirmed that he is

welcome to speak in public time however the Parish Council will not be able to give an opinion until they have received full plans as part of the formal application.

Meeting closed at 20:35

Next meeting: Monday 21st September 2017 7pm.