

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2018 7pm

Present: Cllr R Barnwell (Chair), Cllr K White, Cllr T Sanders, Cllr H Esler, Cllr P Richards, Cllr K Wilson

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

- 18.01.01** To receive **Apologies of Absence:** None
- 18.01.02** To receive **Members' Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Richards confirmed he will abstain from voting on any allotment issues as a prospective allotment holder.
- 18.01.03** To receive **Members' requests for Dispensations:** None
- 18.01.04** **To approve Minutes of the Meeting 18th December 2017.** It was then resolved to accept the minutes of Monday 18th December 2017 as a true and accurate record. All agreed.
- 18.01.05** **To discuss Matters arising from these minutes only:** None which are not covered in the agenda items below.
- 18.01.06** **Public Time** (15 min): Note that this agenda item was moved to after the allotment update to allow members of the allotment association to comment.

Ms Denham thanked Cllr White for his efforts re allotment provision and although she stated that the news was welcomed she stated that she hoped it would not take too long.

Mr Cope stated that he had sent an email to the councillors concerning the development of the 'pub site'. He mentioned that the clerk had stated that the Parish Council are unable to comment officially until a planning application has been received. He asked that we rethink this position.

Cllr Barnwell stated that Cllr Hakewill represents the public and will be present at the open meeting and that Cllrs Sanders, Richards and White will be at the meeting to give their own opinions however until we have a planning application we cannot discuss and comment as a parish council.

Cllr Hakewill stated that the meeting was arranged by Mr Clayson but he would be attending. He stated that he had been involved in the creation of Mawsley and that, although the original plans had space for a pub to be built, they were not able to 'demand' a pub was built. He stated that there was no hope of a pub being built. He gave a little history of the pub site concluding that we need to ensure the best outcome for the village now and that the level of engagement by Mr Clayson is very encouraging. The meeting on Friday is way in advance of the planning application and the plans may change as a result of the meeting.

Cllr Barnwell commented that we do not know what is / will be proposed so although we can discuss it we cannot vote or give an opinion as a parish council until we have received the planning application and given the opportunity to comment to KBC planning.

Mr Cope commented that the residents are not being represented, all they can do is sit back and let the developer do what they want, seen it time and time again, KBC planning department are incompetent.

Cllr Barnwell reiterated that once the planning application is received it will be discussed and we will comment accordingly.

Cllr Hakewill commented that the residents can represent themselves. The developer is going 'above and beyond' what is required.

18.01.07

Borough / County councillor update: Cllr Hakewill re-iterated what he has stated in previous meetings that the County Council are faced with having to cope with expedient growth in the child and adult care services. He stated that NCC have had their faults in the past and an inspector has been appointed to review the history and look into the future financial planning. A report is due out on the 18th March. He stated that the budget will balance this financial year but next year it will be harder to balance and non essential services will have to be looked at. He stated that they have no choice in the provision of social care but other areas are not mandatory.

18.01.08

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

KET/2017/0988: 62 Hawthorn Avenue, Mawsley: Single storey rear extension and loft conversion to include 2 no. dormer windows to front. **No objection**

KET/2017/0985: Rosemary House, 1 Main Street, Mawsley: Replacement windows and door: Cllr White commented that the style of windows chosen do not appear to match those that have been previously approved by KBC for use within the Article 4 area, Cllr Barnwell agreed and stated for consistency we need to refer to this matter in our comments.

KET/2017/1026: 38 Long Breech, Mawsley: Single storey side extension. **No objection.**

18.01.09

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

Payee	Details	Budget Heading	££
J Lewis	Salary & Travel	Clerk Salary	£469.93
TCAM	INV 2920	Room Hire	£25.50
Doorway Services	INV	TCAM Maintenance	£102.00
			£597.43

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

Bank account total on 01/01/18 was £108,079.40 which includes £40k TCAM Major Repairs Contingency Fund.

18.01.10

Bus Shelter Project – progress update: Cllr Barnwell commented that Cllr Sanders had done a fantastic job so far and that we're nearly there.

Cllr Sanders stated that we have a few outstanding issues:

- Licence to Occupy – clerk to chase.
- Utility companies are all on board, summary of the correspondence has been provided. BT is the closest service to where the bus shelter will be sited. The clerk re-iterated the need for the emails to be forwarded to her, not just a summary provided to provide a full audit trail.
- Cllr Barnwell sought permission from the other councillors to sign the License to Occupy on behalf of the Parish Council before the next meeting once it has been approved. Cllr White requested to review the document prior to signing.

- Cllr Sanders stated that there will be about 2-3 weeks lead time once we have the green light.
- Costs are as confirmed in the October meeting.

18.01.11

Allotments – progress update: Cllr White gave the following update:

- Mr Kremple has not made any further contact regarding offering land for allotments
- He has contacted KBC for advice and have found them very receptive
- Currently the legal department are reviewing available land and possible lease opportunities
- Dave Lane will be project managing as they move forward but is waiting for the legal department to advise him, conscious that this needs to be 'done properly'
- Looking at compulsory hire initially

Cllr Sanders are if they are able to just step in and questioned what their expertise / experience is. He asked if the legal department will assist us with legal direction.

Cllr Barnwell, sounds like good news.

Cllr White stated that it was definitely encouraging news and that he is happy that Dave Lane will be managing it.

Cllr Hakewill agreed that it sounds positive and offered his assistance if we need it.

It was agreed that no further legal advice would be sought until the outcome of the KBC project was known.

18.01.12

Village Youth Action: Cllr Esler gave the following update:

- There has been significant progression!
- Cllr Esler has met with Steve (MVA / TCAM) to understand what / what they wanted to achieve had failed. It transpired that they were aiming at the 8-13 yrs age group where as we are looking at 13+
- Initial thoughts are that the 'Green Room' would be a good place to hold it
- Jane has agreed that it can be hired @ £8.50 ph including the kitchen so we could serve drinks / crisps / snacks. Happy on a trial basis.
- We have 6 volunteers so far as well as Cllr Esler. DBS checks will be required on all volunteers however we will always man the room together.
- Next step is to meet the youth and decide what the best date / time for the meet ups will be.
- Volunteers will simply observe and ensure there are no problems with the room etc
- Recommendation at this age group is approximately 1-10.
- The door will be kept shut after entry to control numbers. The door between the bar and the room will be shut so there is no access to the bar.
- Cllr Richards stated that we needed to have a first aider on site, Cllr Esler commented that at least 3 of the volunteers she mentioned were first aider trained.
- Cllr Barnwell stated that it was most important that we maintained our good relationship with TCAM.
- With regard to funding the plan is to charge approximately £1.00 each per session.
- Cllr White stated that the volunteers will make or break it, without their continued support it will fail. Cllr Esler stated that she felt it was not a significant burden as it would essentially be one in four nights they are required.
- We need to obtain / purchase a new Smart TV and a Console for the room as well as pay for the required DBS checks. Cllr Barnwell suggested that it may be something that the community fund could help with. Cllr Hakewill also offered to help and suggested that Cllr Esler contact him outside of the meeting.
- Cllr Esler will also attend the TCAM / MVA meeting in order to approach them for funding.

- 18.01.13** **Village Maintenance issues:** Cllr White and Cllr Richards have been on a Walkabout and uncovered some issues, they are planning to do a 'nighttime' walkabout in order to check the street lights. Cllr Sanders commented that so many lights are out and not being addressed. Cllr Richards and Cllr White to report back through the clerk.
- Litter pick – will be arranged for Sunday 11th March 2018.
- Pond – plenty of water and active newts so the pond is looking very healthy. The woodwork / decking boards however are not looking so healthy and need maintenance at the very least but suggest replacement. They are concerned that they could be dangerous if left untreated.
- Cllr White proposed that they are replaced with composite boards which are anti-slip and anti-mould and guaranteed for 20 years. Estimated cost is £4500 + VAT.
- Cllr Barnwell asked if we needed to keep the current size or if it could be made smaller. Cllr White and Cllr Richards suggested that it could be made smaller. Cllr Sanders stated that volunteers had always maintained the pond and taking away the need for them was completely against the ethos of volunteering.
- Cllr White will progress obtaining further quotes for replacement boards.
- Cllr Sanders asked where they were in relation to the walkabout list compiled with Roy. Cllr Richards stated that there are some items which have notably been done. Clerk to chase / request a schedule to completion.
- 18.01.14** **Village Entrance Stones:** Cllr Richards is in the process of obtaining quotes for the stones as agreed. Estimated to be provided at the next meeting.
- 18.01.15** **Councillor vacancy process:** Notice went up giving 10 or more residents the opportunity to request an election to contest the vacant seat. The closing date is usually 2 weeks after that date but can be extended if no interest is shown. Cllr Esler suggested using social media to advertise the post. Cllr Barnwell stated that a Parish Councillor with good IT skills would be a benefit. Cllr Sanders stated that it shouldn't take 12 months again and perhaps the current councillors could encourage suitable candidates to put themselves forward. The clerk reminded the council that the post should be open to all and no preference could be shown to any particular candidates.
- It was agreed to create a 'information flyer' to advertise the post. The closing date will be amended to allow for a reasonable period after the delivery of the flyers for residents to apply.
- 18.01.16** **Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above:** Cllr Barnwell suggested that we could make Bob Littler the first Honorary Freeman of Mawsley and also present him with an aerial photograph. Clerk to investigate the legal process.
- Cllr Sanders commented that the neighbourhood policing team had done a letter drop along Old Gorse Way which is a 'hot spot' for anti social behaviour. Cllr Sanders suggested that we invite the PC named on these letters to the next meeting. Cllr Barnwell reminded Cllr Sanders that they had been informed that there would no longer be a police presence at the Parish Council meeting. Neighbourhood Watch to be added to the next agenda.
- Meeting closed at 20:50
- Next Meeting – Monday 19th February 2018 7pm**