

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 19th June 2017

Present: Cllr B Littler (Chair); Cllr K White, Cllr T Sanders, Cllr P Richards, Cllr R Barnwell

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

Public present: Joanne Pattison, Jackie Wilson, James Ramsey, Vic Cope, Meg McMullen, Garth McMullen, Vanessa Ramsey, Brian Sutcliffe, Brenda Sutcliffe, Hayley Eslet.

- 17.06.01** To receive **Apologies of Absence:** Cllr K Wilson had sent apologies ahead of the meeting.
- 17.06.02** To receive **Members' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** None.
- 17.06.03** To receive **Members' requests for Dispensations:** None
- 17.06.04** **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting Tuesday 15th May 2017.** It was resolved to accept the minutes of Monday 15th May 2017 as a true and accurate record. All agreed.
- 17.06.05** **To discuss Matters arising from these minutes only:** All actions were complete prior to the meeting, details covered in the agenda items below.
- 17.06.06** **Police / Neighbourhood warden update:** Not present. Cllr White commented that crime statistics for the previous month were available on-line and could therefore be reported on a monthly basis by the clerk. Cllr White to forward link.
- 17.06.07** **Public Time (15 min):** Vic Cope raised the issue of the date of the fire certificate, claiming that it has been out of date since November 2016 and that recent events highlight the need for the Parish Council to be on top of it. He stated that the issue of fire detection in the ceiling void has still not been rectified.
- Cllr Littler stated that investigations had taken place and it had been confirmed, by both the insurance company and the fire service, that no additional detection was required. Cllr Barnwell confirmed that it had been discussed at length in previous meetings and it had been concluded that detection devices in the void were not necessary. TCAM have this in writing, a copy of which can be supplied if required.
- 17.06.08** **Borough / County councillor update:** Councillor Hakewill gave the following update:
- **Neighbourhood plan:** disappointed by the lack of support from the Borough council. He is concerned that if Mawsley do not have a Neighbourhood development plan they are at risk of having further housing development 'forced upon' them. This is especially the case if there is not a current 5yr land supply.
 - **Footpath:** Cllr Hakewill passed around plans for the footpath extension and confirmed that KBC will pay for the extension as per plans (to Birch Spinney). They will not fund continuation into the wooded area. Cllr Hakewill suggested that the Parish Council write to KBC to request that the path should be of the same quality. Clerk to create a letter, Cllr Hakewill will review prior to submission.
 - **Road adoption:** Cllr Hakewill stated that the County Council have a moral duty to pursue the adoption of roads within Mawsley Village, he will continue to pursue this.
 - **Police:** Sworn officers are unlikely to attend Parish Council meetings going forward, there may be a PCSO or Special Constable sent instead, we may need to request any presence.
 - **Pub Site:** KBC have accepted that the play area is encroaching on the pub site and will begin to move the boundary fence and the play equipment required shortly.

Cllr Hakewill stated the Mr Clayson, the owner of the site, is seeking the opinion of residents as to the best development opportunity for the site. Cllr Hakewill proposed that he arranges a public meeting with Mr Clayson, probably a Friday evening, in order to elicit public opinion. For the record the Parish Council will not be formally involved in this meeting but are welcome to attend.

- **Grass Verges:** Main Street, School Road and Loddington Road grass verges have not been cut by KBC, we need to keep the pressure up, some trees are also causing an issue.

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

KET/2017/0275: It was resolved to object to this application as it is not in keeping.

KET/2017/0354: Response as per previous application.

KET/2017/0403: No objection

KET/2017/0430: No objection.

17.06.10 Finance: (a) To approve monthly Receipts & Payments:

Payee	Details	Budget Heading	££
J Lewis	Salary & Travel / Printer	Clerk Salary	£549.73
HMRC	Tax & NI	Clerk Salary	£777.61
TCAM	Grant - Dishwasher	TCAM Capex	£1,999.00
ADT	INV 35504696-41	TCAM maintenance	£215.76
Ian Ramsey	Exterior Painting	TCAM maintenance	£2,570.00
TCAM	INV 2406	Room Hire	£25.50
CPRE	Membership	Membership	£36.00
Frank Quinn	Bus Shelter survey	Bus Shelter project	£395.00
			£6,568.60

Discussion took place regarding the grant application by TCAM for replacement of the dishwasher. The application contained 3 quotes and recommended the quote from Countrywide catering was accepted as a current relationship exists. Cllr Littler proposed that this be agreed, Cllr Richards seconded and all agreed.

Cllr White confirmed that budget for a printer had been agreed and all agreed to the payment of this expense.

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

Cllr Sanders questioned if there was an agreed maximum amount for TCAM sinkage. Cllr Littler confirmed that it had been previously agreed that it would be no more than £75,000.

17.06.11 Bus Shelter Project – funding: Cllr Sanders wished to record that he was not happy with the decision made in the last meeting. He objects to discussion by email which took place between several councillors and was disappointed that his request for an extraordinary meeting was turned down.

Cllr Sanders stated that he felt the option to obtain an interest free loan had not been fully investigated and that Cllr White's comments regarding the available app had been

dismissive. Cllr Sanders also stated that he feels the Parish Council have been unduly influenced by comments made by a minority of residents on Facebook.

Cllr Littler stated that all emails were copied in to all councillors and were referring to the need to include an update in the annual meeting and not expressing opinion on the viability of the project. He also confirmed that the loan was not further investigated as the move towards one shelter meant that additional funding would not be required.

Cllr Littler reiterated that 3 bus shelters had never been agreed nor was funding by the Parish Council. He stated that his own observations of the bus stop on Loddington Way confirmed to him that the bus stop is rarely used, only one person got on the bus in an entire day of observation.

Significant further discussion took place on this subject, around the number of people who use the bus stops, the number of children using the stops (concern expressed as to how many children would fit into a bus shelter), concern that nobody on the Parish Council are bus users, personal interest of Parish Councillors (confirmed that there is no personal interest), influence by Facebook users, funding that had / had not been previously agreed and whether it represented a good use of precept monies.

Cllr White commented that he is not opposed to bus shelters but he is opposed to spending half of the precept on a project that he has not been convinced that the public are behind. Guidelines recommend that if a Parish Council is to commit to spending more than 10% of the precept on a project then public consultation should be considered. He confirmed that the app had been brought up because it needed to be considered and it would likely to have been highlighted by a resident had it not been considered.

Cllr Sanders repeated that he felt that several councillors are looking for any reason to block the project. He confirmed that consultation had taken place and he has letters from a number of school children and support of the bus user group. He asked why payments to TCAM pass through the Parish Council without discussion or public consultation. Cllr Littler confirmed that TCAM payments were discussed during the budget setting process.

Cllr Barnwell commented that public consultation is not always productive as you generally find it is only those that oppose a project that speak up. He stated that he is not a fan of bus shelters but he had been convinced that one bus shelter should be installed by the doctors surgery. We must look at the best and most cost effective way of providing one shelter.

Vic Cope stood up and addressed the Parish Council. He stated that time has moved on since this was initially looked into and bus routes have changed. The bus from Broughton no longer comes through the village. A shelter by the pond is essential as this is where the children get on.

Cllr Littler re-iterated that one shelter amongst 130+ children will have little impact and that children really don't care about the rain. Cllr Richards stated he agreed regarding children and rain and that he thought the best place for one shelter was outside the medical centre.

Cllr White stated that it was his understanding that the project would be funded using external sources. Cllr Sanders stated they only agreed to try and obtain funding and they have tried but to no avail.

Cllr Littler proposed that one shelter is installed outside the medical centre, Cllr Richards seconded this proposal and all agreed. Cllr Sanders to confirm quote for single shelter.

Invoice for preparation of reports was approved at this point.

Before moving on Cllr Littler stated that he was truly sorry that Cllr Sanders and Vic Cope has spent so much time on this project and not got the outcome they wanted.

17.06.12 Allotments – progress update: Cllr Barnwell stated that he had unsuccessfully tried to purchase a parcel of land for us as allotments but he was pursuing other options. Once he has a firm proposal it will be brought back to the Parish Council.

James (public) asked if the Parish Councils legal duty is to provide a site within the Parish boundary. It was confirmed that it simply needs to be a 'suitable' site.

Cllr Littler stated that we are hoping to come back with a solution which is acceptable to all.

James stated that the allotment association feel that NOAH are rubbing their noses in it. Garth (public) stated that NOAH were allowed to spread rubbish about allotments with no comeback from the Parish Council.

Further update at the next meeting.

17.06.13 Mybus update: Day trips have been organised for the summer holidays, no further money is required from the Parish Council. Cllr Littler confirmed that we had agreed in the last meeting to allow Rosemary to organise whatever she feels is best.

17.06.14 Village signage permission: Cllr Barnwell passed a letter of permission to the clerk to forward to Keir.

17.06.15 TCAM: AED responsibility: Cllr Littler confirmed that TCAM now check this on a weekly basis.

Cllr Littler also confirmed that he had attended the TCAM board meeting and they have stated that any surplus monies from last year will be passed back to the Parish Council to top up the sinkage fund.

Cllr Littler also stated that they are looking into the possibility of extending the hatch in the main hall which we, as landlords, will need to agree. Further update when available.

17.06.16 Older Youth – Meeting point / Teen shelter: Cllr Richards has had discussions with 2 providers and it has been suggested that the best site may be in front of the ball court. Two rough estimates to supply and install on a Tarmac base were around £7,300.

Cllr Richards confirmed that he had spoken to KBC and they have no objection in principle. The next stage is to obtain firm quotes and investigate funding options.

It was agreed to proceed on the basis of being grant funded.

17.06.17 Outdoor Gym – signed letter from KBC: Clerk to follow up as, although we have a letter confirming responsibility for the maintenance and insurance of the equipment it was sent via email and therefore not signed.

17.06.18 Village maintenance / Grass cutting: Should the Parish Council form a working group to take over the engagement of volunteers?

Discussion took place regarding the pond maintenance usually carried out by volunteers. Cllr Richards stated that the role of the working group would be to build the bank of volunteers and we should delay the decision on this until the working group is up and running.

Cllr Sanders stated that MVA have confirmed that they will no longer be supporting the volunteers financially. He stated that the role should be to encourage volunteering not just by passing and paying.

Cllr White stated that, although he agrees with Cllr Sanders, we are talking about £365 per year to look after an important asset, that's only 24p a resident.

17.06.19 **Communications and contact availability between councillors:** Cllr Sanders stated that he had already made his feelings clear but he would like to propose that the code of conduct should include replying to emails and suggested that within 3 working days seems appropriate.

Cllr Barnwell stated he did not feel there is a need for it, a Parish Council is not a business and should not be run like one. Discussion should be kept to the meeting.

Cllr Littler stated that we just need to be more courteous and if there is an urgent need for a reply and you don't get a reply to your email then use the phone.

17.06.20 **Statement of intent' regarding landscaping and highways maintenance with David Wilson Home since notification issued in September 2016:** We need to keep up the pressure on DWH, they are building locally and will not welcome adverse publicity. Some residents have visited local sales office and others using DW facebook pages.

TW, we have a contact and the relationship is working well, any issues should be reported to the clerk.

17.06.21 **Review of MPC/MVA/TCAM quarterly meeting:** Cllr Sanders questioned why there were only 2 members of MVA / TCAM at the meeting. Cllr Littler advised that they are struggling to attract members, he also commented that there are usually one or two Parish Councillors in attendance.

17.06.22 **Barratt Developments Section 38 agreement situation:** Clerk to obtain Section 38 agreement. Some open spaces are still owned by Barrett, some roads in the Barrett areas do not have white lines. These areas will not be adopted until agreement between KBC and TW for the adoption of their areas has been agreed. Responsibilities map should be shared on social media and on the web site.

17.06.23 **Meeting to be arranged with Colin Clayson to discuss Pub site development:** See update by Cllr Hakewill above.

17.06.24 **Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above:** Councillor recruitment: No one has requested an election and therefore we move to co-option. It was resolved to give candidates until Friday 14th July 2017 to put themselves forward. To be advertised on FB, Web site and noticeboard.

Meeting closed at 21:34

Next meeting: Monday 17th July 2017 7pm.