

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 16th October 2017

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

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

17.10.01 To receive **Apologies of Absence:** None.

17.10.02 To receive **Members' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** None.

17.10.03 To receive **Members' requests for Dispensations:** None

17.10.04 **To approve Minutes of the Meeting 18th September 2017.** It was resolved to accept the minutes of Monday 18th September 2017 as a true and accurate record. All agreed.

17.10.05 **To discuss Matters arising from these minutes only:** All actions were complete prior to the meeting, further details covered in the agenda items below.

17.10.06 **Police / Neighbourhood warden update:** Not present. Crime statistics for September are as follows:

Roman Settle (on or near): Other Crime (Includes forgery, perjury and other miscellaneous crime) (1)

17.10.07 **Public Time (15 min):** Steve Thorpe (TCAM) joined the meeting to raise some concerns regarding the current CCTV system as follows:

- The system was installed in 2013, it is a dated system
- The software cannot be upgraded to allow the key holders to view remotely
- Viewing is poor especially on playback
- Images captured on infra red is particularly poor
- Currently looking at quotes for replacement system

Cllr Richards asked if he was here to ask for the Parish Council to pay, Steve commented that he didn't know about funding but would be back in touch once the directors had met. Cllr Littler commented that the Parish Council do own the current system and that the safety of the employees is vital.

Cllr Wilson commented that it would normally be the tenant that pays for a CCTV system. Cllr Barnwell stated that CCTV is of little use as the police do not seem to take any notice of it. Steve explained that there are different levels of incident and how it is dealt with. Keyholders will respond initially if the alarm goes off followed by police action if required. The new system would also have motion sensors which sends text alerts if movement is detected. He also stated that police can use CCTV but not if the quality is so poor that faces cannot be recognised.

Cllr Barnwell asked if we pay to replace the entire system now will we need to do the same 3 or 4 years down the line. Steve reminded that staff safety is paramount.

17.10.08 **Borough / County councillor update:** Cllr Jim Hakewill gave the following update:

- Travellers at Cransley Park have been and gone. They have caused significant disruption but now the gates are back up and the blocks are back in place. Cllr White stated that they will just be back and smash through the gate again. Cllr Hakewill stated that they are putting blocks all the other side to avoid this happening.

- Footpath: as we are all aware the footpath is in and didn't cost the Parish Council. Cllr Littler thanked Cllr Hakewill for his hard work. Cllr Russell Roberts has commented that he is glad that it is finally done. Cllr Richards commented that we need more stones through the wooded area because it is currently inaccessible to the less mobile. He confirmed that they could arrange volunteers to spread the additional stones if they were provided. Discussion followed about the poor state of the area. Clerk to follow up.
- Cllr Sanders commented that the trees also need some attention. Cllr Hakewill questioned if the branches have been cut back. Cllr Sanders stated that it appears no work has been done and there are currently 10 or so Ash Trees which need to be removing. Clerk to follow up
- Pub site: No update.
- County Council Budget – discussions have started centered around the increase in growth and reduction in budget. This may result in closure of local libraries and a reduction in road gritting as a minimum. There has been a significant increase in the need for adult and child services. Unfortunately Northamptonshire is at the forefront of this national problem. Email Cllr Hakewill for further information.

17.10.09

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

KET/2017/0633: 3 Link Lane: Replacement conservatory to rear: **No Objection**

KET/2017/0737: 1 The Jitty: Single storey rear extension and boundary wall: **No Objection**

KET/2017/0671: 8 Main Street: Garage conversion to habitable space: **No Objection**

17.10.10

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

Chq No	Payee	Details	Budget Heading	££
675	J Lewis	Salary & Travel	Clerk Salary	£469.93
676	TCAM	INV 2698	Room Hire	£25.50
677	ADT	Inv 36554333	TCAM Maintenance	£383.71
678	ICO	02b9bf02035c	Subscriptions	£35.00
SO	Saltex	LED loan repayment	TCAM Maintenance	£920.00
678	P Richards	Memorial plants	Village Maintenance	£10.00
				£1,844.14

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

Bank account total on 01/10/17 was £76,743.12 which include £40k TCAM Major Repairs Contingency Fund. Note that there were a number of uncashed cheques as at 01/10/17.

17.09.11

Bus Shelter Project – installation plan – Cllr Sanders gave the following update:

- Awaiting for licence to put up street furniture from Northants County Council (NCC), James Loader
- Approval from TW has also been requested and will be followed up
- KBC planning permission still outstanding
- Statement of ongoing maintenance still outstanding confirmation received that the shelter will be cleaned free of charge but it is proposed that we erect a small plaque as recognition.

Significant discussion took place regarding the reimbursement of expenses incurred by Councillor Sanders and ex Councillor Vic Cope particularly the use of broadband and telephone lines which are under an all-inclusive contract. Cllr Littler stated that if broadband and telephones like are paid for on an all-inclusive basis then any additional calls or emails that you make do not cost you any more money than if you had made none. Cllr Sanders stated that a proportion of the cost should be able to be reclaimed. It was decided that this would be discussed further at the next meeting once further clarification had been sought.

17.10.12

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

- Cllr White has contacted Mr Kremple of Silver Hills regarding the possibility of including allotments in his plans.
- He is currently still speaking to KBC about the possibility of building live/work units
- It was suggested that he may consider placing allotments by his proposed nature reserve
- Pedestrian and vehicle access if already available to the land
- Mr Kremple will speak to his planning consultant and get back in touch

Cllr White made it clear that nothing was promised in return for considering the proposal.

Cllr Littler commented that if this site does not come to fruition then we need to revert back to seeking legal advice regarding the provision of allotments within the parish.

Cllr Sanders asked if any other sites have been considered. Cllr Barnwell stated that the site opposite the old site was no longer available but he was happy to provide 1 acre of his land for the use of allotments. He stated he finds it distressing that he has 800 acres and yet he is unable to find 1 acre because of all the hassle it seems to cause.

A member of the public stated that they thought we were going to take legal advice. Cllr Littler advised that this was not the case as we did not want to spend money on legal advice until it is absolutely necessary.

17.10.13

Barratt Developments road adoption area update: No further update. All repairs / white lining / street lighting fixed – awaiting adoption of TW roads before they can proceed with the adoption of Barratt roads.

17.10.14

Councillor vacancy inc feedback from ‘why not’ FB post: Facebook post did have some response. Most of the comments centred around the feeling that they wouldn’t be heard and that there is an ‘old’ boys culture. We have however had one candidate contact us with a view to being co-opted as a Parish Councillor. An interview will be arranged prior to the next meeting.

17.10.15

CCTV / ANPR cameras at both village entrances: Cllr White has investigated a little further and been in touch with Kettering Borough Council regarding suspicious vehicles in the area. Steve stated that ANPR cameras are usually administered by the local police there are private companies which do administer systems however they are only as good as the information it works on and they do not have access to police data.

Cllr Wilson suggested that we may be able to capture vehicles on the A31. Cllr White commented that we need to be mindful that the crime rate in Mawsley is actually low, maybe we need to address the fear of crime?

17.10.16

Village Tree planting map: Cllr White had previously stated that a map detailing the original tree planting plan would be useful with a view to becoming a Tree Warden. KBC do not hold a copy on file. Cllr Barnwell stated that he may have a copy of the original intention but that it may not fully reflect reality. Cllr Littler confirmed that he, and others, have had long conversations with the planning officer regarding the fact that the planting was not as

originally specified. Both Cllr Barnwell and Cllr Littler will try to find the original planting schedule in their files.

Cllr Sanders asked if we had a tree warden because the trees in Main Street need attention. Cllr Richards confirmed that we didn't but that there is a meeting arranged with TWs contractor arranges for the following day.

Cllr Sanders suggested that Cllr Hakewill may have a plan of the woodland area planting as he was heavily involved in the project.

Cllr Barnwell commented that the Parish Council should avoid doing work which should be done by other parties (KBC / TW etc). Cllr White stated that the intention was that the Tree Warden would merely identify and escalate issues rather than deal with them directly as they would not have the expertise.

17.10.17 Replacing the missing play equipment: Cllr Litter confirmed the that intention is to extend the play area and replace the equipment that has been removed. The project has been slightly delayed by the key contact at KBC being ill.

17.10.18 Taylor Wimpey – request for attendance at meeting: Chris Leeson has confirmed that he will attend out December meeting.

17.10.19 Landlords inspection: Cllr Wilson gave the following update:

- A walkaround took place on the 9th October.
- Some small issues were picked up
- Further work needs to be done including a document review to ensure the maintenance schedule is being maintained
- We still need to clarify who is responsible for what

Cllr Littler requested that the report is available to MPC / TCAM and the MVA as soon as possible.

Cllr Wilson and Steve Thorpe will meet to assign responsibility for the outstanding tasks.

17.10.20 Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above: Vic Cope, who has previously represented the Parish Council at Remembrance Sunday services, has requested that the Parish Council provide two wreaths for the service. It was agreed that these would be purchased by the clerk and given to Cllr Richards prior to the day.

Cllr White asked, given the announcement that there may be cuts to the gritting service, that we contact TW and confirm that they intend to continue gritting the bus route within the village. Clerk to action.

Meeting closed at 20:47

Next meeting: Monday 20th December 2017 7pm.