

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 18th September 2017

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

Also present: Juliet Lewis (Clerk)

Public present: 12 members of the public were present at the meeting.

17.09.01 To receive **Apologies of Absence:** Cllr P Richards, Cllr C Moreton and Cllr J Hakewill had sent apologies ahead of the meeting.

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

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

17.09.04 **To approve Minutes of the Meeting 21st August 2017.** It was resolved to accept the minutes of Monday 21st August 2017 as a true and accurate record. All agreed.

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

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

Stoney Fields (on or near): Violence and sexual offences (1)
The Green (on or near): Anti-social behavior (1)
Cukow Close (on or near): Criminal damage and arson (1)
Mawsley Lodge (on or near): Anti-social behavior (1)
Broughton Road (on or near): Violence and sexual offences (1)

17.09.07 **Public Time (15 min):** Thanks was expressed to Cllr K White and Cllr J Hakewill for the assistance in gaining planning permission for replacement windows in their house in the article 4 area.

17.09.08 **Borough / County councillor update:** None present.

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

KET/2017/0546: 4 Meadow Close, Mawsley: Two storey rear extension: **No Objection**
KET/2017/0528: 6 Main Street, Mawsley: Replacement of all windows and doors: **No Objection.**

(b) Barnwell Court update: The following decision has been recorded in relation to the most recent Barnwell Court application:

KETTERING BOROUGH COUNCIL, having considered the notification submitted on 15 May 2017, for the above development in pursuance of their powers under the above mentioned Order, hereby determines that the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required and is hereby granted subject to the following condition: The site shall only be occupied in full accordance with the parking and cycle storage facilities outlined upon approved plan KET/2017/0354/2 received by the Local Planning Authority on 08/05/2017. REASON: To ensure the provision of acceptable car parking facilities and to guard against any adverse impact from the development upon the highway network in compliance with Policy 8 (b) of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy

17.09.10

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

Cheque Number	Payee	Details	Budget Heading	££
672	J Lewis	Salary & Travel	Clerk Salary	£505.03
673	TCAM	INV 2632	Room Hire	£25.50
674	Doorway Services	Invoice number	TCAM Maintenance	£102.00
				£632.53

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

Bank account total on 01/09/17 was £78,040.37 which include £40k TCAM sinkage fund. Note that there were a number of uncashed cheques as at 01/08/17.

(b) Budget 2018/2019: Budget timetable to be circulated by the clerk.

Insurance quotes are being sought by the clerk. The additional cost of buildings insurance is circa £2,000. Cllr Littler stated that MPC had been helped by Simon Harris in the past and that they had a competitive quote from Hiscox in the past. Cllr Littler to forward contact details to the clerk.

17.09.11

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

- A meeting has taken place with Northants County Council (NCC), James Loader, who made some slight amendments
- Full NCC approval is expected to take 4-5 weeks
- Approval from TW has also been requested
- KBC planning will confirm permission
- Statement of ongoing maintenance will be obtained but a local businessman has offered to clean the shelter free of charge. There is also a 5 yr guarantee with the shelter
- A letter to inform local residents of the intended installation dates will be sent once dates are confirmed
- Environmental Services have confirmed that they will empty the litter bin

Cllr Sanders requested £100 for a plaque to acknowledge financial supporters to be added to the shelter once it has been installed. All agreed.

Cllr Sanders mentioned claiming for printing / telephone calls etc which he and ex-councillor Vic Cope have paid for in relation to the Bus Shelter project. It was agreed that this would be added to the next agenda. The Clerk advised that the expenditure would need to be evidenced and it is usual practice to agree expenditure in advance.

Cllr Sanders confirmed cost at £3270 + VAT Cllr Barnwell suggested that we need to add maintenance contingency fund in the budget for next year.

17.09.12

Allotments – progress update: Cllr Barnwell stated that he did have an option to purchase the land opposite the previous allotments but he was under the impression it would not be acceptable to the allotment society. There was never a formal discussion with the allotment society but that opinion was expressed by one member at a previous council meeting. This land is no longer an option.

Land opposite the entrance to the village was investigated but is not progressing either and therefore he is not sure what the next steps should be as he is unable to find any land which is suitable which is agreeable to both the Allotment Association and NOAH.

Cllr Littler stated he believes we have reached an impasse.

Cllr White suggested that the land at Silverhills may be a possibility. As we are aware Mr Kemples is currently in talks with KBC planning regarding redevelopment of the site so it maybe an opportune time to approach him. Allotments may fit well as part of live/work units.

Cllr Littler stated that it may well be worth considering.

Cllr Barnwell commented that he may be experiencing issues with planning permission as the bungalow on the land was built under agricultural restriction.

Cllr White offered to contact Mr Kemples, clerk to forward contact details.

17.09.13 Autumn litter pick – Cllr White stated that litter is not an issue in the village at the moment and suggested that we postpone it until the Spring. Cllr Sanders agreed stating that litter can be very difficult to spot when leaves are beginning to fall. Clerk to confirm with Cllr Richards and put on the next agenda if he feels it is necessary.

17.09.14 Barratt Developments road adoption area update – Cllr White stated that Barratts are still responsible for some roads in the village, Stoney Fields and the bottom of Cransley Rise.

Cllr White stated that he has been in touch with them and they have been very helpful. They are ready for adoption but as there is not direct access to the public highway they have to wait for the Taylor Wimoey roads to be adopted.

They have been out and inspected the roads and put together a plan to rectify any issues including the extension of white lines and any street lights out.

17.09.15 Councillor vacancy – None of the residents that initially showed an interest in the councillor vacancy has decided to take it any further. It was decided to re-advertise the vacancy for a further 4 weeks.

Cllr Barnwell asked why people weren't interested and it was agreed that the clerk would add a post to the Facebook page to request opinions on the subject.

17.09.16 CCTV cameras at both village entrances – This was discussed as a security measure. ANPR cameras were suggested as an alternative however this may be 'overkill' in such a low crime area. Cllr White will investigate and report at the November meeting.

17.09.17 Village Tree Warden – Cllr White has contacted KBC and requested a tree planting plan. Once received it will need to be updated and maintenance issues identified.

Cllr Sanders commented that Cllr Hakewill should have an inventory of the wooded area. Some of the trees in this area need cutting back. Cllr Sanders also commented that some of the hedgerow in the village is so overgrown that children are having to step into the road on their way to school.

Walkabout planned with Taylor Wimpey in October will address these issues.

Cllr Barnwell commented that Moulton Park College do a relevant course and they may be interested in coming to do some work.

- 17.09.18 MPC interface with NCC and KBC** – Cllr Sanders asked where we stand in terms of highways maintenance and snagging prior to adoption. Cllr White commented that Cllr Hakewill had previously advised that the roads are not ready for adoption as there is outstanding highways snagging to complete.
- 17.09.19 Replacing the missing play equipment** – Cllr White commented that the roundabout had not been replaced. Cllr Littler stated that it is his understanding that the playground is being extended to make room to replace the missing equipment. The Parish Council have not been involved in this process however.
- 17.09.20 Taylor Wimpey – request for attendance at meeting** – Clerk confirmed that she has requested Chris Leeson attends a meeting in which questions can be put directly to him. He has proposed attending the December meeting.
- 17.09.21 Neighbourhood Plan, appointment of Loyalty as consultants?** Cllr White gave the following update:
- No progress has been made in reality, we seem to be faltering on the need for it
 - No demand for new development was identified in the survey
 - He has recently spoken to the grant issuing body. They have advised that the purpose of an NDP is to drive development not protect what you have.
 - We are not looking to redevelop the high street or change the use of existing buildings
 - We need to consider what we want to achieve
 - They suggested that we may consider a join plan with Cransley and/or Broughton
- Cllr Barnwell stated he was concerned that KBC will be instructed to find suitable sites and without an NDP in place Mawsley will be at risk. With an NDP in place we can at least ‘steer’ development in terms of type and location. We don’t have space or a High Street like Broughton or Cransley.
- Cllr Barnwell continued that KBC have to find a location for 400 sustainable homes in rural areas. Cransley Rise building plans will be out for public consultation in Nov / Dec (KBC led).
- There is also a financial advantage to having an NDP in place. In terms of CIL there is a difference of 10% (15% without NDP / 25% with).
- The cost of hiring a planning consultant is quite high and needs further consideration. To be added to the November agenda.
- 17.09.22 TCAM / MPC / MVA meeting feedback** – An external landlord inspection was suggested, requesting that the third party then produce a list of action points. Cllr Wilson stated the she and Cllr Barnwell have arranged to inspect on behalf of MPC on the 9th October.
- MVA stated that they are still having an issue recruiting volunteers but they are working on increasing the visibility of who they are and what they do.
- 17.09.23 Update on footpath continuation at head of Birch Spinney** – Progressing, should be complete before the next meeting.
- 17.09.24 Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above:** Clerk confirmed that Cllr Littler has signed the relevant paperwork to enable any meeting to be rescheduled and moved to the school hall should the capacity of the current room be inappropriate.

Meeting closed at 21:07

Next meeting: Monday 16th October 2017 7pm.