

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 February 2012

Present: Cllr Thomas; Cllr Holland; Cllr. Cope; Cllr Farthing; Cllr Littler; Diana MacCarthy

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; Chris Stopford (KBC) Andrea Cox (Mawsley School) Elaine Wright (Mawsley School)

Michelle Harris (Mawsley School) Steve Buckle (Mawsley School).

12.2.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr MacDonald

12.2.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Littler declared his position as a Director of Mawsley Villagers Association Ltd. (MVA) and as a Director of The Centre at Mawsley CIC, and as a member of the Allotment Association, and The Sports Council. Cllr MacDonald declared her interest in The Centre at Mawsley and The Mawsley Village Association. Cllrs Cope and Holland declared their interest in Mawsley Amateur Dramatics.

12.2.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Tom Sanders spoke on different aspects throughout the meeting (see below). Mawsley School presented their application - (see Community Fund application below).

12.2.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Thomas proposed the minutes of the meeting held 9 January 2012 and Cllr. Cope seconded these.

12.2.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

11.10.5.1	Clerk	Letter to KBC re adoption of open space and pond	Duncan Law dealing at KBC. We are trying to obtain a defined area of open space.
5.11.9.2	PT	To chase KBC re response to our letter regarding issues at the centre.	TB to chase Julia Beckett and update
12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way between Barnwell Court and car park	Ongoing
6.11.13.1	BH	To review other account options (Cambridge BS)	Ongoing – BH to enquire whether a minimum sum needs to be left in an account to keep the Natwest account open.
9.11.3.1	PT	To contact Peter Chaplin re transfer of land for bus stop	PT to chase Colin Radford for submission of plans. Clerk to provide contact details for DWH.
9.11.6.1	PT	To speak to Taylor Wimpey regarding the Eco Meadow	Confirmed it will become a flower meadow and will then be adopted.
10.11.16.1	VC	To pursue possibility of relocating bike	Ongoing

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11.12.3.3	Clerk	To chase plan from Chris Bond showing proposed road marking	Ongoing

Cllr Holland gave an overview of some other account options which he will continue to research although Cambridge Building Society currently looks like the best option.

Cllr Thomas confirmed he had a reassuring meeting with Colin Radford and he had confirmed that Taylor Wimpey want to get the roads finished by the end of the year.

As regards the school yellow lines and zig zags are to be placed by the gates of the school. A pedestrian crossing will be investigated but not traffic lights as this would cause many difficulties near the shop due to the bus stop. Finally a road safety audit is to be completed by the island near the surgery.

12.2.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Chris Stopford – Dog control orders are now in place and can be enforced irrespective of who the land owner is, provided public has access whether this is free or paid for. Wardens can now also ask owner to put a dog on a lead. Both offences have fixed penalty charges of £75. The Council is now looking at permanent dogs on lead areas. The warden must see the incident of fouling take place and the owner to take two paces away from the mess. Wardens are usually in high viz but do not need to be. Wardens can also do an area of cleansing. They work 8am-8pm 7 days a week. Until roads are adopted, further bins cannot be provided, 2 have been given as a good will gesture. If stopped dog walkers are obliged to give their name and address, but cannot be arrested. If they refuse all they can do is serve a summons, but may have problems with obtaining an address. Jan – Dec 198 complaints of fouling (1 from Mawsley) were lodged. So far this year there has been 40 in 2 months. Every other lamppost in Mawsley was signposted but most have now been removed. Complaint received in January regarding the playing field, wardens have been out and identified fouling but no one was seen. CF asked if it could be made more common knowledge. CS will write something for the next newsletter. VC asked if we can assist the dog warden – can we take photographs? No name and address details confirmed, so will not really help. If you can provide a name and address and be prepared to stand in court, with details of what has happened – KBC will serve fixed penalty notice. A lot of authorities have a name and shame policy. CS will provide an article for the newsletter and a draft witness statement. VC asked about dog ban orders, CS confirmed that they could not do this. Brendan Coleman head of environmental care is main contact. CF asked how often wardens came to Mawsley, CS said it was not set but was complaints driven. BL asked if we could make the play area a dog on lead area, CS said a letter will be sent asking for our opinions. Wardens are also looking at dangerous dogs, does not have to actually attack just put a person in fear. See update on interface with KBC mentioned above in matters arising.

12.2.7 Please refer to matters arising.

12.2.8 Mawsley Community Fund

Community fund application presentation; main objective is to provide transport to local facilities to give children opportunities to try new sports. See attached handout (Mawsley School Powerpoint). PT was very supportive and keen he felt it was an excellent idea for children. BL said it was an excellent presentation and was very supportive. CF offered her support and BH agreed although he wanted to ensure it was for the whole village. BL said it would enhance the children’s lives. BH said we need to ensure it was made clear that it is a one off, and we have a detailed costing from them. Propose VC funding of £4,500 to Mawsley Community Primary School second BH – all in favour.

ACTION BL to investigate proceeds of crime fund application.12.2.8.1

12.2.9 The Centre at Mawsley

PT gave an overview of the defects meeting attended by Kier, TW, GSS Architects, BSD (electrical consultants) and KBC, MPC and TCAM. Cost cutting exercises were undertaken, for which Kier apologised. Kier are looking at fixing certain areas such as cutting off gas valve, fire wall etc. Councillors are happy with how the meeting went. Unlikely to get any assistance from Kier as regards car park but KBC may assist.

- 12.2.10 Police Matters
- Reported crime; 1 x Criminal damage/fraud/sexual offence/theft handling and violence – mainly domestic. Shop break in raised but no news available as of yet.
- 12.2.11 Villager issues
- Peter Martin raised several issues as regards the roads in Mawsley;
1. That the reduced speed limit should be imposed on the C road well before the Mawsley entrances. Certainly before the junction with the road leading to Old. Councillors confirmed that the speed limit is to be reduced to 40mph
 2. Could the first Mawsley entrance be changed from a SLOW sign to a Stop sign, driving up from the second entrance cars frequently pull without looking .I have seen several near misses.
 3. Could the angle of the kerb be changed on the second exit as it currently pushes you out on to the wrong side of the road when exiting towards the first entrance. Councillors confirmed that they would review the above two issues but unlikely that these could be done due to Council cost implications.
- 12.2.12 Accounts and Budgets
- All payments as per Agenda approved for payment
- Cheque to be paid to VC for £145 prior to cheque from Cliff for Christmas tree. PT to attend TCAM board meeting for update on accounts
- 12.2.13 Correspondence and Clerks update
- General correspondence discussed.
- 12.2.14 Planning
- None received
- 12.2.15 Items for newsletter.
- Chris Stopford to add article in newsletter regarding dog fouling.
- 12.2.16 Any Other Business
- If Mawsley Community Primary School are given a grant from other sources our grant should be reduced and this should be referred to in the offer letter. ‘Any other significant funds, where money is being spent, and monthly update’ to be added to the letter to the school
- We need to confirm that gritting on c31is still being done. Update on older children’s play area – 30ft half pipe being suggested. This will incur additional costs of £10k – to be added to Agenda for community fund next month.
- VC raised issue of automatic door – 2 quotes obtained. We should stop servicing if automatic aspect not working. All Cllrs agreed as a community building it was required. Proposed we go for the £1170 plus VAT quote as we have a relationship with him, this is to be done as soon as possible

ACTION POINTS

12.2.8.1	BL	To investigate proceeds of crime applications through the police	
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The meeting ended at 22:20

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