Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 September 2012

Present: Cllr. Thomas; Cllr. Cope; Cllr Littler; Cllr MacDonald; Cllr Barnwell; Diana MacCarthy (Clerk)

Members of the public present: PCSO Margaret Lawson; PC Martin Penhallow; Tom Sanders; Mr & Mrs Baker; Brendan Coleman(Kettering Borough Council); Cllr Ian Jelly; Julia Beckett (Kettering Borough Council). 10 members of the public were also in attendance.

12.9.1 **Apologies for Absence:** Tim Bellamy; Cllr Farthing

12.9.2 **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 The Sports Council. Cllr MacDonald declared her interest in The Centre at Mawsley and The Mawsley Village Association. Cllr Cope declared his interest in Mawsley Amateur Dramatics and Bowls.

12.9.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Many issues were raised in response to Julia Beckett's update. Generally people were upset at the slow progress made in relation to roads but it was made clear by Julia Beckett that there is nothing to force a developer to undertake work. Other concerns were regarding the safety of the roads and pavements for users such as parents of young children, the elderly and those with disabilities. It was felt that perhaps KBC could assist to at least make the roads and pavements safe to use.

David Wilson raised the issue of the Bond that put was in place at the beginning of the development which had set conditions, when each condition is met the Bond has been reduced. **ACTION** - Clerk to chase Julia as regards outstanding Bond. 12.9.3.1

ACTION – Chase update on S104 Agreement 12.9.3.2 Cllr Barnwell said that Anglian Water require a licence to put water in to his balancing pond.

Finally it was asked whether NCC was in contact with DWH regarding the on-going maintenance of the roads so that when TW are ready to have their roads adopted, DWH roads are still up to standard so that they can also be adopted at the same time. Julia Beckett will look in to this. **ACTION** Clerk to chase Julia for update 12.9.3.3

Michael Podd discussed his concerns as regards parking issues, such as near the post box and parking by the surgery. Yellow lines are now in place. Cllr Thomas noted his comments but unfortunately this is outside Parish Council remit. **ACTION** - Clerk to speak to City and County Developments regarding the road markings at Barnwell Court. 12.9.3.4

David Wilson asked about TW tidying up the land which is the pub site. This should be done once roads are completed. Further the location of Islands on the roads was discussed, it was felt that this will impact on parking but may be dangerous due to speeding cars.

Finally a member of the public raised an issue regarding a member of the Council and this is to be referred to the Clerk.

Cat excrement was also raised as an issue but it is difficult as they are free to roam, various suggestions were put forward.

12.9.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Thomas proposed the minutes of the meeting held 13 August 2012 and Cllr. Cope seconded these.

12.9.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting – see Minutes

11.10.5.1	Clerk	Letter to KBC re adoption of open space and pond	Update received from Julia Beckett – issues on-going
12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way	Declaration prepared. Cllr Barnwell to have witnessed by a solicitor then NCC to put on definitive map.
10.11.16.1	VC	To pursue possibility of relocating bike racks	Costings of £370 proposed by Cllr Cope and seconded by Cllr Thomas- all in favour.
12.7.9.1	PT	Liaising with TW regards Centre	Letter to be sent to TW and Kier
12.8.11.1	Clerk	Advise TW and planning as regards change of boundary for property at Cransley Rise.	
12.6.15.1	Clerk	Speak to school about junior Council	

As regards the bike rack relocation Cllr Barnwell enquired as to health & Safety issues. It was confirmed that an expert would review the work and this would be paid from the basic Council fund.

12.9.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Julia Beckett gave an overview of outstanding issues. See attached briefing note.

Nick Hughes said the lease handover to the Sports Council is imminent. Cllr Barnwell raised an issue as to the actual boundary of the playing fields and who will be responsible. Nick Hughes confirmed that all hedges and fences will be maintained by KBC.

As regards maintenance of un-adopted roads, Brendan Coleman confirmed that road sweeping and litter picking was taking place, even though they were under no obligation to do so.

Cllr Barnwell asked what had happened to the bond put forward by the developer for the roads. Further he has concerns about the decision making as to use of the eco meadow.

As regards maintenance and upkeep of hedgerows, Cllr Thomas asked who decides whether the hedges etc. are ready for the adoption. Brendan Coleman said it was predominantly the developer but it is inspected prior to adoption. He offered to come out and inspect if this was required and he is willing to be contacted directly. Cllr Cope asked what would happen to trees that had died and Brendan Coleman agreed this could be negotiated although there is opportunity for funding.

Cllr Barnwell declared an interest in a piece of land which he is looking at taking back and maintaining, as it is currently being left un-kept. He further confirmed that all original farm hedges are protected due to date of planting.

As regards road adoption, if the developer was to fail to bring road to adoption standard, it is possible as a group to take out a private action, but this would be a last resort.

Tom Sanders raised issue of DWH stopping maintenance two months ago due to lack of funds, and other issues due to on-going completion issues.

12.9.7 **Taylor Wimpey**

See above

12.9.8 **Mawsley Community Fund**

No applications received.

12.9.9 The Centre at Mawsley

.Discussed above.

12.9.10 **Police Matters**

Rise in crime in the last month especially burglaries. 16 incidents recorded this month. More officers are being put on to the street in plain clothes to help resolve this but key issue is insecure doors/windows. If entry is made via an insecure door/window insurance will be invalid. Cllr Littler asked about smart water, the take up in Mawsley is not great but if you are a member of Neighbourhood watch you can obtain a discount.

12.9.11 Villager issues

Defer cctv to next meeting - ACTION put on Agenda for October

12.9.12 Accounts and Budgets

An up to date balance sheet of the Councils budget was provided.

12.9.13 Correspondence and Clerks update

General correspondence discussed.

12.9.14 **Planning**

No objection for planning application as per the Agenda.

12.9.15 Items for newsletter/website.

To be discussed at next meeting

12.9.16 **Any Other Business**

Cllr Cope raised methods of cheque signing and the procedure we follow. All orders for works now to go through the Clerk.

ACTION POINTS

The meeting ended at 22:46

12.9.3.1	Clerk	Chase Julia Beckett at Kettering Borough Council regarding the Bond and general update.	
12.9.3.2	Clerk	Speak to Anglian Water regarding the s104 Agreement	
12.9.3.3	Clerk	Speak to Julia Beckett regarding general update	
12.9.3.4	Clerk	Speak to City and County Developments regarding road markings	
12.9.11.1	Clerk	Move CCTV to October Agenda	