

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th January 2005

Present: Cllr R. Littler (Chair); Cllr C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr F. Quinn; Cllr R. Holland; Cllr C Moreton; Cllr. R. Barnwell; Cllr G. Somerville; R. Meredith (Clerk); WPC Diane Jones; Cllr. M. Harrison.

Members of the Public Present:

Ms. P Rowley; Mr J Stevenson

01.05.1 Apologies for Absence

None received.

01.05.7 Police Matters (brought forward by agreement)

Crime figures for the previous month of December were presented to the meeting and the increase in recorded figures discussed, much of which is put down to the growth in the village only rather than the area being specifically targeted. It is also to be noted that until such time as building work ends, crime associated with all builders activities will be included within the Mawsley figures.

Currently Mawsley is not perceived as a problem area or with any specific issues as such regular patrols are unlikely at this time. The issue of mapping of the area for the Control Room is believed to now be in hand and a visit will shortly be arranged. The meeting was also advised that Data Protection requirements meant that no further detail on particular crimes could be provided for the Parish Council meetings.

01.05.2 Allotted time for members of the public

Mr J Stevenson asked if the Parish Council were aware as to any obligations that the developers may have with regard to clearance of builders debris that was building up in and around the Parish, particularly following the recent high winds. No specific obligations had been identified to the Parish Council and it was **agreed** that the Clerk should write to Messer's George Wimpey on the subject. **Action 01.05.2.1.**

01.05.3 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs. Littler and Winter declared their positions as Honorary Officers of the Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA).

Cllr. Winter declared a potential future interest in the marketing of the units to be built in the designated "Employment Area" of the Parish.

01.05.4 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council

Borough Councillor Michael Harrison was welcomed to the meeting. Cllr. Littler gave a short overview of the concerns that the Parish Council has with regard to progress on some specific and important issues particularly now that the Mawsley Liaison Forum had been dissolved.

Cllr. Harrison advised that both he and Cllr. Hakewill were aware of the issues and would progress them with the Borough Council as they believed the Liaison Forum had been prematurely terminated. The Parish Council was urged to maintain the relationships that had been developed within the Forum and to invite former members of the Forum to attend Parish Council meetings. It was **agreed** that the Chair should write to the Forum members and invite attendance at future Parish Council meetings. **Action 01.05.4.1.**

Cllr Harrison identified the Community Development Officer, Gill Correa, as the point of contact that the Parish Council should use for raising and actioning issues with the Borough Council. Concern was expressed that the Council Officers were tackling some of these issues for the first time and that the elected Borough Councillors should be giving greater direction to them. Cllr. Harrison undertook to arrange for a Borough Officer to be present at the next Parish Council meeting. **Action 01.05.4.2.**

Cllr. Barnwell expressed concern that the Parish Council now appeared to be picking up responsibilities that should lie with the Borough Council particularly in terms of dealings with the developers and their marketing agents. Cllr Harrison agreed to discuss this issue with Officers of the Council to ensure a greater involvement in issues relating to the village and to ensure responsibility resides in the right organisations. Cllr. Harrison also advised that with the recent boundary revisions Mawsley was now part of a large ward and would probably benefit from a resident being elected as a Borough Councillor. Cllr. Harrison advised that he would report back on actions taken by the 21st January 2005. **Action 01.05.4.3**

01.05.5 Minutes of Meeting

The following additions to the minutes of 6th December 2004 were **agreed:**

In item 06.04.2.1, Pub Site, add the following:

Whilst it was stated by Diamond Estates that the area of 0.2 acres additionally required for the pub site was of limited value, the Parish Council considers that it is of some commercial value and that the issue of financial recompense must be considered in any final arrangement for “re-allocation” of the land.

In item 06.04.2.1, Employment Area, add the following:

It was noted by Cllr. Barnwell that in early outline plans for the Employment Area no residential units were included, the plans currently being presented show in the order of 12 residential units, which seems a considerable change in approach and which will need due consideration when formal plans are submitted.

With the foregoing additions, the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council (MPC) held on the 6th December 2004 were accepted as a true record and were signed as such.

01.05.6 Matters arising from the Minutes

Action	Actionee	Subject	Status
01.04.16.2	Clerk	Establish area covered by “Article 4” within Mawsley	Further chasing letter sent, ongoing
02.04.7.1	Clerk	To contact Ian Arnott of NALCC to discuss position of internal auditor.	Date for audit to be agreed. Action Closed.
02.04.14.1	Clerk	To pursue provision of litter bins with KBC.	Clarification of responsibility for emptying the bins still awaited, ongoing
02.04.17.1	Clerk	To establish with KBC what action can be taken with regard to the advertising signage in Mawsley	Further chasing letter sent, ongoing
03.04.8.4	Clerk	To obtain quotes for the printing of MPC letterhead.	Order placed, Action Closed

03.04.10.1	Clerk	To write to Borough Council requesting clarification on issues relating to transfer of the Community Building and to seek the preparation of a comprehensive Project Plan.	Letter sent in support of Liaison Forum request, response awaited. Ongoing.
03.04.11.1	Clerk	To progress with the Borough Council the possibility of leasing land for the provision of allotments.	Clarification sought from Borough Council as to whether all options for land within the Parish Boundary had been exhausted. Ongoing
04.04.6.1	Chair	To arrange visit for Cllrs. to the Police Operations Centre	Ongoing.
04.04.7.3	Clerk	To progress the issue of ownership of the Mawsley Community Fund with KBC	Further meeting being arranged for January, ongoing.
04.04.8.1	Clerk	To seek resolution of the issues relating to repair and/or replacement of village notice boards.	Refund now received, to be discussed at Agenda item 8. Action Closed.
05.04.2.1	Cllr. Harker	To arrange a meeting on site in Mawsley to discuss Highways issues raised at meeting of 1 st Nov and to ensure appropriate attendance	Response now received and circulated, Action Closed.
05.04.11.2	Cllr. Barnwell	To discuss with Stock Land & Estates their current view and position with regard to the Mawsley Management Company and the Community Fund.	Meeting to be held early in the New Year. Ongoing.
06.04.5.1	Clerk	To issue an invitation to Borough Councillors Hakewill and Harrison to attend the next Council meeting to discuss KBC issues.	Invitations sent, Action Closed.
06.04.6.1	Clerk	To seek more regular attendance from CBO at Council meetings and request more detailed information on crime statistics provided	Requests sent, Action Closed.
06.04.7.1	Clerk	To update budgets in line with discussions of 6 th December and to seek expenditure projections from Neighbourhood Watch for the current financial year	Budgets updated and future projections requested, Action Closed.
06.04.7.2	Clerk	To obtain quotation for emptying of litter bins	Requests sent, no responses received, indications being that it is not economically viable at this time. Action Closed.
06.04.8.1	Clerk	To amend Council "flyer" and distribute	Amendments made and "flyer" distributed. Action Closed.
06.04.9.1	Clerk	To advise "No Objection" to Planning Application KE/04/1249	Response sent, Action Closed.

06.04.11.1	Clerk	To draft letter to KBC regarding possibility of amending the S106 Agreement.	Ongoing.
06.04.11.2	Clerk	To prepare draft budget for 2005/2006 including potential expenditure on Stamp Duty	Prepared and submitted to Borough Council. Action Closed.

01.05.8 Accounts and Budgets

The budget for 2004/2005 was discussed and the receipt of the refund for the defective notice boards was noted. An increase in the projected budget for Neighbourhood Watch of £50 was **agreed**, Clerk to update budgets accordingly. **Action 01.05.8.1**

It was noted that at a recent Rural Forum meeting, held in Mawsley, a presentation had been made by the Borough Council with regard to the introduction of precepting as a means by which Parish Councils would seek funding in the future and the removal of the grant system. The Borough Council advised of their intention to introduce this process for the period 2006/2007 and that a consultation process would soon be started. It was noted that Cransley Parish Council intended to raise this with local residents in the near future. It was decided that the Parish Council would formally discuss the issue at the next meeting and would advise residents after that discussion and when more information was known. Clerk to ensure agenda item for this subject at the next meeting. **Action 01.05.8.2.**

The meeting was advised of a pending consultation meeting with the Borough Council on 20th January to discuss the grants offered for the year 2005/2006. It was noted that an earlier meeting had been requested by the Parish Council given the complexities and size of the grant potentially required by Mawsley. Should such an earlier meeting not be arranged, attendance at the general Consultation Meeting would be Cllrs Littler and Winter and the Clerk, Clerk to advise Borough Council accordingly. **Action 01.05.8.3.**

The purchase of a notice board from the Harry Stebbing workshop in accordance with their quotation number MAWS/10A4/2P/Vin/12.04 was **approved** this company demonstrating best quality and value for money available. Clerk was requested to place an order and ensure all possible discounts were available to the Parish Council in the event that a second notice board be ordered. **Action 01.05.8.4**

01.05.9 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

The meeting was advised of correspondence received to date and a list of such was circulated.

Discussion of the SLCC/NALC guidance on Contracts of Employment for Clerks was deferred to the next meeting.

01.05.10 Planning Matters

Application No. KE/04/1341 – 41 houses, and associated roads, sewers and other works.

After discussion MPC to respond "No Objection". **Action 01.05.10.1**

01.05.11 Allotments

Response from the Borough Council awaited before determining which land options are to be pursued.

01.05.12 Community Centre

The meeting was advised that Stuart Randle had recently resigned as Chair of the Community Centre Steering Group and that the next meeting of that group was set for 27th January at which a replacement would be appointed and a way forward established.

01.05.13 Any Other Business

Cllr. Littler advised of issues discussed at the Rural Forum which, in addition to the presentation on precepting had covered “rural proofing” and the requirements placed on Borough Councillors to make available travellers sites.

Cllr. Moreton asked whether it would be appropriate to seek further advice from Messer’s George Wimpey with regard to completion of the cycle way around the village and who has responsibility for maintenance of the fence around the entrance to the playing field. Clerk was requested to write to Bill Metcalf accordingly. **Action 01.05.13.1**

Cllr Somerville advised that the litter bin in the Play Area had now been emptied but asked for confirmation that the bin would be emptied on a regular basis by the Borough Council. In addition, the Parish Council should seek confirmation that the play equipment would be regularly inspected and maintained by the Borough. Clerk was requested to write accordingly. **Action 01.05.13.2**

01.05.14 Date Of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 7th February 2005 at the Surgery, Nethertown Way.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 10.04 pm.

Signed:

Date: