

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th July 2005

Present: Cllr R. Littler (Chairman); Cllr C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr R. Holland; Cllr R. Barnwell; Cllr F. Quinn; C. Lilley (KBC); C. Williams (George Wimpey); Borough Cllr J Hakewill.

Members of the Public Present: Mr G. Leah (Part Time); Ms P. Rowley.

07.05.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr G. Somerville, work commitments; R. Meredith (Clerk), family illness; P. Firth (PCSO), work commitments.

07.05.2 Allotted time for members of the public.

No requests received.

07.05.3 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Littler and Winter declared their positions as Honorary Officers of the Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA). Cllr Barnwell declared that he had no interest in the Mawsley Management Company.

07.05.4 Messer's George Wimpey

Colin Williams, Land and Planning Director for George Wimpey East Midlands was welcomed to the meeting and he advised that he had recently joined Messer's George Wimpey in this role.

A number of items were raised by Councillors for G Wimpey to consider, viz.:

- i) playing fields: Colin advised that drainage and levelling work would start in July, and seed sowing in the Autumn. He was asked to provide a drainage map for future reference **Action 07.05.4.1;**
- ii) it would be useful to have power and drainage maps for the whole village. Could these be supplied, possibly on completion of the village **Action 07.05.4.2;**
- iii) cycle track: what action was planned to ensure that the cycle track complied with the original plans; in particular when might the issue of the "missing" section by Warren End be addressed **Action 07.05.4.3;**
- iv) cycle track: what route has been agreed to take the cycle track by the village hall and pub site **Action 07.05.4.4;**
- v) pub site: Colin advised that terms for the sale of the land had been agreed with a pub operator but contracts not yet exchanged. It was noted that it was not clear exactly which land was to be transferred from the playing field site to the pub site, and that whether in fact such authority to do so had been obtained. It was suggested that this matter be clarified as a matter of urgency, otherwise there may be delays in transferring the hall freehold from G Wimpey **Action 07.05.4.5.** It was also noted that the implications of such a transfer on the S106 had not been advised;
- vi) employment units: Colin advised that terms for the sale of the land had been agreed with a specialist developer but contracts not yet exchanged;
- vii) street lighting: it was noted and appreciated that much progress had been made in improving the availability of street lighting throughout the village. G Wimpey had agreed previously to supply a copy of the original approved lighting plan for the village, but this had not been received. In particular it was not clear whether the original plans include street lighting by the village entrance, to improve visibility to / from the C31 **Action 07.05.4.6;**

- viii) Community Centre: it was noted that the MVA are experiencing difficulties in getting modifications / additions to the original design implemented. Colin was requested to consider whether G Wimpey would be able to assist in such issues **Action 07.05.4.7;**
- ix) Chambers Hill: requested that the Parish Council be advised when final surfacing is likely to be completed, given the dangerous state of the raised ironworks currently **Action 07.05.4.8;**
- x) village maps: G Wimpey had agreed to supply updates of the village maps they had previously supplied, for use by the emergency services and to replace the ones by the village entrances / in the notice board **Action 07.05.4.9;**
- xi) notice boards: agreed that the Parish Council should confirm required sites for notice boards, for G Wimpey approval **Action 07.05.4.10.** Assistance if G Wimpey in erecting the board would be appreciated;
- xii) Speeding: these is a continuing problem of contractors' lorries speeding in the village. G Wimpey are requested to remind contractors of their Health & Safety responsibilities **Action 07.05.4.11;**
- xiii) Landscaping: the poor condition of much of the village landscaping, including many dead trees, was raised and G Wimpey asked to ensure that the sub-contractors were competing work appropriately **Action 07.05.4.12;**

The Parish Council expressed its gratitude for Colin taking the time to attend the meeting, and hoped that he, or another representative of G Wimpey, would be able to attend on a regular basis in future.

07.05.5 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 9th May 2005 and the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 13th June 2005 were accepted as true records of those meetings and were signed as such.

07.05.6 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Action	Actionee	Subject	Status
04.04.6.1	Chair	To arrange visit for Cllrs. to the Police Operations Centre	The Police Control Centre has been asked on 3 further occasions to arrange visit but have still not yet responded.
05.04.11.2	Cllr. Barnwell/ C. Lilley	To discuss with Stock Land & Estates their current view and position with regard to the Mawsley Management Company and the Community Fund.	Meeting has yet to be held. It was proposed that the Borough Council should now write to Stock, Land & Estates and their solicitors to progress the matter. Ongoing.
02.05.4.1	KBC/George Wimpey	To resolve the issue of recompense for the additional 0.2 acres of land that, in principle, had been agreed to be allocated from the Playing Field to the Pub Site	To remain on hold pending further discussion with the Borough Council. It was felt appropriate to ensure that in those discussions covenants should be required protecting the transferred land in the event of any future sale of the land. Ongoing
02.05.4.3	George Wimpey/ Clerk	To establish a date for application of final finish road surface to Chambers Hill	Superseded by Action 07.05.4.8

02.05.4.4	George Wimpey	To investigate the possibility of supplying mapping information to the Emergency Services	Superseded by Action 07.05.4.9
03.05.5.2	Clerk	To establish status of capital bids submitted on behalf of Mawsley to KBC and to provide copies of said submissions.	Over 7's Play Area and Water Feature potentially. Clerk to contact Paul Sutton to confirm funds available for 2006/2007. Ongoing
03.05.9.2	Clerk	To discuss possible location of replacement notice board with Messer's George Wimpey and obtain any required approvals.	Superseded by Action 07.05.4.10
03.05.13.3	Clerk	To discuss with Messer's George Wimpey the availability of detailed site and Parish plans showing power distribution, drainage, boundaries etc. for future reference	Superseded by Action 07.05.4.1 and 07.05.4.2
03.05.14.1	Clerk	To progress issue of gritting of the C31 with NCC Cllr J Harker	Cllr Harker's visit is scheduled for 12 th July.
03.05.14.2	Clerk	To discuss with Messer's George Wimpey the temporary provision of gritting bins within the village pending adoption of the roads	Clerk to progress now point of contact established. Ongoing
04.05.9.1	Clerk	To review SLCC/NALC guidance on Contracts of Employment for Clerks.	Noted that the Parish Council needs to be aware of potential additional costs that might arise if the contract is adopted. Ongoing.
04.05.13.1	Clerk	To progress with Councillor Jim Harker the issue of visibility at the junction of the C31 and the Old Road.	Cllr Harker's visit is scheduled for 12 th July.
05.05.11.2	Clerk	To contact Pat Ellis with regard to the re-establishment of the Village Contact Scheme through Age Concern	Ongoing
05.05.12.4	Clerk	To progress the Borough Council with regard to further information on Article 4 areas.	Issue progressed, no response received to date. Ongoing.
05.05.14.1	Clerk	To draft a process for the urgent approval of expenditure requirements from the Community Fund.	Appears that only options would be for "extraordinary" PC meetings to be called. Action Closed.
05.05.14.2	Cllr Barnwell	To provide information with regard to storage provision within the Community Centre	Already built; no further action

06.05.6.1	Clerk	To advise Peter Firth of NW Co-ordinator contact details and pass over Beat Stakeholder form for completion	Completed, Action Closed
06.05.6.2	Clerk	To provide Parish Council contact details to Sgt. Mike Grady, Northants Police	Completed, Action Closed
06.05.6.3	Peter Firth	To provide summary of legal position with regard to use of "micro bikes".	Flyer will go out in July newsletter Completed, Action Closed.
06.05.8.1	Clerk	To complete and submit application for membership of NALC Audit Service 2005/2006	Completed, Action Closed
06.05.10.1	Clerk	To submit agreed response to Planning Application KET/2005/0501	Completed, Action Closed
06.05.11.1	Cllr Barnwell	To continue to explore possible options on land availability for allotments	Cllr Barnwell will progress discussion with the tenant of the land by the C31 , if there is confirmed interest by the village in that site. Action closed, pending confirmation of interest.
06.05.12.1	All	To review draft tender document for management of the Community Centre and to familiarise themselves with the lease agreement from the Over facility	Item held over in absence of the Clerk. Ongoing
06.05.12.2	Clerk	To arrange joint MPC and MVA meeting to discuss and agree the way forward on management of the Community Centre	Fixed for 29 th July, Action Closed
06.05.12.3	Clerk	To advise Borough Council of the approved expenditure from the Community Fund for additional works in the Community Centre.	Completed, Action Closed
06.05.13.1	Clerk	To advise Borough Council of the approved expenditure from the Community Fund for additional works in the Community Centre.	Completed, Action Closed
06.05.15.1	Cllr Holland	To advise NW of recent burglary in Gt. Cransley	Ongoing.

07.05.7 Police Matters

No discussion

07.05.8 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council.

Colette Lilley was welcomed to the meeting in her new role as Economic Development Officer. She advised that the Borough Council plans to create a Mawsley Project Team with various members to cover separate issues. The team was unlikely to be in place for a number of months but each member would be advised of the time to be spent on Mawsley issues as a matter of course.

07.05.9 Accounts and Budgets

No discussion in Clerks absence.

07.05.10 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

No discussion in Clerks absence

07.05.11 Planning Matters

Application No. KET/2005/0525 – New village medical centre with dental unit and pharmacy. After discussion MPC to respond “No Objection”. **Action 07.05.11.1**

Application No. KET/2005/0565 – Single storey rear extension, 23 Hawthorn Avenue, Mawsley. After discussion MPC to respond “No Objection”. **Action 07.05.11.2**

It was **agreed** that an article be placed in the next MVA Newsletter advising residents of their rights to make representations to the Parish Council with regard to any planning proposals, either as supporters or objectors. **Action 07.05.11.3**

It was further **agreed** that the Parish Council should advise residents of any planning related complaints made about them that the Parish Council forward to the Borough Council.

07.05.12 Community Centre

Cllrs Littler and Winter left the room for the duration of the discussion and vote. Cllr Barnwell chaired the meeting in their absence.

Mr G Leah advised that the MVA Community Steering Group had been working to determine what items should be purchased to allow the village hall to function effectively from day one, and identified the following:

Chairs and tables:	£7,000
Audio-visual wiring	£3,000
Cellar / bar / lounge (furniture, lighting, equipment):	£15,000
Kitchen equipment	£5,000
Office	£5,000
Contingency	£5,000

He requested that £25,000 be drawn down from the Community Fund to help meet these costs; the balance would be met by MVA current funds and future fund raising. This was **approved** unanimously. Clerk to advise the Borough Council accordingly **Action 07.05.12.1**

Cllrs Littler and Winter rejoined the meeting.

Cllr Barnwell requested that the Parish Council consider what their future role should be in issues as above, notably that a limit should be placed on the extent to which the Parish Council should be able to veto any expenditure approved by the MVA. To be discussed at the next meeting.

07.05.13 Landscaping and Open Areas

No further discussion

07.05.14 Any Other Business

Allotments: Ms Pat Rowley was asked to establish potential allotment-holders' views re the possible site along the C31. The option of using a (small) part of the open space behind Jibwood (i.e. close to the proposed pond) was also considered, however it was recognised this would require a commitment from potential allotment holders, and that the allotments may have to be quite small.

KBC Ward boundaries: Cllr Hakewill advised that the Boundary Commission have proposed that, contrary to the Borough Council's wishes, Mawsley should remain within Slade Ward. These proposals are now out for consultation and it was agreed that the Parish Council should write to confirm their agreement to them. Clerk to advise the Boundary Commission accordingly **Action 07.05.14.1.**

Noted that residents' commercial vehicles are often parking outside the homes of their neighbours, often on the footpaths. However felt that lilt action could realistically be taken at this time.

Cllr Somerville: agreed that in view of Cllr Somerville's non-attendance at recent meetings he should be asked whether he wishes to remain as a Parish Councillor. **Action 07.05.14.2**

07.05.15 Date Of Next Meeting

Monday, 1st August, 2005 commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 09.45 pm.

Signed:

Date: