

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th August 2005

Present: Cllr R. Littler (Chairman); Cllr C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr R. Holland; Cllr R. Barnwell; Cllr F. Quinn; R. Meredith (Clerk); C. Lilley (KBC); P. Chaplin (KBC); Borough Cllr J Hakewill.

Members of the Public Present: Ms P. Rowley; Mr J & Mrs B Yates (Part Time); Mr J. Stevenson (Part Time).

08.05.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr G. Somerville, work commitments; Cllr C. Moreton, holiday; P. Firth (PCSO), holiday; C. Williams (George Wimpey), work commitments.

08.05.3 Declaration of Interests (brought forward by agreement)

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

08.05.7 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council (brought forward by agreement)

Peter Chaplin, Development Control Officer for Kettering Borough Council, was welcomed to the meeting and an open discussion was held on planning matters relating to the development of Mawsley, particularly with regard to the status of the S106 Agreement and the recent Planning Enquiry.

08.05.2 Allotted time for members of the public.

Mrs Barbra Yates raised concerns with regard to the state of the woodland area, adjacent to the Loddington Way entrance to the village, advising that it was overgrown and weeds appeared to be destroying the recently planted trees. A query was also raised with regard to the cycle path around the village and whether it was intended that this should be completed at some point in the future. Cllr. Littler advised that both the issue of grounds maintenance and the cycle path had been raised with Messer's George Wimpey and concrete proposals were awaited. Collette Lilley was asked to again raise the issue of grounds maintenance and the quality of work undertaken with Peter Harris of KBC. **Action 08.05.2.1.** In addition, Collette Lilley was asked to check with the Peter Chaplin of KBC what planning issues may arise with regard to the inability to complete the cycle path as a result of properties being incorrectly located on the proposed route. **Action 08.05.2.2.**

Mr John Stevenson advised that he had witnessed a near accident at the junction of Loddington Way and School Road at the triangular traffic island. He raised concerns that due to the suggested traffic flow around the island, two sides of the triangle were one way but the third side was two way, although there were no clear road markings to identify this. In addition, the positioning of the post box at this junction further complicated traffic flow at this junction. The Clerk was requested to advise the Highways Department, and County Councillor Jim Harker, of the issue and request that action be taken to address the problem raised. **Action 08.05.2.3**

Ms Pat Rowley provided an update on her enquiries with regard to the provision of land for allotments outside of the Parish and adjacent to the C31 between Mawsley and Broughton. She indicated that whilst there was still a demand for allotments only one of those asked would be willing to take up the offer of land without the provision of water. Collette Lilley was asked to enquire of KBC whether it would be possible to establish small "family" plots on the open land adjacent to the Laings development. **Action 08.05.2.4.** In addition, she was asked to establish the status of the application for funding for a water supply and storage facility on any land that may be available. **Action**

08.05.2.5. The Parish Council **agreed** that there was still sufficient interest in the provision of allotments and that, dependent upon KBC responses, it would continue to progress the matter whilst Cllr Hakewill undertook to support the issue through the Borough Council. Cllr. Barnwell reminded the meeting that once restrictions were removed on his ability to dispose of his land as he saw fit he was more than willing to provide land adjacent to the village, with a water supply, for use as allotments.

08.05.4 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 4th July 2005 were accepted as true records of those meetings and were signed as such.

08.05.5 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 4 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.	Discussions had now taken place and it was confirmed that the Management Company did not exist and that Stock Land & Estates were not interested in becoming involved in the Community Fund. Action Closed.
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	Issue now raised with the Borough Council who will progress the matter. 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
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
03.05.14.1	Clerk	To progress issue of gritting of the C31 with NCC Cllr J Harker	Subject raised with Cllr Harker during a site visit and he will now progress with Highways. Action Closed.
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.	Subject raised with Cllr Harker during a site visit and he will now progress with Highways. Action Closed.
05.05.11.2	Clerk	To contact Pat Ellis with regard to the re-establishment of the Village Contact Scheme through Age Concern	Contact made. Action Closed.
05.05.12.4	Clerk	To progress the Borough Council with regard to further information on Article 4 areas.	Response received and for discussion under item 10 of the agenda. Action Closed.
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	Proposed way forward for discussion under item 11 of the agenda. Action Closed.
06.05.15.1	Cllr Holland	To advise NW of recent burglary in Gt. Cransley	NW advised. Action Closed.
07.05.4.1	C. Williams	To provide drainage map of playing fields for future reference	Ongoing.
07.05.4.2	C. Williams	To provide power and drainage maps of the whole village for future reference	Ongoing.
07.05.4.3	C. Williams	To establish what was planned with regard to the cycle path to ensure compliance with original plans and, in particular, the missing sections around Warren End	Ongoing.
07.05.4.4	C. Williams	To establish what route the cycle path will take around the village hall and pub site	Ongoing.
07.05.4.5	C. Williams	To establish the status of transfer of land from the playing fields to the pub site	Ongoing.
07.05.4.6	C. Williams	To provide a copy of the street lighting plans for the village and to establish if provision is made for lighting at the entrances to the village from the C31	Ongoing.
07.05.4.7	C. Williams	To determine if Messer's George Wimpey are able to assist in obtaining modifications to the Community Centre	Ongoing.
07.05.4.8	C. Williams	To establish when final road surfacing may take place in Chambers Hill	Ongoing.

07.05.4.9	C. Williams	To provide updated street maps for use by the emergency services	Ongoing.
07.05.4.10	Clerk	To advise C. Williams of proposed location of notice boards	Ongoing.
07.05.4.11	C. Williams	To ensure site contractors are advised of Health and Safety responsibilities and compliance with speed limits	Ongoing.
07.05.4.12	C. Williams	To ensure landscaping contractors are completing work appropriately and replacing dead trees	Ongoing.
07.05.11.1	Clerk	To advise Borough Council of response to Planning Application KET/2005/0525	Response advised. Action Closed.
07.05.11.2	Clerk	To advise Borough Council of response to Planning Application KET/2005/0565	Response advised. Action Closed.
07.05.11.3	Chairman	To provide an article for the MVA Newsletter on representations at PC meetings on Planning Applications.	Article provided. Action Closed.
07.05.12.1	Clerk	To advise Borough Council of approval of spend from the Community Fund to the value of £25,000	Ongoing.
07.05.14.1	Clerk	To write to Boundary Commission in support of the proposal to retain Mawsley within the Slade Ward	Ongoing.
07.05.14.2	Chairman	To discuss with Cllr Somerville his intentions with regard to continuing as a Parish Councillor	Noted that Cllr Somerville intended to continue as a Councillor. Action Closed.

08.05.6 Police Matters

Cllr Barnwell advised of the appointment of a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator in Cransley – Jane Prentice. Cllr Holland to advise Mawsley Neighbourhood Watch accordingly. **Action 08.05.6.1**

It was noted that there had been three break-ins within the Parish in the last month, the question of CCTV cameras at each entrance to the village was discussed. Collette Lilley was asked to see what funding may be available from the Borough Council for such provision. **Action 08.05.6.2**

08.05.8 Accounts and Budgets

Accounts to the end of July 2005 were presented to the meeting which identified a current bank balance of £3958.93 with significant projected expenditure in August for the second notice board. The Parish Council remained within its agreed budget for 2005/2006 and no additional items of expenditure were identified.

08.05.9 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

A summary of correspondence received was presented to the meeting. The Clerk advised of correspondence received from Northants County Council with regard to the Mobile Library Service. It was **agreed** that this was a matter for the Parish Council and the Clerk was actioned to respond to issues raised. **Action 08.05.9.1**

08.05.10 Planning Matters

Application No. KET/2005/0687 – Single storey extension, 3 Loddington Way, Mawsley. After discussion MPC to respond “No Objection” subject to compliance with Article 4 provisions. **Action 08.05.10.1**

Application No. KET/2005/0711 – Erection of fence around front cartilage at 10 Scholars Row, Mawsley. After discussion MPC to respond “No Objection”. **Action 08.05.10.2**

Clerk was actioned to write to the Borough Council with regard to the possible sale of land by the developers to individual householders within the Parish where such land may originally have been designated as Village Open Space. **Action 08.05.10.3** Cllr Hakewill to investigate if any process or procedures were in place within the Borough Council to ensure that the Planning Department were aware of such sales of land. **Action 08.05.10.4**

The response received from the Borough Council with regard to Article 4 areas within the Parish was discussed and it was agreed that an item should be placed in the next Newsletter advising the extent of planning restrictions. The Clerk was actioned to provide such an article for the Newsletter. **Action 08.05.10.5**

08.05.11 Community Centre

The meeting was advised of the outcome of recent discussions with the Borough Council with regard to the Community Centre and the offer from the Borough to assist the Parish in the preparation of transfer documents from Messer's George Wimpey to the Parish Council. Concern was expressed that each Councillor should be aware of the content of the transfer documents prior to any signature by the Parish Council. It was noted that the Borough would not be acting independently in this matter and would keep the Parish fully involved.

Recent advice received with regard to the appointment of an operator for the Centre was discussed and it was **agreed** that production of a tender document was now no longer appropriate and that the Parish Council should prepare a full repairing and insuring lease for the facility. It was further unanimously **agreed** that the Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA), through its soon to be established trading company, should be the operator of the facility. The Clerk was actioned to seek examples of lease agreements from within the Borough and to obtain quotations from Solicitors to act on behalf of the Parish Council with regard to the lease for consideration at a subsequent meeting. **Action 08.05.11.1** Concerns with regard to the facility returning to the Parish Council at the end or earlier termination of the lease were discussed and it was noted that operational and maintenance costs could be met from the Community Fund or from a precept. It was further noted that licensing issues for the facility were already being addressed by the MVA.

Concerns with regard to the management of the Community Fund were raised, particularly as the S106 Agreement specifies that the fund is not exclusively for use in maintaining the Community Centre. It was **agreed** that a Special Meeting of the Parish Council should be arranged at which the sole topic of discussion would be establishing the process by which the Parish Council would manage the fund to allow all requirements of the S106 Agreement to be met. The Clerk was actioned to arrange a date and venue for the meeting and to circulate appropriate papers to attendees. **Action 08.05.11.2**

08.05.12 Any Other Business

Cllr Barnwell advised that he would shortly be harvesting the wheat growing around the village and that, due to recent weather conditions, the harvest would be very dusty. Ms Pat Rowley undertook to prepare a note for distribution to affected properties and the Clerk was asked to ensure advice was made available on the Village website. **Action 08.05.12.1**

Cllr Holland noted the condition of the Duck Pond was deteriorating. The clerk was asked to raise the issue with Messer's George Wimpey. **Action 08.05.12.2**

Cllr Winter advised that the Village website had been improved in recent weeks and suggested that the Parish Council should now contribute to its contents. It was **agreed** that as a first step the minutes of meetings should be made available once they were approved by the Parish Council. Clerk was actioned to make the minutes available to the website. **Action 08.05.12.3**

08.05.13 Date Of Next Meeting

Monday, 5th September, 2005 commencing at 7.30pm.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 10.09 pm.

Signed:

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