

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th January 2006

Present: Cllr R. Littler (Chairman); Cllr C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr R. Holland; Cllr F. Quinn; Cllr G. Somerville; Cllr. R. Barnwell; Angie Price (Northants Police), part time; Peter Firth (PCSO), part time; Tim Bellamy (KBC); John Bugby (KBC), part time; Dr. K. Oliver, part time; Richard Meredith (Clerk).

Members of the Public Present: Mr. J. Hazell; Mrs L. Hazell, part time; Mrs. B. Quinn, part time; Mrs M. Beavan, part time.

1.06.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr C. Moreton, work commitments; Borough Cllr J. Hakewill, Borough Council meetings.

1.06.2 Allotted time for members of the public.

No requests received.

1.06.3 Declaration of Interests

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

1.06.10 Police Matters (brought forward by agreement)

Peter Firth reported that there had been 4 recorded crimes in Mawsley in December bringing the annual total to 10, a decrease on the previous year. There had been no reported crimes so far in 2006. Overall, crime was down in the Kettering area in the year, Mawsley's figures being a very small percentage of crime in the area. The Clerk was requested to copy Sgt. K Burton, leader of the Community Action Team, on minutes and agendas for the Parish Council. **Action 1.06.10.1** Peter Firth provided the Clerk with a number of "Beat Stakeholder" forms and requested that Cllrs consider completing the forms which will then enable closer liaison between the Police and the village.

Angie Price, Communications Officer for the Police Contact Centre, gave an update on actions that had been taken to ensure maps of Mawsley were available at the Contact Centre and also provided a short summary of the capabilities at that Centre. She undertook to establish how often maps were updated and whether the playing field area was identified on maps.

1.06.4 Mawsley Village Surgery

Doctor Oliver provided an update on the patient's survey that had recently been carried out and also actions taken following the previous years survey. The previous year's survey had resulted in the surgery being ranked 3rd out of 109 surgeries in the region. It was noted that currently there are some 1800 patients registered and that the new surgery would cater for between five and six thousand patients under three doctors. Pressure is being exerted by the Primary Care Trust for the surgery to take patients from Kettering Leisure Village area, Dr Oliver advised that this did not now create as many concerns for him as he had originally thought when setting up the surgery.

The meeting was advised that the contractors were working flat out to complete the new surgery and that completion is due on or around the 31st March. A move to the surgery is anticipated during the Easter weekend and open days are planned for patients to become familiar with the building. Existing temporary accommodation will be removed in early May. The Dental Practice may move slightly after the Surgery due to issues of installation of equipment. The pharmacy will continue to act as a dispensary at this time, its operation more as a pharmacy will depend on patient numbers and the demand for such a facility.

Cllr Somerville questioned whether a vehicle parked partially on the pavement adjacent to the surgery caused any problems to the practice and its patients. Dr Oliver advised that there were occasional problems with access as a result of where it was parked. Cllr Somerville to discuss with Peter Firth (PCSO) as to what action could possibly be taken.

Action 1.06.4.1

The Parish Council thanked Dr Oliver for the continued use of the surgery for meetings and for his, and his staff's, efforts in establishing a quality practice in the Parish.

1.06.5 Mawsley Recycling

John Bugby of the Borough Council provided an update on the roll-out of the recycling scheme to the village. It was noted that implementation of the scheme in Mawsley would be sometime between 26th February and 10th April 2006, dependent upon availability of recycling bins. The meeting was advised that information on the scheme would be delivered to residents four weeks before the scheme starts and bins would be delivered two weeks prior to first collection.

The subject of the provision of "bring banks" within the village was discussed with representatives of the Mawsley Village Women's Institute who were present. It was noted that sites identified for the placement of bins in maps provided by Messer's George Wimpey were on land that did not belong to Wimpey. It was felt that until such time as land was transferred to either the Borough or Parish Council it would be extremely difficult to locate such a facility within the village.

1.06.6 Northamptonshire County Council

In the absence of County Cllr. J. Harker there was no discussion.

1.06.7 Messer's George Wimpey

In the absence of a representative of the company, there was no discussion. Clerk actioned to contact Wimpey again in an attempt to get a written status of actions as a minimum for each meeting. **Action 1.06.7.1**

1.06.8 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on the 3rd October and 5th December 2005, and the Special Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2005, were accepted as true records of those meetings and were signed as such.

1.06.9 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Action	Actionee	Subject	Status
04.04.6.1	Chair	To arrange visit for Cllrs. to the Police Operations Centre	Visit had now taken place. 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	Discussions that had taken place with KBC were reported and there was noted disquiet that the matter would not be pursued – particularly as it was felt that there really was value in the land transferred. It was felt by the meeting that both the Officers and Cllrs of the Borough had let the Parish down in this matter, but the meeting accepted that there was little else that could now be done. Action Closed

03.05.5.2	Tim Bellamy	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. Tim Bellamy to contact Paul Sutton to confirm funds available for 2006/2007. Ongoing.
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. Ongoing
04.05.9.1	Clerk	To review SLCC/NALC guidance on Contracts of Employment for Clerks.	To be reviewed as part of the budgeting process for 2006/7. Ongoing.
07.05.4.1	C. Williams	To provide drainage map of playing fields 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.
07.05.4.8	C. Williams	To establish when final road surfacing may take place in Chambers Hill	The road has no been surfaced. Action Closed.
07.05.4.9	C. Williams	To provide updated street maps for use by the emergency services	Maps are being updated. Ongoing.
07.05.4.12	C. Williams	To ensure landscaping contractors are completing work appropriately and replacing dead trees	Noted that an area adjacent to farm buildings to the north of the village is not planted as required. KBC have informally advised that action on all landscaping, including remedial works, will be required from Wimpey very shortly. Ongoing.
08.05.2.2	Tim Bellamy	To raise with Peter Chaplin the issue of completion of the cycle path and any planning issues that may arise with regard to wrongly positioned houses.	Clerk to advise Planning Department that they will not provide a map identifying where the incorrectly placed house sits. Ongoing.
08.05.10.3	Clerk	To write to KBC over concerns relating to the possible sale of "open" land in Mawsley by developers to residents	KBC had been advised of the concerns of the Council and are to draw up a comprehensive map of "open spaces" that were planned. KBC to ensure small sales of land do not detract from what is planned. Ongoing.
08.05.10.4	Cllr Hakewill	To investigate what processes or procedures are in place within KBC to identify sales of "open" land within Mawsley	Ongoing.

09.05.13.1	Cllr. Barnwell	To provide information with regard to the establishment and funding of allotments and to meet with the Allotment Steering Group when established.	Meeting with the Allotments Association has taken place. Action Closed.
09.05.14.1	Clerk	To discuss the construction of a wooden outbuilding in Hares Run with KBC Planning Dept.	KBC advised. Ongoing.
10.05.6.1	Cllr Holland	To advise NhW of underage youths on motorbikes.	Advice has been passed on. Action Closed.
10.05.6.2	Cllr Holland	To prepare an article for the newsletter on damage to trees in Mawsley	Will be in January 2006 edition. Ongoing.
10.05.15.1	Cllr Harker	To establish what gritting will take place on the C31	Communication with NCC Highways has confirmed no plans to include within normal schedule. Further pressure to be maintained. Ongoing.
10.05.15.2	Cllr Harker	To establish views of Highways with regard to a speed limit along the C31	Ongoing.
11.05.7.1	Clerk	To advise Planning Authority with regard to concerns over the inclusion of accommodation in plans for the Commercial area in Mawsley	Advice given during December meeting with Council. New plans awaited. Action Closed.
11.05.7.2	Cllr Barnwell	To review old papers and establish what provision was made by the developers for a playing field in Mawsley	Ongoing.
11.05.11.2	Cllr Hakewill	To establish current status of compensation claims for the additional land at the pub site and the Councils action over additional S106 payments following the planning appeal.	Meeting held with Borough Council and issues discussed. Action Closed.
11.05.13.1	Clerk	To invite Dr. Oliver to the January Parish Council meeting.	Invitation given. Action Closed.
12.05.7.1	Clerk	To seek more regular attendance from Messer's George Wimpey with a written report on outstanding actions if unable to attend.	Request made. Action Closed.
12.05.7.2	Clerk	To seek specific details of street lighting and footpath issues from Neighbourhood Watch	Ongoing.

12.05.9.1	Clerk	To arrange a Special Meeting of the Council to discuss budget and precept issues in January.	Date to be discussed at Agenda Item 12. Action Closed.
12.05.10.1	Clerk	To obtain a completed Grant Aid Application Form from the WI and circulate to Cllrs for final approval.	Application Form received, to be discussed at Agenda Item 14. Action Closed
12.05.11.1	Clerk	To advise Planning Authority of the Councils views on KET/2005/1039	Planning Authority advised. Action Closed.
12.05.11.2	Clerk	To advise Planning Authority of the Councils views on KET/2005/1066	Planning Authority advised. Action Closed.
12.05.12.1	Clerk	To circulate Solicitors views on Heads of Terms to Cllrs	Cllrs advised. Action Closed.
12.05.13.1	Cllr Holland	To press the Mawsley Community School for an update on the likely position with regard to admissions in 2006/7 and 2007/8	LEA will advise their views in the next few weeks – Parish Council to discuss once received. Action Closed
12.05.13.2	Clerk	To advise Wimpey sales office of admissions position at the Mawsley Community School following completion of action 12.05.13.1	Pending LEA opinion. Ongoing.

1.06.11 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council

Tim Bellamy was introduced to the meeting as the replacement for Collette Lilley as Community Development Officer. He requested that issues with the various departments of the Borough Council be directed to the relevant individual in that department and that he be copied on all correspondence, he will then use his reasonable endeavours to pursue those matters on behalf of the Parish Council

1.06.12 Accounts and budgets

The meeting was presented with accounts to the end of December which showed the Council to be on budget for the financial year with limited expenditure having taken place in the previous two months.

A draft budget for the forthcoming financial year was presented and briefly discussed. It was noted that, should a precept be required for 2006/2007, then this needed to be advised to the Borough by the 20th January. Tim Bellamy advised that Godfrey Shaw of the Borough Council would be able to confirm the Borough Councils responsibility for maintaining play equipment in the village. It was **agreed** that a Special Meeting would be held on Monday 16th January 2006, commencing at 8.00pm, to discuss and agree the budget for 2006/2007 and pass any resolutions necessary to implement that budget. Clerk was actioned to put in place the necessary formalities to enable such a meeting. **Action**

1.06.12.1

1.06.13 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

The Clerk advised that an invitation had been received to attend the Borough Councils Budget Consultation Meeting on the 19th January, the meeting determined it was not appropriate to attend.

1.06.14 Mawsley Community Fund

Cllr Quinn declared an interest in the item for discussion and abstained from reviewing and voting.

The application form received from the Woman’s Institute was circulated for review. It was **agreed** that it should be made clear to the applicants that any funding would be a one off payment to assist in establishing the group within the village. The application was unanimously **approved**. The Clerk was requested to arrange payment through the Borough Council and to advise the restriction placed on the payment . **Action 1.06.14.1**

There was a discussion over the minimum grant being set at £250. It was **agreed** that this should be retained at this time but that it could be reviewed should it become evident that there was a demand for grants of lesser sums.

1.06.15 Planning Matters

There were no matters for discussion.

1.06.16 The Centre at Mawsley

It was agreed that discussion of the draft Heads of Terms for the lease, following receipt of comments from the Council’s solicitor, should be an agenda item for the Special Meeting on the 16th January. Clerk to ensure inclusion within the agenda. **Action 1.06.16.1.**

It was noted that there had been no update from the Borough Council on the issue of Stamp Duty and Land Tax and that the MVA had completed its work with regard to a licensing application for the facility. A full set of policies and procedures for the operation of the facility had been completed and would be provided to the Clerk.

1.06.17 Any Other Business

Cllr Holland requested that Messer’s George Wimpey be contacted with regard to the poor state of repair of the footpaths in Scholars Row to see what action could be put in place to make them a good deal safer. Clerk to contact Wimpey. **Action 1.06.17.1.**

Cllr Somerville raised the issue of the quantity of dog excreta being left lying in the village and requested that an additional bin be placed along the cycle path close to the woodland area. Tim Bellamy undertook to try and obtain a bin and also to see if the Dog Warden would be able to visit the school and engage the children in combating the problem. **Action 1.06.17.2**

12.05.15 Date of next meeting

Special Meeting – Monday, 16th January 2006 commencing at 8.00pm

Next regular meeting – Monday, 6th February 2006 commencing at 7.30pm

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 10.05 pm.

Signed:

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