

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2006

Present: Cllr R. Littler (Chairman); Cllr C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr R. Holland; Cllr G. Somerville; Cllr. C. Moreton (part time); Tim Bellamy (KBC); P. Firth (Northants Police); County Cllr J. Harker (part time); Richard Meredith (Clerk).

3.06.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr F Quinn, prior engagement; Cllr R. Barnwell, Wisbech Tourism issues; Borough Cllr J. Hakewill, Borough Council meetings.

3.06.2 Allotted time for members of the public.

No requests received.

3.06.6 Police Matters (brought forward by agreement)

CBSO Peter Firth advised of an overall 12% reduction in crimes in the Kettering area over the previous year and that there had been four crimes reported in Mawsley in the previous month – again showing a reduction on the same period last year.

Cllr Somerville raised the issue of gritting on the C31 and the potential for accidents as a result of the lack of any gritting. It was also noted that speeding along the C31 added to the potential for accidents and it was suggested that speed cameras could be made available to residents to check on vehicles, Peter Firth to investigate. **Action 3.06.6.1**

The offer of provision of the Mobile Police Station was discussed and it was felt that it would be best to have the unit at a village function in order to gain the greatest exposure. The opening of the new Surgery was highlighted as one such event. The Council undertook to consider an appropriate date for the unit being made available in Mawsley. **Action 3.06.6.2**

3.06.7 Northamptonshire County Council (brought forward by agreement)

County Cllr Jim Harker advised that the issue of gritting had not progressed for this year but that papers had been submitted in an attempt to change policy for winter 2006/2007. He requested that he be copied in on all future incidents that arose as a result of the lack of gritting on the C31. The Clerk was requested to write to bus operators to establish their views with regard to gritting along the established bus routes. **Action 3.06.7.1**

The issue of visibility at the Old turn on the C31 was raised, Cllr Harker undertook to provide a copy of the response received from Highways to his question on the matter. **Action 3.06.7.2**

Cllr Harker advised that the issue of imposing a speed limit along the C31 would require evidence of the numbers of vehicles speeding and the dangers that existed. This issue was therefore dependent on actions taken with regard to provision of speed cameras.

It was noted that there had been no developments with regard to the provision of “finger” signs at the entrances to the village. It was also agreed that lighting at these entrances was not currently provided, the Clerk was requested to establish whether such provision was identified on lighting maps of the area. **Action 3.06.7.3**

The possibility of placing a roundabout at each entrance to the village was also considered as a means of making the areas safer and also as a means of reducing speed along the C31. It was **agreed** that the best course of action was to ask Highways how they would seek to reduce speed on the C31 and make entrances to the village safer. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Dept. accordingly. **Action 3.06.7.4**

Fly tipping was noted as a problem on the C31, Cllr Harker undertook to establish whether the provision of surveillance equipment was feasible for certain identified areas along the road. **Action 3.06.7.5**

It was noted that the process for adoption of roads in Mawsley had not commenced and was unlikely to until such time as there was consistency in top surface.

3.06.3 Declaration of Interests

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

3.06.4 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on the 6th February 2006 were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were signed as such.

3.06.5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Action	Actionee	Subject	Status
03.05.5.2	Cllr Hakewill	To establish status of capital bids submitted on behalf of Mawsley to KBC and to provide copies of said submissions.	Initial reports are that funds for the Water Feature; Allotments and the Over 7's play facility had not reached the priority list. The status of this capital approval for the water feature to be checked again by Cllr Hakewill together with clarification on whether a capital submission had been made for moving the Under 7's Play Area or for Over 7's Play Equipment. The timing of the move of the Under 7's play area to the Community Centre is dependent upon the transfer of that facility. 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.	Draft to be circulated for consideration. 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.
07.05.4.9	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.	This issue was explored during a visit to Mawsley by KBC Planning and Peter Harris and would now be progressed by them. Action Closed.
08.05.10.4	Clerk	To investigate what processes or procedures are in place within KBC to identify sales of "open" land within Mawsley	This issue was explored during a visit to Mawsley by KBC Planning and Peter Harris and would now be progressed by them. Action Closed.
09.05.14.1	Clerk	To discuss the construction of a wooden outbuilding in Hares Run with KBC Planning Dept.	This issue was explored during a visit to Mawsley by KBC Planning and Peter Harris and would now be progressed by them. Action Closed.
10.05.15.1	Clerk	To establish what gritting will take place on the C31	Superseded by actions taken at Agenda item 3.06.7 above. Action Closed.
10.05.15.2	Cllr Harker	To establish views of Highways with regard to a speed limit along the C31	Ongoing.
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.
12.05.7.2	Clerk	To seek specific details of street lighting and footpath issues from Neighbourhood Watch	Initial advice passed to Wimpey. Clerk to review plans and establish if lighting installation conforms to these. Ongoing.
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 – noted that there was likely to be a large influx in the next year and a temporary provision of portakabins was being considered. Ongoing.
1.06.7.1	Clerk	To contact Messer's George Wimpey again in an attempt to get a written status of actions as a minimum for each meeting.	Wimpey contacted on several occasions. Ongoing.

1.06.17.1	Clerk	To contact Messer's George Wimpey to advise of concerns with regard to the pavement in Scholars Row	Some activity has taken place, further concerns to be addressed. Ongoing.
SPCM1.06.6.1	Clerk	To discuss rent review options with the Parish Councils Solicitor to ensure mutual agreement is allowed without reference to "market rates"	Initial discussion has been held, Clerk to revert to Solicitor once initial reaction has been received from the MVA. Ongoing.
SPCM1.06.6.2	Cllr Holland	To complete a list of contents, fixtures and fittings for insurance purposes.	Ongoing
SPCM1.06.6.4	Clerk	To progress the issue of freehold conditions that may be imposed by the developer, or Borough, with the Borough Council.	Awaiting transfer documents from Wimpey. Ongoing.
SPCM1.06.6.5	Clerk	To progress the issue of access rights required over leased land with the Borough Council.	The possibility of separate access at the opposite end of the playing field to the Community Centre, through an existing gap in the hedge, to be addressed with the Borough Council. Held pending transfer documents from Wimpey and KBC. Ongoing.
SPCM1.06.6.6	Cllr Holland	To review detailed Community Centre documents to establish access points for services.	Ongoing.
2.06.6.1	Council	To consider the offer of a visit from the Mobile Police Station.	Ongoing
2.06.9.1	Tim Bellamy	To progress amendments to the S106 Agreement required to enable transfer of the Community Centre.	Ongoing
2.06.9.2	Tim Bellamy	To progress the Borough Finance Department to obtain the promised statement of funds available in the Mawsley Community Fund.	Statement provided Action Closed. Clerk to review and respond to KBC with regard to content of the statement. Action 3.06.5.1
2.06.10.1	Clerk	To advise the Borough Council of the precept set by the Parish Council.	Advice provided. Action Closed.
2.06.11.1	Clerk	To complete the formalities relating to the Mayors attendance at the Parish Council meeting of 3 rd April.	Attendance confirmed. Action Closed.
2.06.11.2	Clerk	To put in place arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM of the Parish Council on 8 th May.	Ongoing.

2.06.11.3	Clerk	To respond to consultation documents from Northants CC and the Two Shires Ambulance Trust	Noted that documents from NCC were not formal and therefore had not been responded to. Comments sent on merger of ambulance trusts. Action Closed.
2.06.13.1	Clerk	To provide the Planning Department with the Parish Councils response to application KET/2006/0043	Response provided. Action Closed.
2.06.13.2	Tim Bellamy	To identify the individual within the Borough Council responsible for naming streets in Mawsley.	Identity established and contact made. Action Closed.
2.06.14.1	Clerk	To advise the Licensing Authority of the Council's response to the licence application for the Centre at Mawsley.	Response provided. Action Closed.
2.06.14.2	Clerk	To advise the Borough Council of the necessity for a footpath to the Centre at Mawsley prior to transfer of the building to the Parish Council.	This issue was explored during a visit to Mawsley by KBC Planning and Peter Harris and would now be progressed by them. Action Closed.
2.06.14.3	Council	To provide any comments on the draft Heads of Terms for the Lease to the Clerk by Wednesday 8 th February.	Comments received and incorporated. Action Closed.
2.06.15.1	Clerk	To circulate Mawsley Community School letters to Councillors.	Circulated. Action Closed.

3.06.8 Messer's George Wimpey

In the absence of a representative of the company, there was no discussion.

3.06.9 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council

There were no further matters to discuss following a review of Outstanding Actions.

3.06.10 Accounts and Budgets

The meeting was presented with accounts to the end of February which showed the Council to be on budget for the financial year. It was noted that the credit for "On-Line" filing of annual tax returns of £250 had been paid into the Councils bank account and that expenditure for the month had only been on Clerks salary.

3.06.11 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

The meeting was advised of an invitation to attend a CPRE Planning Roadshow on 25th April – the invitation was declined. A request from the Patient and Public Involvement Forum to make a presentation to the Council was discussed, the Clerk was requested to establish the purpose and content of the presentation as the Council felt it may not be the appropriate organisation to receive such a presentation. **Action 3.06.11.1**

3.06.12 Mawsley Community Fund

No further applications received.

3.06.13 Planning Matters

There were no issues to discuss.

3.06.14 The Centre at Mawsley

The meeting was advised that the licence application submitted by the MVA had been approved in full. The MVA had further established the allocation of usage during the day time opening hours to enable usage by the various pre-school groups in the village. The use of the facility by pre-school groups would require alterations to the building, specifically the inclusion of an additional door for access to toilets, and this would be paid for by the MVA.

It was noted that a response to the draft Heads of Terms had been received from the MVA, the Clerk was requested to negotiate on these with the MVA and resolve any issues that may arise. **Action 3.06.14.1**

3.06.15 Any Other Business

Cllr Moreton advised that parking provisions indicated on approved plans for housing along Colseed Road did not appear to have been implemented. The Clerk was asked to raise this with KBC Planning. **Action 3.06.15.1**

Cllr Somerville raised the issue of what criteria and vetting procedure Bedford Pilgrims used when allocating their properties within the village. Cllr Littler undertook to arrange for Bedford Pilgrims to attend a future Council meeting. **Action 3.06.15.2**

3.06.16 Date of next meeting

Next meeting – Monday, 3rd April 2006 commencing at 7.30pm. It was noted that the Mayor and Mayoress of Kettering would be in attendance.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 9.23 pm.

Signed:

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