

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd April 2006

Present: Cllr R. Littler (Chairman); Cllr C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr R. Holland; Cllr F Quinn; Tim Bellamy (KBC); Richard Meredith (Clerk); Mayor and Mayoress of Kettering.

Members of the public present: Ms T. Gable; Mr A. Horne; Mr J. Hollis.

4.06.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr R. Barnwell, holiday; Cllr C. Moreton, business commitments; Borough Cllr J. Hakewill, Borough Council meetings; Northants Police, work commitments.

4.06.2 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress to the meeting and invited the Mayor to say a few words. The Mayor spoke briefly about his interest in getting involved with Parishes throughout the Borough and that he was visiting all Parish Councils during his term of office. Although his term of office was shortly to draw to a close he trusted that the direction he had given Borough Council Officers would result in more prompt action being taken on issues raised by the Parishes.

4.06.3 Allotted time for members of the public.

Mr A. Horne introduced himself and Ms T. Gable as Chair and Secretary, respectively, of the Mawsley Allotments Association. He advised that some 30 or more residents were very keen to see land set aside for allotments within the Parish and that the purpose of attending the meeting was to seek support from the Parish Council in this endeavour.

The Chairman outlined the position of the Parish Council in this matter, emphasising its support to the Association, but highlighting the problem in finding suitable land. The Mayor suggested that the Allotments Association attend the next full Borough Council meeting to raise the issue and seek their support. Tim Bellamy advised the meeting that Martin Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive of KBC, was fully briefed on the issue as were other Officers. It was noted that, should land be set aside by the developers for use as allotments, services would need to be provided and that this may be something that the developers could be asked to install.

The question of transfer of land in the Parish to either Highways, the Borough or the Parish Council was discussed and the meeting was advised that correspondence had recently been received from a company acting on behalf of the developers in this matter. A meeting to discuss transfer of land was to be arranged in the near future.

4.06.4 Declaration of Interests

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

4.06.5 Minutes of Meeting

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

4.06.6 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Action	Actionee	Subject	Status
03.05.5.2	T. Bellamy	To establish status of capital bids submitted on behalf of Mawsley to KBC and to provide copies of said submissions.	It was confirmed that funds for the Water Feature; Allotments and the Over 7's play facility had not reached the priority list. Clarification to be sought on whether a capital submission had been made for moving the Under 7's Play Area or for Over 7's Play Equipment. 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.
10.05.15.2	Cllr Harker	To establish views of Highways with regard to a speed limit along the C31	A site visit is being arranged to discuss this issue. 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. Plans provided had been reviewed and were felt to be accurate. 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 – 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	Footpath now repaired. Action Closed.
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.
2.06.9.1	Tim Bellamy	To progress amendments to the S106 Agreement required to enable transfer of the Community Centre.	KBC have appointed an outside adviser to act on this matter. Ongoing
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.

3.06.5.1	Clerk	To respond to KBC with regard to statement of account for the Mawsley Community Fund	Response now received together with a more detailed breakdown of account information. Clerk to review and respond as appropriate to KBC. Ongoing
3.06.6.1	Peter Firth	To investigate possible options for reducing speed on the C31 including provision of hand held speed cameras for use by concerned residents.	Action was being taken to deter speeding in the area, details of which were advised to the meeting. Action Closed.
3.06.6.2	Parish Council	To consider an appropriate opportunity to request the provision of the mobile police station	Ongoing.
3.06.7.1	Clerk	To write to bus operators and establish their views on gritting of the C31	Ongoing.
3.06.7.2	Cllr Harker	To provide a copy of the response received from Highways with regard to visibility at the Old turn on the C31	Site visit being arranged to discuss this issue. Ongoing.
3.06.7.3	Clerk	To review street lighting maps to establish what provision is made for lights at village entrances.	Plans reviewed which indicate no provision at entrances. Action Closed.
3.06.7.3	Clerk	To write to Highways Dept. to establish their views on how speed could be better controlled on the C31.	Site visit being arranged to discuss this issue. Ongoing.
3.06.7.5	Cllr Harker	To establish what surveillance may be available for identified fly tipping sites along the C31.	Ongoing.
3.06.11.1	Clerk	To contact PPI Forums to establish content and purpose of their requested presentation	PPI Forums have responded identifying the purpose of their presentation. Decided that the Parish Council is not the right forum for such a presentation. Clerk to advise accordingly. Ongoing.
3.06.14.1	Clerk	To discuss and agree Heads of Terms with the MVA CCSG	Ongoing.
3.06.15.1	Clerk	To advise KBC Planning of potential enforcement issue with regard to lack of provision of parking bays on Colseed Road	KBC had advised that there was no such provision approved in Colseed Road, all parking to be off street in the area. Action Closed.

3.06.15.2	Chairman	To arrange for Bedford Pilgrims to attend a meeting of the Parish Council to discuss criteria and vetting used when allocating their properties.	Ongoing.
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4.06.7 Police Matters

No discussion.

4.06.8 Messer's George Wimpey

No discussion.

4.06.9 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council

The Chairman thanked Tim Bellamy for his continuing efforts on behalf of the Parish. There were no further matters to discuss following a review of Outstanding Actions.

4.06.10 Accounts and Budgets

The meeting was presented with accounts to the end of March which showed the Council to be on budget for the financial year, the Clerk advised that these accounts would now be finalised and taken forward to internal and external audit. The meeting **approved** the continuing membership of NALC and the Northants ACRE Village Hall Forum, the Clerk was requested to amend the budget for 2006/2007 to reflect the revised membership fees for the two organisations. **Action 4.06.10.1** The meeting further **approved** payment of the fee to NALC for their internal audit service for the year 2006/2007.

4.06.11 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

The meeting was advised of recent correspondence from a Parishioner with regard to contractor's vehicles speeding in the village. It was noted that the information had been passed to Messer's George Wimpey but that no response had yet been received.

4.06.12 Mawsley Community Fund

No further applications received.

4.06.13 Planning Matters

Planning application KET/2006/0215 – Conservatory at 30, Hawthorn Avenue – after discussion it was **agreed** that the Parish Council should respond with No Objections, Clerk to advise the Planning Department accordingly. **Action 4.06.13.1.**

Cllr Holland advised of personal concerns with regard to the use of email correspondence to agree changes to the Parish Councils response to Planning Application KET/2006/0043. It was **agreed** that in future, and where significant or important planning matters were to be discussed, a special meeting of the Parish Council should be arranged.

4.06.14 The Centre at Mawsley

The meeting was advised that there were no further developments with regard to taking possession of the building but that the MVA CCSG has started to take action with regard to the purchase of equipment and was obtaining quotes for structural changes to the building. It was hoped that an open day for the village could be arranged to let them get a first sight of the building and the work needed to fit it out.

4.06.15 Bus Shelter

A request for the provision of a bus shelter in the village at the point where children await for school buses (close to the pond) was discussed. It was noted that there were, in fact, two collection points for school buses and that provision would need to be made at both locations. The cost of such provision was discussed and the meeting was advised that it was unlikely that such shelters would be provided by the Borough Council. The Clerk was requested to contact the bus companies to establish whether they would be able to provide shelters and, also, to request that collection points be moved away from occupied properties. The principle of providing shelters was **agreed** however it was understood by the meeting that location of such shelters would require consultation with residents.

4.06.16 Any Other Business

No discussion.

4.06.17 Date of next meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday, 8th May 2006. Time and venue to be advised.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.49pm.

Signed:

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