

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 29th May 2006

Present: Cllr R. Littler (Chairman); Cllr R. Holland; Cllr G. Somerville; Cllr R. Barnwell; Richard Meredith (Clerk).

SPCM2.06.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Winter, recuperation from surgery; Cllr Moreton, work commitments and Cllr Quinn, prior engagement

SPCM2.06.2 Allotted time for members of the public.

No request received.

SPCM2.06.3 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Littler declared his position as an Honorary Officer of the Mawsley Villagers Association.

SPCM2.06.4 Mawsley Community Fund

The Chairman left the meeting, Cllr Barnwell acted as Chairman for the ensuing discussion.

The Clerk advised that the rules applying to the management of the Community Fund and the level of grant available stated that the limit was set only by the sum available in the fund at the time of making a grant. Cllr Holland asked that this be considered further when more Councillors were present. Clerk to include this as an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action SPCM2.06.4.1**

The meeting was advised that a new submission had been made by the MVA following discussion at the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council and that the application for a grant now stood in excess of £80,000, this being some £17,000 higher than had previously been discussed. It was **agreed** that whilst this meeting was empowered to discuss the original application it was not empowered to consider the higher figure which would need wider consideration. After discussion the meeting **approved** a grant of £63,750 should be made to the MVA subject to certain conditions. These conditions were that the money would be available for draw down once The Centre was transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council and that, with the exception of the quotes for design and fit out of the bar, all other work should be subject to three independent quotations. The Clerk was actioned to advise the MVA accordingly. **SPCM2.06.4.2**

SPCM2.06.5 Any Other Business

The issue of rent for The Centre was discussed and it was **agreed** that proposals for a peppercorn rent throughout the term of the lease would need to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. The Clerk was actioned to include this discussion as an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action SPCM2.06.5.1**

The Chairman returned to the meeting.

Cllr Barnwell raised his continuing concerns with regard to the transfer of the building and there being lack of clarity on, in particular, the footprint of the building. The meeting shared his concerns. There was discussion with regard to use of the car parks to be provided in the employment area and again it was emphasised that there needs to be clear agreement over access rights due to the linkage between this and the ability to remove grasscrete parking provisions. The Chairman emphasised that a full list of issues was known by the Borough Council but that, at every opportunity, they should be reminded of the Parish Councils concerns.

Cllr Somerville enquired as to the status of the planning application for the employment area, it was noted that nothing had yet been seen formally.

Cllr Barnwell raised the issue of land maintenance and the Chairman advised that action was underway with the Borough Council to ensure the developers met their obligations

SPCM2.06.6 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 5th June 2006, time and venue to be advised

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed: **Date:**