

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th June 2006

Present: Cllr R. Littler (Chairman); Cllr C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr R. Holland; Cllr F Quinn; Cllr G Somerville; Cllr R Barnwell; Tim Bellamy (KBC).

6.06.1 Apologies for Absence

R. Meredith, illness.

6.06.2 Allotted time for members of the public.

No discussion.

6.06.3 Declaration of Interests

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

6.06.4 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council, both held on the 22nd May 2006, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council, held on the 29th May 2006, were accepted as a true records of those meeting and were signed as such.

6.06.5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

The outstanding actions were not reviewed and are carried for ward to the next meeting.

6.06.6 Police Matters

Cllr Barnwell advised that a flag had been stolen from his flag pole by five children from Mawsley on the 1st June. In the absence of any representation from the police there was no further discussion.

6.06.7 Messer's George Wimpey

No discussion.

6.06.8 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council

There was no further discussion.

6.06.9 Accounts and Budgets

In the absence of the Clerk there was no discussion.

6.06.10 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

In the absence of the Clerk there was no discussion.

6.06.11 Mawsley Community Fund

The current structure for operation of the Community Fund does not set any upper limit on the amount of funds that can be paid. By a majority vote, Cllr Winter dissenting and Cllr Littler abstaining due to his position as Chair of the MVA, the meeting agreed that an upper limit should be set, the actual limit to be agreed at the next meeting.

6.06.12 Planning Matters

Planning application KET/2006/0327 – Conservatory at 3 Rowan Avenue – after discussion it was **agreed** that the Parish Council should respond with No Objections, Clerk to advise the Planning Department accordingly. **Action 6.06.12.1.**

6.06.13

The Centre at Mawsley

The meeting was advised of the recent developments with regard to transfer of title. The meeting **agreed** that it needs to be established quickly whether the building is to be transferred directly to MPC, or via KBC. If directly then KBC legal group are acting for the Parish Council and so a meeting needs to be arranged to ensure the Parish Council have an input to the terms of the contract, including all the peripheral issues (car park, service lines etc.). The importance of the Parish Council influencing the terms of the contract was understood by the meeting.

If transfer is via KBC then it is even more urgent to have a meeting to avoid contract terms being agreed in isolation. The Parish Council should also consider getting its solicitor involved to advise us, especially if indirect transfer following the proposed meeting.

The meeting then discussed the Heads of Terms for the Lease of The Centre, Cllr Barnwell took the Chair for this subject, however Cllr Winter and Cllr Littler were asked to remain in the meeting in order to advise members of the background issues to this subject. It was agreed they were not to venture opinions on what the Parish Council should do, nor would they vote on any resolution.

The following issues were outstanding:

Rent review: the Parish council believe that a rent review, in years 3 and 6, is required. Any increase in rent would enable the parish council to consider reducing the precept accordingly. The MVA believes that a review is unacceptable as it would create uncertainty re future net income, would mean that the efforts of volunteers running The Centre are in effect being taxed, that any surplus monies would go entirely to the village, and that there is unlikely to be any surplus monies anyway. Cllr Winter outlined the planned operating structure of the MVA and explained how it would set up a trading company, the directors of which would come from the MVA, to run The Centre. As the trading company will be a Community Interest Company, its activities will be tightly controlled so as to be in the interests only of the village. Any surplus the trading company generates will be transferred to the MVA, as this would avoid taxation. As agreement re an open-ended review could not be reached it was **agreed** that there could be a review, but that it should be capped. It was suggested that Councillors should study The Centre business plan and consider what the cap might be in the light of the figures therein. The cap to be discussed at next meeting.

Insurance: it was agreed that the Parish council does not need to see a copy of the contents insurance policy taken out by the MVA.

Cllr Barnwell raised the issue of whether a Parish council is actually able to sign an agreement that extends beyond the current term of office. The Clerk was asked to investigate. **Action 6.06.13.1.**

The meeting was advised that revised proposal have been received from Wimpey, via Peter Harris at KBC, for the playing fields. It was **agreed** that the Parish Council should co-ordinate a response to Peter Harris, based on advice from the MVA.

6.06.14

Any Other Business

Councillors requested that an update be sought re the Section 38 highways agreement believed to be currently being discussed between G Wimpey and NCC Highways. **Action 6.06.14.1.**

Speeding: this was again raised. Cllr Littler pointed out that people in the village had raised this issue on many occasions and equally on many occasions had been asked to provide registration numbers so that action could be taken. Despite this not one number had been supplied.

6.06.15 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 3rd July, at a venue to be agreed.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed.

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