

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th November 2006 at The Centre Mawsley

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

SPCM3.06.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Moreton

SPCM3.06.2 Declaration of Interests

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

SPCM3.06.3 The Centre

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

R. Meredith explained that the finalised lease was being prepared by the solicitor and would be completed for signing after the outcome of this meeting. Cllr Barnwell requested a copy of the final lease for review prior to signing.

Cllr Barnwell read through the Lease agreement document as prepared by R. Meredith. There was discussion about how repairs would be paid for if the tenant was unable/unwilling to maintain the centre. Cllr Barnwell suggested that the Parish Council start precepting to support the centre. R. Meredith explained that although nothing was written in the lease to force the MVA to repair The Centre, it was a fully repairing lease therefore they would be obliged under law to repair.

There was a discussion about the change to the notice period required, this had been changed from twelve months to six months. After discussion it was agreed that this change was acceptable.

The Parish Council voted to accept the terms of the lease with no amendments. This was proposed by Cllr Holland and seconded by Cllr Quinn.

The Parish Council had previously agreed to make a grant of £67,000 to The Centre. Since this had already been agreed, the Parish Council could pay any bills that the MVA brought to them without further approval at a Parish Council meeting. This was agreed subject to bills over £5,000 being accompanied by two quotes. Clerk to check what had been minuted re the £67,000 grant **Action SPCM3.06.3.1** Clerk to open a cheque account to link to the Community fund deposit account **Action SPCM3.06.3. 2**

Councillors Littler and Winter returned to the meeting.

Cllr Holland asked what the process was once the quotes had been received. He was anxious that the process should be transparent. Cllr littler volunteered to produce a pro-forma which need to be submitted each time a cheque was requested. The form should state what the money was needed for and why that particular quote was accepted. Copies of the quotes would be required. **Action SPCM3.06.3. 3**

SPCM3.06.4 Planning matters

1. KET/2006/0982, Landscape proposals to previously approved housing. The Parish Council were pleased to see that open spaces were being provided for public use. The council supported this application. The Clerk was requested to advise the Borough Planning Department accordingly. **Action SPCM3.06.4**

SPCM3.06.5 AOB

Cllr Littler reported that The Community Fund money had been transferred to the Parish Council.

Cllr Littler reported that NCC have a funding program to meet the running costs of voluntary organisations. He had put in a bid on behalf of The Centre. The essence of the bid was that TCAM needed to be accessible to teenagers since there are over 150 teenagers in the village at present, this will rise to approximately 250 when the village is completed. NCC also have a capital grants section, Cllr Littler will investigate whether a grant can be applied for.

Cllr Winter thanked Cllr Littler for his hard work in applying for the grant.

Cllr Barnwell mentioned that three cars had been stolen in Cransley that week. The thieves were getting the car keys by fishing through the letter box.

Cllr Littler closed the meeting by formally thanking Mr Meredith for all his hard work for The parish Council and presenting him with a gift.

SPCM3.06.6 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 4th December 2006, at The Centre.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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