

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd January 2007

Present: Cllr. Littler (chair); Cllr. C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr. R. Barnwell; Cllr. R. Holland; Cllr. F. Quinn; Cllr G. Somerville; E Cawthorne (Clerk); Tim Bellamy (KBC), Chief Inspector Tom Thompson (Northants Police), Cllr J. Hakewill

Members of the public present: Tony Horne; Mark Hilliard; Theresa Gable; Robin Mugglestone; Graham Leah (arrived 8:50pm)

1.07.1 Apologies for Absence

County Cllr. J Harker; Borough Cllr J. Hakewill;

Absent

Cllr. C Moreton

1.07.2 Declaration of Interests

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

1.07.6 Police matters (brought forward by agreement)

Chief Inspector Thompson explained the two main ways of policing: 1) where response teams react to crimes and 2) by community teams being visible. There should be about 200 Community teams in the County by the end of the year, 60-70 being this side of the county. Mawsley will eventually be in an area with a SCT (Safer Community Team – made up of Sgt. Constables and PCSOs). Police in a SCT cannot be moved off onto other jobs.

Only 12 crimes YTD, 11 ‘other’ 1 theft from motor vehicle.

Cllr. Littler asked about an incident in the village on 30th December where a man approached a girl in the village to get her to go in his car. How best should the community be told about this. Chief Inspector Thompson said that the newsletter and the school were good ways but that responses should be measured in order to prevent panic.

Cllr. Barnwell asked if other Neighbourhood watches in the area would be told about this. Chief Inspector Thompson to find out how Ringmaster decides who to call.

Chief Inspector Thompson said that Northants police had received £20,000 of funding to put Smart water into 1,000 properties. Smart water is applied to household products to give them a unique forensic footprint. It is invisible to the naked eye but fluoresces under ultra violet light. Police station holding area have UV lights in so any stolen good found can be returned to their owners. It is available from Neighbourhood Watch Headquarters for £15.

Cllr. Winter suggested that Mawsley Neighbourhood Watch chair be invited to all Parish Council meetings since the police always came with useful advice. **Action**

1.07.6

Cllr. Winter mentioned that people had been riding mini motorbikes over the playing field. Chief Inspector Thompson said that these vehicles could only be ridden on private land with the owners permission. Insurance and road tax was required if they were to be ridden on roads or byways.

Safety cameras were discussed regarding the C31. Cllr. Somerville said that the safety team were often on the A43 but never on the C31. Chief Inspector Thompson wrote to Highways about the C31 with recommendations regarding speed limits after he last attended a Parish Council meeting. He suggested that the best way forward would be for the Parish Council to carry out some sort of risk assessment on the road and write to Highways. **Action 1.07.6.1**

1.07.3 Allotted time for members of the public (moved forward)

Tony Horne, Theresa Gable and Mark Hilliard were attending to hear about progress on allotments. Tim Bellamy has been informed by Martin Hammond (KBC) that it is not looking promising for getting land surrounding the village. Tim said that he knew that this was not ideal but the allotment association may have to use land outside of the village. One possibility within the village is to use part of the land designated for open space which is adjacent to the Wimpey site. Planning permission would be required for it to be used for allotments. KBC would be happy in principle for this area to be used but would the village? Tim felt that the village would need to be consulted on this.

Cllr. Barnwell had clarified his position with Stock Land & Estates and is regrettably not able to give any land until 2010 so this area is the only potential area adjacent/within the village.

Wimpey could theoretically sell the land. KBC are keen to get it protected as an open space. Cllr. Littler said that the Parish Council needs to be aware as to what is planned for the land in the 106 agreement, Tim said that very little had been done in terms of landscaping plans for that land. Cllr. Littler asked if the Parish Council was willing to let a significant area of that land be used for allotments. Clarification is needed as to how much land is available and how much the allotment association require, the more that is required, the bigger the issue for the Parish Council since it would be taking away open space from the rest of the village. Tony Horne thought that they would need 2.5-3 acres.

Cllr. Hakewill has experience working with allotments groups and understands that it is a complex issue. Cllr. Hakewill and the allotment group will liase.

1.07.4 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held December 4th were agreed. They were proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Holland.

1.07.5 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Action	Actionee	Subject	Status
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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	Bins in place. Action closed
07.05.4.3	B. Metcalf	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	B. Metcalf/Chair	To provide updated street maps for use by the emergency services	Ongoing. Chair to write after several incidents in last week where houses could not be found.
07.05.4.12	B. Metcalf/clerk	To ensure landscaping contractors are completing work appropriately and replacing dead trees	Chair spoken to Peter Harris. Improvements should be seen soon.
10.05.15.2	Cllr Harker/clerk	To establish views of Highways with regard to a speed limit along the C31	A letter had been received from Cllr Harker to say that the road had been assessed and signage improvement had been identified. This was awaiting funding. Clerk to remind Cllr. Harker
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	Activity underway with Stock Land & Estates. Ongoing
SPCM1.06.6.6	Cllr Holland	To review detailed Community Centre documents to establish access points for services.	Ongoing.
3.06.6.2	Parish Council	To consider an appropriate opportunity to request the provision of the mobile police station	Ongoing.
3.06.7.5	Cllr Harker	To establish what surveillance may be available for identified fly tipping sites along the C31.	Cllr Harker written that no budget exists currently for fly tipping. Action Closed
7.06.13.3	Clerk/KBC	To consider preparation of plans for maintenance of the Centre at Mawsley to ensure sufficient funds are available to the Parish Council.	KBC to contact Clerk when precept dates were available.

9.06.4.1	Cllr Littler	To identify on plans of Mawsley areas of open space now deemed to be privately owned and those areas that are essential and of benefit to the Community.	Ongoing. Cllr Littler to mark map for Jan meeting
9.06.4.2	Cath Harvey	To provide information relating to restrictions on advertising signage in Mawsley.	signage is too large and that permission does not exist for them. KBC will be contacting Wimpey. Ongoing.
9.06.4.3	Cath Harvey	To review planning permission and establish what requirements were placed on the developer with regard to grounds and general maintenance.	Maintenance of planting has condition that anything dying within five years is replaced. Areas of concern should be marked on the map.
9.06.4.4	Cath Harvey	To establish if a process can be put in place to notify residents of planning requirements for their properties.	Ongoing.
9.06.4.5	Cath Harvey	To update information regarding the Article 4 area in Mawsley and those properties with permitted developments removed.	Ongoing.
9.06.10.2	Councillors	To provide the Clerk with any additional issues for KBC discussion with Wimpey.	Ongoing.
9.06.16.1	Cllr Barnwell	To arrange a meeting with Martin Hammond (KBC) to progress general issues relating to land transfers	Action closed
12.06.4	Cllr Holland	Review Centre manuals and copy where necessary	Ongoing.
12.06.8	Cllr Littler/all	Fill in KBC Mawsley map with all problem areas	Ongoing.
10.06.09	All	Email clerk with precept project ideas	Action closed
12.06.10	Tim Bellamy/Clerk	Reply to Maureen Cobbe re use of the playing fields by the school	Action closed
12.06.10.1	All	To consider whether able to fill governor position at Broughton	Action closed
12.06.12	Clerk	Pass walking group fund application to MVA	Action closed

12.06.15	All Councillors	Email clerk with details of broken street lights	Ongoing.
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1.07.12 Mawsley Community Fund

Cllr. Winter begun by saying that the MVA had paid the £75 to the Walking Group.

Cllr. Littler said that being on TCAM and The Parish Council gave him the benefit of seeing both sides of an issue. The TCAM team recognises issues that councillors have as administrators of The Community Fund to see that the money is spent responsibly. The Parish Council in turn should recognise the enormous effort that was made to get The Centre open before Christmas.

Cllr. Littler and Cllr. Winter then left the meeting and Cllr. Barnwell took over as chair.

Mr Leah explained that the current capital spending would put the Centre into a deficit of £28,000. This was not an actual deficit since the original grant included running costs for six months which have not yet been spent. The main areas of overspend were in the fit out of the bar where the estimate was a best guess since it was a bespoke design. The marquee lining for the hall was moved to phase one in order to maximise income from private bookings. The refrigeration costs exceeded the original estimate since the heating and cooling were in the same room. The cost of the till and associated software were not originally budgeted for but the committee had decided that a touch screen till was necessary so it would be easy to use for volunteers. Mr Leah ended by saying that TCAM have adjusted their original ideas and tried to be as professional as possible in their approach.

Cllr. Barnwell asked why stock was included as capital expenditure since it was a one off and would be replenished by profit. Mr Leah replied that a greater amount of stock was needed to cover over the Christmas period.

Cllr. Holland said that he understood that a great deal of time and effort had gone in to ensuring that The Centre opened. The Community Fund is however villager's money and he felt that there was a communication issue. Cllr. Holland continued to say that it is not The Parish Council's remit to say how the money is spent but he felt that The Parish Council had been put in a difficult position since they were effectively being retrospectively asked for money that already been spent. Cllr. Barnwell agreed that communication should be better between TCAM and The Parish Council.

Mr Leah asked that if TCAM issued a plan could they have all the money they were asking for in one go since the process of giving invoices to the Clerk did not work because of cash flow difficulties. Cllr. Holland emphasised that it was not a question of trust that the money was not all handed over but a question of process.

After much discussion it was decided that £51,850 be awarded to TCAM. £25,000 of the money was to be ring fenced for cover staff and communications costs for the next six months. The money would be paid on an invoice by invoice basis. A review meeting will be held at the end of six months.

This was proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Somerville.

Cllr. Barnwell said that The Parish Council appreciates all the hard work that the staff and volunteers of TCAM have put in.

Councillors. Littler and Winter rejoined the meeting.

1.07.9 Accounts and Budgets

1. Expenditure to be agreed

Advance room hire for parish Council meetings £60

Clerk salary and expenses £310

This was proposed by Cllr. Somerville and seconded by Cllr. Quinn.

2. Precept

An Amount needs to be added to the Precept to start building up a fund for potential TCAM repairs. Tim Bellamy explained that if the proposed changes to the funding process take place then small villages will gain slightly. Cllr. Barnwell said that some money should be ring fenced for TCAM and some should be used for other village expenditure.

It was agreed that £15,000 be requested for The Centre and £2,000 for village projects. These projects could include the website. This was proposed by Cllr. Littler and seconded by Cllr. Holland.

1.07.11 Planning Matters

1. KET/2006/1069 Phase 4 Sloe Lane. 31 2 storey family houses and 2 elderly person bungalows.

The council supports this application but Cllr. Barnwell asked that the developers be that adequate storage be provided for bins and bicycles. **Action 1.07.11.1**

2. KET/2006/1093 9, Old Gorse Way. UPVc conservatory

The clerk verified that this property was not in the Article 4 area. The council supports this application. **Action 1.07.11.2**

3. KET/2006/0894 Phase 6c. Notification has been received that this application has been withdrawn.

It was decided that the clerk should write an article for the next newsletter informing villagers that if they have an issue with a planning application that they can come to the Parish Council with it. **Action 1.07.11.3**

1.07.7 Messer's George Wimpey

Nothing was discussed relating to Wimpey. Cllr. Littler did mention that Bill Metcalf had rung to wish TCAM well on the opening night of The Centre which was appreciated.

1.07.8 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council.

Tim Bellamy reported that the final payment of The Community Fund should be paid to the Parish Council shortly.

1.07.10 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

1. Clerk had received an email complaining about cars parking outside the cottages by the first village entrance. Clerk to see if Wimpey can paint yellow lines there and put the recommendation that yellow lines be added when the road is adopted. **Action 1.07.10. 1** Clerk also to pass details on to the police so they can talk to the people concerned. **Action 1.01.10.1.1** Clerk to reply to Mrs Warburton **Action 1.07.10.1.2** . After discussion it was decided that the clerk should also ask Wimpey to add directional signs around roundabout at The Centre. **Action 1.07.10.3**

2. Clerk received an email from a resident complaining about people in the next street leaving their van outside her house. Clerk to reply that The Parish Council is sympathetic to the situation but there is nothing that they can do. **Action 1.07.10.2**

1.07.14 Items for the Mawsley Newsletter.

Cllr Littler to write article notifying people of the attempted abduction. **Action 1.07.14.1**

Clerk to write about planning issues (action from earlier in meeting).

1.07.13 The Centre at Mawsley

All issues were covered under 1.07.12

1.07.15 Any Other Business

Cllr. Somerville formally resigned as a Parish Councillor since he and his family are moving to France. Cllr. Somerville thanked everyone for their friendship. Cllr. Littler thanked Cllr. Somerville for his friendship and all his hard work as a councillor over the past few years.

Clerk to email up to date minutes for inclusion on the website. **Action 1.07.15**

Cllr. Holland asked to be allowed to look at how a Youth Parish Council could be set up. Cllr. Barnwell said that Huntingdon Youth Town Council was a good model, Cllr. Holland and Aidan Piper will look in to this. **Action 1.07.15.1.** Tim Bellamy will pass details of the Kettering Youth Town Council to Cllr. Holland. **Action 1.07.15.2**

1.07.16 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 5th February 2007, at The Centre.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 22.40.

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