

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th February 2007

Present: Cllr. Littler (chair); Cllr. C. Winter (Deputy Chair) arrived 7:50pm; Cllr. R. Barnwell; Cllr. R. Holland; Cllr. F. Quinn; E Cawthorne (Clerk); Tim Bellamy (KBC),

Members of the public present: John Balzan, Dr Keith Oliver, Brenda Quinn, Ann Whittaker, Mark Thurlow

2.07.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. C Moreton

2.07.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Littler and Cllr. Winter declared their positions as Honorary Officers of the Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA) and as directors of The Centre at Mawsley CIC.

2.07.3 Alloted time for members of the public

none

2.07.4 Mawsley Medical annual update

Dr Oliver started by saying that it was useful for the surgery to receive feedback on their performance. The surgery taken part in the National patient Survey. The surgery had scored higher than the national average in all parts of the survey.

The are currently 2,400 patients registered at the surgery, this is increasing at a rate of 50 per month. The current contract with the NHS allows for 2,700 patients so this will need renegotiating in approximately six months. The increase in patients should not cause a problem since the surgery can cater for up to 6,000 patients.

Dr Oliver said that the biggest changes over the next year will be in staff since more Doctors will be needed to cater with the increase in patients.

The Parish Council congratulated Dr Oliver on an excellent practice.

2.07.14 Mawsley Community Fund (moved forward by agreement)

Mrs Ann Whittaker spoke on behalf of the 1st Mawsley Guides. The Guide Group has been meeting at Loddington School for the last year and has just moved to The Centre. There are currently 25 members with more on the waiting list. The group caters for girls aged 10-14 or 16 if there is not a senior section (there is not at present).

The members of the Guide Group are keen to be part of the village and would like to get involved in the community.

Mrs Whittaker asked for a £425 grant from the community fund. This would cover the purchase of a flag to raise at weekly meetings (they have a large flag for parades which was kindly donated by Wimpey), art and craft equipment, guiding

manuals etc. Part of the money would also be used to cover some of the increase in rent from moving to The Centre. The group is now paying £15 instead of £6. This increase is sustainable going forward but previously the group paid in arrears, they are now in the position where they are paying one term in arrears and one in advance.

The Parish Council agreed that the Guide Group was an excellent facility to have in the village and agreed unanimously to approve the grant.

2.07.5 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held January 2nd were agreed. They were proposed by Cllr. Quinn and seconded by Cllr. Barnwell.

2.07.6 Matters Arising from the Minutes

Action	Actionee	Subject	Status
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	John Stevenson meeting with KBC to pursue this.
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	Clerk chased with Councillor Harker. Clerk to ask Police to write to Highways again
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.

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.	Precept applied for. Action closed
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 has marked map. This needs to be discussed with Cath Harvey
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.	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.
12.06.15	All Councillors	Email clerk with details of broken street lights	Ongoing. Wimpey in process of mending lights, clerk to find out from B Metcalf which areas are not Wimpey's responsibility
1.07.6	Clerk	Invite Neighbourhood watch chair to meetings	Completed. Action closed
1.07.6.1	Cllr. Quinn	Write risk assessment document for highways re speeds on C31	Almost complete. Cllr Quinn clarified which area of the

			C31 to be included. It was decided that the area between the Old turning and the second village entrance.
1.07.11.1	Clerk	Respond to planning re KET/2006/1069	Completed. Action closed
1.07.11.2	Clerk	Respond to planning re KET/2006/1093	Completed. Action closed
1.07.11.3	Clerk	Write article for newsletter telling people to speak to Parish Council if have planning issue	Completed. Action closed
1.07.10.1	Clerk	Ask Wimpey if can paint yellow lines	Completed. Action closed
1.07.10.1.1	Clerk	Inform Police of parking outside cottages and ask for help	Clerk had walked round village with PC Firth. No cars were parked dangerously. This may be because it was during the day. The issue of vehicles parking at night and leaving no space for emergency vehicles was raised. Clerk to contact emergency services for advice.
1.07.10.1.2	Clerk	Reply to Mrs Warburton	Completed. Action closed
1.07.10.1.3	Clerk	Ask Wimpey for directional signs around village	PC Firth is contacting the police highways dept to ask them to speak to Wimpey about road signs.
1.07.10.2	Cllr Littler	Reply to Ms McKenzie and forward views to community police officer and Wimpey	Completed. Action closed
1.07.10.2.1	Clerk	Reply to Ms McKenzie	Completed. A new bin has been requested to deal with dog waste. This will be situated along the footpath between the second village entrance and the play area. Action closed

2.07.7 Police matters

Clerk had walked round the village with PC Firth to discuss parking and road signage. PC Firth said that the parking was not causing an obstruction and that some parking on the roads does perform a traffic calming function. The signs around the pond and the roundabout in front of the Centre are unclear, PC Firth

was going to talk to Police Highways and liase with Wimpey to have signs improved.

2.07.8 Messer's George Wimpey

Cllr Littler reported that Bill Metcalf had contacted him to say that Wimpey would shortly be extending pavements to allow foot access to the Centre. He also added that a maintenance company were looking at the street lights and mending them.

2.07.9 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council.

Tim Bellamy started by apologising that the final instalment of the community fund would be in the bank account on the 13th February rather than the 6th.

The Planners had informed Tim that they had obtained some more section 106 money and had made provisions for a play area to be added to the far end of the village. Cllr Barnwell asked if some of the area could be used for a youth shelter. Tim thought that the area would be for younger children but said that he would enquire about this. **ACTION 2.07.9**

Tim had received a letter from KBC lawyers saying that the provision of allotments was a Parish Council responsibility rather than a Borough Council. The clerk had also received a letter from the allotment association saying the same and asking for support. Tim reiterated what he said at the January meeting that there should be a consultation within the village on the use of village and. Cllr. Barnwell was concerned that the allotment association was asking for very large plots, he felt that ¼ acre was too much to cultivate especially with the poor soil conditions and exposed site. Cllr Holland said that he thought that land could not be allocated until after the playing fields were usable.

Cllr Winter asked Tim to get a map of the are so that the Parish Council could see the space in question and the amount of land that had been asked for **ACTION 2.07.9.1** Clerk to reply to allotment association to say that the Parish Council were concerned about a large area going to a few people and that they were mindful to ballot the village. **ACTION 2.07.9.2.** Tim and Cllr Holland to attend the allotment association AVM.

2.07.10 Accounts and Budgets

1. Expenditure to be agreed

Clerk salary and expenses	£310
SLCC membership	£75

This was proposed by Cllr. Barnwell and seconded by Cllr. Littler.

A new mandate form was signed by Cllrs Winter, Littler and Holland

2.07.11 May elections

The clerk reported that she had spoken to KBC following Cllr Sommerville's resignation. The parish council could co-opt a replacement but since elections were being held in May , this probably would not be necessary. It was suggested that an article be included in the next newsletter to inform people of the elections. **ACTION 2.07.11.1.** Cllr Littler asked if candidates could be asked to write 250

words about themselves so that a leaflet could be circulated before elections. Cllr Barnwell was not sure if this would cause complications with the returning officer. Clerk to investigate. **ACTION 2.07.11.2**

2.07.12 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

The clerk had received notification of the ACRE village of the year competition. The Parish Council decided not to enter.

2.07.13 Planning matters

1. KET/2006/0976 7 The Jitty, single storey rear conservatory. Application supported. Clerk to respond **ACTION 2.07.11.1**
2. KET/2007/003510, Scholars Row, conversion of double garage to studio. Application supported. Clerk to respond **ACTION 2.07.11.2**
3. KET/2007/0021 49, Old Gorse Way, single storey rear conservatory. Application supported. Clerk to respond **ACTION 2.07.11.3**
4. Extension to the school. Application supported. Clerk to respond **ACTION 2.07.11.4**

2.07.15 The Centre at Mawsley

1. Footpaths. These are being added see above.
2. Management of the Playing Field. A discussion about the possibility of the School using the playing field had started a rumour about bad feeling between the school and the community. Cllr Littler had volunteered to attend a meeting at the school to discuss this. Cllr Littler had sent out some emails to users of the school to canvass opinion about the situation.
3. In a bid for the last amount of community fund grant The Centre had identified £8,000 necessary for storage and a mezzanine floor. The committee had been considering options and was thinking of putting cheaper storage inside and using a galvanised container outside for storage. Cllr Barnwell did not like the idea of a container outside because of its appearance. He asked if grants could be investigated to build proper external storage. Cllr Quinn asked about using some of the commercial site but this would carry commercial rental costs. Cllr Barnwell mentioned the draft lease, which was 50 pages long. In this lease he read that the tenant was not allowed to put things outside. He felt that the issue of storage should be put to one side and that the lease was the most important thing. The lease should be finalised before the May elections.

It was agreed that the lease was too long and cumbersome. Copies of the lease to be circulated to all Cllrs. **ACTION 2.07.13.** Cllr Winter to forward copies of his office lease as an example of a short lease to all Cllrs **ACTION 2.07.13.1.** Cllrs Barnwell, Holland, Quinn to meet to discuss issues **ACTION 2.07.13.2** so that Cllr Barnwell can meet with Richard Meredith before the next meeting **ACTION 2.07.13.3.**

2.07.16 Items for the Mawsley Newsletter.

The next newsletter will be produced after the next meeting but the copy date is before. The following items will be considered for inclusion: -allotments, access to The Centre, Parking; notably access for emergency services, May elections

2.07.17 Any Other Business

Cllr Winter asked that the Clerk invoice TCAM for the insurance of the Centre.
ACTION 2.07.17

Cllr. Holland reported that he had spoken to Manjit at KBC and she was sending copies of Youth Parish Council constitutions and other information. Cllr Holland had spoken to Aidan Piper and there were a number of people in the village interested in standing for a youth Parish Council.

2.07.18 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 5th March 2007, at The Centre.
There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 21.30.

Signed:

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