

Mawsley Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr. Littler (chair); Cllr. C. Winter (Deputy Chair); Cllr. R. Holland; Cllr. C Moreton; E Cawthorne (Clerk); Tim Bellamy (KBC), Chris Stopford (KBC)

Members of the public present: Tony Horne, Mark Thurlow, Maggie Denham, John Balzan, Richard Meredith, Maggie Sanderson

3.07.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. F. Quinn ; Cllr. R. Barnwell

3.07.2 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.

3.07.3 Allotted time for members of the public

none

3.07.4 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council

Chris Stopford gave information to help with the dog fouling situation. KBC can enforce dog-fouling laws on highways land, play areas etc but not on private land. At the moment Mawsley is built on private land. The only way that KBC can enforce fines etc is if they have a letter from the land owner that they do not give permission for people to allow their dogs to foul and not clear up on their land. Clerk to write to developers to ask for letters. **ACTION 3.07.4.** KBC will put up signs to encourage people to clear up after their dogs and they will have dog warden patrols in the village. We may have to wait some time for the signage since the fine is being increased from £50 to £75 and new signs need to be made once it has changed. Cllr. Winter asked how someone would be prosecuted. Chris Stopford said that a person needed to be seen by a dog warden. If a member of the public was aware of a persistent offender then the dog wardens would work with them. The wardens are proactive, they will introduce themselves to dog walkers and carry out an education program. Chris Stopford added that KBC do pursue non-payers of the fine. Every non-payer that was taken to court last year, lost their case against KBC. This will all be publicised once letters have been received from all the developers.

Tim Bellamy asked that the developers were asked for permission to site litter bins on their land when they were written to about the dog fouling. **ACTION 3.07.4.1.**

3.07.15 Allotments (moved forward by agreement)

Cllr. Littler said that the Parish Council were investigating the various options that were open to them regarding allotments. These options are

- Use the vacant allotments on nearby allotment sites

- Purchase some land opposite the village if this was available
- Use some of Richard Barnwell's land (an area non-contiguous to the village and therefore not part of his agreement with Stockland Estates.)
- Use the open space opposite the school, but there are concerns here about the amount of space required.
- Wait for Richard Barnwells land after the option runs out on it with Stockland Estates.

Mr Horne said that the allotment association could not see how a commercial agreement to develop the land took precedence over the parish councils legal obligation to provide land for allotments. He also asked where the parish council was in terms of decision making.

Cllr. Littler said that it would be useful to have the allotment association's opinions of the options and that it was also necessary to have the villager's opinion on using the open space. Mr Horne did not see that as being relevant. Cllr. Holland did not agree that the decision to use the open space was nothing to do with the rest of the village. He was also concerned that if a legal route was pursued to use a compulsory purchase on land that that would take years. Cllr. Moreton added that the allotments might not be popular if they are sited directly adjacent to houses.

Maggie Denham said that although the allotment association had given their committee a mandate to pursue a legal route, they would far rather work collaboratively with the parish council.

The clerk will forward the options to the allotment association for their views **ACTION 3.07.15.1.** Clerk to review allotment law **ACTION 3.07.15.2.** Allotment association to rank the options **ACTION 3.07.15.3** and get a realistic estimate of the space required **ACTION 3.07.15.4.**

3.07.5 Minutes of Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held February 5th were agreed. They were proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Moreton.

3.07.6 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 met with Mark Harvey at KBC and is continuing to progress with this
07.05.4.9	B. Metcalf/Chair	To provide updated street maps for use by the emergency services	Ongoing. The emergency services say that they are not receiving updated maps from

			KBC. Cllr Littler to talk to emergency services again
07.05.4.12	Tim Bellamy	To ensure landscaping contractors are completing work appropriately and replacing dead trees	No improvements see, Tim Bellamy to chase
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. Matter closed, see 1.07.6.1
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	Matter 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.

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	Matter closed see 9.06.4.1
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
1.07.6.1	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.
1.07.10.1.1	Clerk	Inform Police of parking outside cottages and ask for help	The emergency services do not carry out drive bys to see if access sufficient for their vehicles. The fire service wrote an article for the newsletter, if there is no improvement then clerk to contact them again.
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. Clerk to chase.
2.07.9	Tim Bellamy	Find out further details of the age groups for the new play area	The play area is for younger children
2.07.9.1	Tim Bellamy	Circulate map of possible area for allotments	Done. Matter closed
2.07.9.2	Clerk	Reply to allotment association	Done. Matter closed
2.07.11.1		Write article for the newsletter regarding upcoming Parish Council elections	Done. Matter closed
2.07.11.2	Clerk	Investigate whether candidates can write 250 words about themselves to be circulated before elections	Candidates can write 250 words but all candidates must write something if they are to be published so that we are not seen to be favouring any candidates.
2.07.13	Cllr Winter	Circulate copies of Centre draft lease	Done. Matter closed

2.07.13.1	Cllr Winter	Circulate copies of his office lease	Done. Matter closed
2.07.13.2	Cllrs Barnwell, Quinn and Holland	Meet to discuss lease	Carry forward
2.07.13.3	Cllr Barnwell	Meet with Richard Meredith to discuss	Carry forward
2.07.17	Clerk	Invoice TCAM for building insurance	Done. Matter closed

3.07.7 Police matters

none

3.07.8 Messer's George Wimpey

none

3.07.9 Accounts and Budgets.

Expenditure to be agreed

Clerk salary and expenses £310

Guides community fund application £426.25

NALC membership £250

This was proposed by Cllr. Winter and seconded by Cllr. Moreton.

3.07.10 AVM

The council needs to hold an AVM in May to give a chairs report and financial report. The clerk said that Walgrave had held a fresher's fair type event on a Sunday where all clubs/societies from the village had stalls. District and County councillors were on hand to answer any questions. The statutory part of the meeting was kept to a minimum and over 60 parishioners attended. This was discussed and it was agreed that a meeting with TCAM and the MVA would be good since people were often confused who they should speak to. The AVM part legally would not be able to be held in the Hall with the bar open to it. Cllrs Littler and Winter will discuss the meeting at the next MVA meeting.

3.07.11 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

none to report other than in matters arising and finance

3.07.12 Planning matters

none received

3.07.14 The Centre at Mawsley

The lease could not be discussed because the meeting would not have been in quorum. Cllr. Winter reported that the building was to be closed to children after 9pm because of acts of vandalism and also because children were running around unsupervised. Cllr. Holland felt that the issue of supervision should be tackled rather than banning all children. Cllr Winter said that this was difficult since volunteers staffed the bar. Cllr. Moreton felt that children should not be barred from the building after 9 pm, as they, and effectively their families were also part of the community. It is a community centre and should be used by all of the community, there should be no restrictions, unless for certain special usage occasions. An article stating the change in rules will appear in the next newsletter.

3.07.16 Items for the Mawsley Newsletter.

The next newsletter will be produced after the next meeting

3.07.17 Any Other Business

Cllr Holland has spoken to Ralph Davies about the feasibility of number plate recognition cameras. He should have a price by the next meeting. Cllr Littler added that even if the purchase price was reasonable, the management costs may be expensive.

3.07.18 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 26th March 2007, at The Centre. The may meeting will be moved to Monday 30th April.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 21.30.

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