

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26th March 2007

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

Members of the public present: Tony Horne, Theresa Gable, Frank Breuer, Toby Clegg, Keith Powell, Stephen Dalby

4.07.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr. C. Moreton

Absent

Cllr. F. Quinn

4.07.2 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.

4.07.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Mr Breuer, Mr Clegg and Mr Dalby were attending to voice their objection to the planning application KET/2007/0217. The application was to move the boundary fence on Mr Breuer's neighbour's property. This development would put a fence down the centre of a shared driveway. Cllr Barnwell felt that this was a legal issue since he felt that such a development could be illegal. Mr Breuer stated that this would severely impede access to his property and that he would have to alter the lawn in his front garden to enable him to drive into his garage. He also felt that the fence would create a blind spot for people reversing off his drive, it would also affect the amount of light entering his property. Mr Dalby and Mr Clegg added that this development would adversely impact the look of the whole close. The parish council studied the plans and agreed find what the planning office would regard as material consideration and to object to the application.
ACTION 4.07.3

4.07.15 Allotments (brought forward by agreement)

The clerk reported that the parish council was investigating three options. Clarification was needed as to whether the open space opposite the school had officially been designated an open space since the parish council believed that it was not legal to use such space for an allotment. The parish council was attempting the find out who owned the land opposite the village to see if that could be rented. The third option was to see whether Cllr Barnwell had any land outside the land under option with Stock Land & Estates.

Cllr Barnwell said that if there were land outside the option area then he would need to provide a right of way through the option area, which would not be possible. He added that if the allotment association wished to follow a legal route

to acquire some of the land then he would not stop them but he knew that Stock Land & Estates would fight them. Cllr Barnwell also added that he had made enquiries and that there were allotments available in Broughton.

Cllr Barnwell was also making enquiries about a thin strip of land that he believed might be suitable for a few allotments since he felt that it was too narrow to build houses on.

Cllr Winter asked that it be minuted that the Allotment Association was no longer asking Cllr Barnwell to provide some land since he was clearly unable to provide any.

The allotment association felt that the parish council simply needed to make a decision to provide land.

Cllr Littler was concerned that there was talk of pursuing a legal route that neither the allotment Association nor the parish council could afford. It was clear that the parish council needed some legal advice from Kettering Borough Council. Clerk to pursue **ACTION 4.07.15.1**

Cllr Holland added that the parish council had never said 'no' to the allotment association but that they had to take all facts into consideration before making a decision. Councillors were reminded that until January this year responsibility for finding allotment land for the parish had rested with the Borough Council. However after the Allotment Association had raised the possibility of pursuing legal action within the terms of the 1908 Allotments Act, the Borough Council had investigated the legal position and realised that responsibility should lie with the parish council and had therefore ceased to take responsibility themselves. Whilst the parish council recognises the frustrations of the Allotment Associations at the delays experienced so far, it should also be recognised that the parish council has been working towards finding a solution to provision of allotments only since January

4.07.7 Police matters/Neighbourhood Watch (moved forward by agreement)

Keith Powell from Neighbourhood Watch reported that he had attended a meeting at Broughton where the new Safer Community Team was being launched. This team would be dedicated to an area and would patrol regularly. The police were well ahead of schedule in implementing these teams and they were all to be in place by the end of April. If people were concerned about something in Mawsley they should ring the Community team but they should still ring 999 if there was an emergency.

The Community Team leader Emma Reed had been in contact with the clerk and apologised for not being able to attend the meeting. One of the team would attend the next meeting. Emma Reed reported that there had been several arrests in connection with the Sat-Nav thefts, people should continue to be vigilant.

4.07.4 Mawsley interface to Kettering Borough Council

Nothing additional to report. See 4.07.16 Litter.

4.07.5 Minutes of Meeting

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

4.07.6 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. Still trying to locate master village plan with map of cycle path
07.05.4.9	B. Metcalf/Chair	To provide updated street maps for use by the emergency services	Emergency services have now received updated maps. Matter closed
07.05.4.12	Tim Bellamy	To ensure landscaping contractors are completing work appropriately and replacing dead trees	Tim Bellamy and Clerk to walk round village
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. Bidwells now appointed to liase with Stock Land & Estates. Ongoing
SPCM1.06.6.6	Cllr Holland	To review detailed Community Centre documents to establish access points for services.	Ongoing. Clerk to write to Cath Harvey
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	Maintenance of planting has condition that anything dying within five years is replaced.

		with regard to grounds and general maintenance.	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.
12.06.15	All Councillors	Email clerk with details of broken street lights	Ongoing.
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 fire service wrote an article for the newsletter, if there is no improvement then clerk to contact them again. Carry forward until May and then review
1.07.10.1.3	Clerk	Ask Wimpey for directional signs around village	Clerk to contact Wimpey again with advice from Police
2.07.11.2	Clerk	Investigate whether candidates can write 250 words about themselves to be circulated before elections	Clerk to find out if there is to be an election and advise if 250 words needed
2.07.13.2	Cllrs Barnwell, Quinn and Holland	Meet to discuss lease	Lease discusses, last few amendments being completed
2.07.13.3	Cllr Barnwell	Meet with Richard Meredith to discuss	Action closed
3.07.4	Clerk	Write to developers to get agreement that dog fouling not allowed	Awaiting a map from Wimpey showing which developers are responsible for which areas
3.07.4.1	Clerk	Write to developers to get	As above

		permission to put bins on their land	
3.07.15.1	Clerk	Forward options to the allotment association for their view	Action closed
3.07.15.2	Clerk	Review allotment law	Action closed
3.07.15.3	Allotment association	Rank options in order of preference	Ongoing
3.07.15.4	Allotment association	Get realistic estimate of amount of land required	Ongoing

4.07.8 Messer's George Wimpey

Bill Metcalf is arranging for a map of the village which shows developer responsibility so that the correct people can be contacted for street light repairs etc.

Wimpey kindly donated money to buy equipment for the family room in The Centre. Wimpey are also preparing a grassed area for the summer fun day and providing a bouncy castle, thank you.

4.07.9 Accounts and Budgets.

Expenditure to be agreed

Clerk salary and expenses	£310
Allotment law book	£18.95
Stationery	£46.96

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

4.07.10 AVM

The AVM is to be held on 21st May at 7:30.

The clerk will check how many candidates are standing for Parish Council. If there is to be an election then candidates will be contacted to write 250 words.

4.07.11 Correspondence and Clerk's Update

none to report other than in matters arising and finance

4.07.12 Planning matters

1. KET/2007/0137 48 Hawthorn Avenue, single story rear extension. The parish council supported this application.
2. KET/2007/0217. Clerk to object to this application based on possible highways implications of the fence and the fact that it is not in keeping with the rest of the street. Clerk to question whether the application is legal since it involves putting a fence along a shared drive.

4.07.14 The Centre at Mawsley

Cllrs Holland and Barnwell had met with Richard Meredith to finalise the lease. The final alterations were being made in time for the next meeting.

Cllr Barnwell commented about the back of the Centre, there were piles of lager cans which looked very messy. The basketball posts were also unsightly since they were lying outside the Centre. Cllr Barnwell offered to put them in a barn since it would be some time before they could be put up again. **ACTION 4.07.14**

4.07.16 Litter around the village.

Tim Bellamy had been in contact with the church who are organising a litter pick to give advice relating to safety. There may be an issue of where to put the bags for collection since the Centre had been suggested but the official TCAM opening is on the same day. **ACTION 4.07.16.**

Cllr Barnwell commented on the amount of litter along the C31, clerk to report this to KBC. **ACTION 4.07.16.1**

4.07.17 Items for the newsletter

none

4.07.18 Any other business

The fence along the C31 by Old Poors Gorse was knocked over by a car and has not been fixed. Clerk to report this to Street Doctor. **ACTION 4.07.18**

4.07.19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 30th April 2007, at The Centre.

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

Signed:

Date: