

Mawsley Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr. Littler (chair); Cllr. R. Holland; Cllr. R. Barnwell; Cllr. J Hazel; Cllr. S King; Cllr. V Cope; E Cawthorne (Clerk); Tim Bellamy (KBC)

Members of the public present: Chris Winter joined the meeting at 8:35pm

7.07.1

Apologies for Absence: Cllr. C. Moreton; Jim Hakewill

Cllr Littler welcomed the new Councillors who were being co-opted to the council.

Cllr Littler continued to say that he felt that the image of the parish council needed to be changed. He felt that the parish council was seen as being slightly stuffy and removed from the community. Cllr Littler invited ideas as to how the parish council could be seen as a body that cares how the community develops. At the moment villagers were reluctant to attend meetings and didn't come forward even when asked in newsletters to give ideas as to how money should be spent on the village.

Cllr Littler suggested holding an open meeting together with the MVA and TCAM to inform the village what was going on and more importantly to ask for people's views.

Cllr King suggested spending time visiting villagers. Cllr Cope agreed that it was important to meet people since the spoken word seemed to be more effective than writing in newsletters. Cllr Barnwell gave a word of caution that parish councils were always being asked to do things that were not in their remit. He continued to say that the public was largely unaware of the responsibilities of the parish, borough or county councils. If councillors did walkabouts they must also be careful to manage people expectations and also be careful not to be sidelined by villagers who were worked up about a single issue that no-one else was concerned about. Cllr Barnwell said that if a village meeting was called then people will expect the parish council to be able to do things that are not their responsibility. Cllrs Littler and Winter had in his opinion, been doing district councillor jobs for the past three years.

Cllr Littler said that there were two options with the meeting: to explain the limitations of the parish council or to invite borough and county councillors to attend.

Cllr Hazel agreed that it would be good for the parish councillors to interact with the village.

Cllr Holland said that they were in danger of making the parish council irrelevant if they focused on what they couldn't do.

Tim Bellamy suggested that the parish councillors found out if Jim Hakewill and Victoria Perry had surgeries which the parish council could tag on to.

The clerk was to put contact details of the new councillors on the notice boards and in the newsletter. Also to produce a flyer detailing the responsibility of the parish, borough and county council. ACTION 7.07.1

7.07.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Littler declared his position as an Honorary Officer of the Mawsley Villagers Association (MVA) and a director of The Centre at Mawsley CIC.

7.07.3 Allotted time for members of the public

none

7.07.4 Minutes of meeting

The minutes of the meeting held June 12th were agreed. They were proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Littler.

6.07.7 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
07.05.4.12	Tim Bellamy	To ensure landscaping contractors are completing work appropriately and replacing dead trees	Tim Bellamy to talk to KBC about landscaping and mowing issues. Still chasing
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, Cllr Holland to get the rest of the manuals from Penny.
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	Ongoing.

		their properties.	
9.06.4.5	Cath Harvey	To update information regarding the Article 4 area in Mawsley and those properties with permitted developments removed.	Ongoing.
12.06.15	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	Sent to police. Matter closed
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. Clerk to write to Wimpey to suggest reducing the size of The Green to allow access to emergency vehicles
1.07.10.1.3	Clerk	Ask Wimpey for directional signs around village	Clerk to contact Wimpey again
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. Clerk to chase Wimpey
3.07.4.1	Clerk	Write to developers to get permission to put bins on their land	As above
3.07.15.4	Allotment association	Get realistic estimate of amount of land required	Ongoing
4.07.18	Clerk	Report Old Poors Gorse Badger Fence to Street Doctor	The fence has been reported but highways see it as no safety problem. Clerk to write to Old Parish Council to ask if they are pursuing this
5.07.4.1	Peter Chaplin	Check if Wimpey has planning permission for signs	
5.07.4.2	Peter Chaplin	Review situation with landscaping, have the plans been adhered to, who will be responsible for the maintenance after the roads are adopted.	
5.07.4.3.	Peter Chaplin	Investigate how house owners	

		can be informed about building restrictions attached to their property	
5.07.4.4.	Peter Chaplin	See if any reference to adoption of amenity land in Section 106	
5.07.4.5	Peter Chaplin	Appoint team to investigate which land will be adopted.	
5.07.4.6	Peter Chaplin	Find out who is responsible for ensuring that the land opposite the school is brought up to a suitable standard and handed over to KBC.	
5.07.15.2	Clerk	Speak to Wimpey about getting gate at access point to playing field in Hawthorn Way	Wimpey were going to put an obstruction there that could be moved by contractors who need to re-seed the pitch. Clerk to chase
5.07.16	Clerk	Write article for the newsletter	Done, matter closed
6.07.10	Clerk	Provide details of audit action points	Clerk to circulate during the month
6.07	All	Review spatial strategy information	Matter closed
6.07.12	Clerk	Speak to planning re density of houses in planning applications	Density would be considered when reviewing the application. Matter closed
6.07.15.1	Clerk	Write to allotment association	Matter closed
6.07.17	Clerk	Find out about councillor expense declarations	Not applicable unless and election has occurred. Matter closed

7.07.14 The Centre at Mawsley (moved forward by agreement)

Cllr Littler left the meeting and Cllr Holland took over as Chair. Mr Winter explained that storage had always been an issue with The Centre. The architects had been asked to incorporate as much storage as possible into the building but this had not been enough. A paper was circulated outlining TCAMs storage requirements. An extension to the building would be the ideal solution but would obviously be very expensive. TCAM were asking permission to purchase a storage container to be used as an interim solution. They would pay for fencing to be erected around the container to minimise the visual impact.

Cllr Barnwell was not keen on the idea as 'temporary' usually meant permanent. He suggested that enquiries were made as to the costs involved with extending the

Centre now since if it was definitely needed the cost of doing it would only increase if we waited.

After discussion it was agreed unanimously that TCAM could purchase the container with the following two conditions:-

1. The fencing was erected to hide it. This fencing should be at least as tall as the container.
2. Preliminary investigations into the cost of an extension should begin

Mr Winter went on to give a summary of how The Centre was doing. Turnover up until the end of May was £59k against total costs of £66k, this was far better than original predictions. Discussions regarding VAT were continuing, at present the building was a partial VAT building which meant that VAT on equipment used for meeting rooms could not be claimed back. TCAM was trying to get the building fully VAT registered.

The emergency lighting had been checked and only 18 out of 48 lights were working properly, the total bill to get them all working was over £800. Wimpey kindly paid this and will take up the issue with the constructors Marriott's.

Staffing was still a big issue, the Centre was using more paid staff now. There have been several incidents where customers have behaved inappropriately and had to be banned from the Centre. TCAM want to empower the staff so that they can ask people to leave if necessary without involving the TCAM directors.

TCAM are looking for an odd job man to help around the building.

Cllr Holland said that he was pleased that the figures were high but said that many people were not visiting the centre. Mr Winter said that a group of new people had become involved with the centre and were looking for ways to market it more effectively.

Cllr Holland also added that he still had people asking what had been decided about issues discussed at a public meeting a few months ago. Mr Winter said that the children's policy was continuing as outlined at the last meeting and would be finalised in the next few weeks.

7.07.6 Mawsley interface to KBC

Tim Bellamy had met with Desborough allotment group to see how they ran their allotments. The group would be happy to meet with the parish council or the allotment association.

7.07.7 Police matters

Nothing to report.

7.07.8 Messer's George Wimpey

Nothing new to report, clerk to chase up Wimpey on the gate to the playing fields, street signs near The Centre and Maps.

7.07.9 Accounts and Budgets.

Expenditure to be agreed

Clerk salary and expenses	£310
Clerk to attend training course	£26
Cllrs Barnwell and Hazel to attend training	£52

Income

Reimbursement of insurance from TCAM	£2245
Reimbursement of bank interest from NatWest	£3043.41

The clerk reported that the bank had refunded the interest owing on the community fund money but had still not transferred the correct amount to each account. Clerk to visit the bank on Friday for a meeting with their senior business manager.

The finances were proposed by Cllr Holland and seconded by Cllr King

7.07.10 Correspondence and clerks update

1. A letter had been received from Walgrave Parish council inviting two representatives from Mawsley to attend a meeting to discuss the usage of single track roads in the area for recreation. There has been an increase in traffic along Newlands over the past few years, many Walgrave residents have complained because people drive too fast along there when people are jogging, cycling or dog walking. Cllr King and Cllr Hazel said that they would attend a meeting although it was not clear what could be achieved. Cllr Barnwell said that this was a good example of parish councils getting involved in things that were not in their remit and Cllr Littler said that it would be good to attend to be seen to be co-operating with the neighbouring villages.
2. A letter from KBC had been received inviting the parish council to get involved with their Kleensweep operation. This was seen to not apply to the village since the roads had yet to be adopted
3. NALC training literature and magazines had been received. These would go on circulation

7.07.11 Planning matters

KET/2007/0471 5 Hares Run. Ground and first floor rear extension and alterations to the front porch.

The Parish council supports this application.

7.07.12 Drug taking in the village

Cllr Littler reported that there had been a few incidents where people in the centre were behaving as if under the influence of drugs. Comments had been made about young people in the village taking drugs. The police have been advised of this. Cllr Littler has contacted the PSCO to set up a meeting. Cllr Littler wondered what else could be done.

Cllr Barnwell said that in Cambridgeshire the Youth Workers were involved in educating the young people about drugs. Tim Bellamy said that the Youth Services had been taken away from KBC and the County had discontinued them but he did suggest contacting Emma Reid at the safer Community team to put drugs as a priority for Mawsley.

Cllr King suggested setting up a sub-committee with representatives from the parish council, Safer Community team, Youth Club and a drug action group.

Cllr Littler agreed to circulate details of when the meeting with the PCSO would be ACTION 7.07.10.1.

Tim Bellamy to send details of drug groups in the area to Cllr Littler 7.07.10.2.

7.07.13 Jim Harkers grant money

Cllr Harker had a grant available to the village of approximately £1,500. Cllrs to consider ideas for what this could be used for ACTION 7.07.13. Cllr Barnwell suggested a drugs initiative.

7.07.14 Mawsley Community Fund

There had been no applications for grants

7.07.16 Allotments.

The clerk is in the process of setting up a meeting with Berry Brothers and Cllrs Barnwell and Littler to discuss the leasing of the field.

7.07.17 Items for the newsletter

Clerk to write article with Councillors contact details. ACTION 7.07.17

7.07.18 Any other business

none

7.07.19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 6th August, at The Centre.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 22.15.

Signed:

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