

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th August 2007

Present: Cllr. Littler (chair); Cllr. R. Holland;; Cllr. J Hazel; Cllr. C. Moreton; Cllr. V Cope; E Cawthorne (Clerk); Tim Bellamy (KBC); Victoria Perry

Members of the public present: Mark Thurlow

8.07.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr. R. Barnwell; Jim Hakewill; Cllr. S King

8.07.2 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.

8.07.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Victoria Perry introduced herself as the new Borough Councillor. She said that she was a point of contact should help be required on issues. She said that Mawsley parish council was a very capable council but it may be useful to call on her or Jim Hakewill to chase up some issues that the parish council was having difficulty resolving.

On the subject of youth problems Jim Hakewill has a lot of experience having worked with the PCSO's in Broughton. The problem of disruptive youth needs to be managed, it will not just go away.

Victoria has been asked by villagers to clarify why we have fortnightly bin collection, she has asked for this to be debated at the council.

Cllr Littler said that a big frustration of the parish council was not getting answers from KBC. An example was Mr Thurlow who had been asking a question for six months about the triangle of land between Cowslip Hill, Symmonds Way and Collseed Road. KBC have never replied – despite frequent reminders – to say who owned the land or what was planned for it. Another example was the open land opposite the school, which should have been signed over to KBC about nine months ago but nothing, had happened. The borough council was not addressing fairly fundamental issues. It was explained to Cllr Perry that both Cath Harvey and Peter Chaplin had attended parish council meetings months ago and taken away a list of issues. Neither person had ever addressed those issues or contacted the parish council again. Cllr Perry said that she saw her job as ensuring that the parish council was getting value for money from KBC.

8.07.4 Minutes of meeting

The minutes of the meeting held July 2nd were agreed. They were proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Hazell.

8.07.5 Matters arising from the Minutes

07.05.4.3	B. Metcalf	To establish what was planned with regard to the cycle path to	John Stevenson met with Mark Harvey at KBC and is
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		ensure compliance with original plans and, in particular, the missing sections around Warren End	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 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.
12.06.15	All Councillors	Email clerk with details of broken street lights	Ongoing.
1.07.10.1.1	Clerk	Inform Police of parking outside cottages and ask for help	Clerk to written to Wimpey to suggest reducing the size of The Green to allow access to emergency vehicles. Awaiting reply
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	Clerk received positive replies from Taylor Wimpey and David Wilson. Barratt had

			declined to permit dog bins; to be contacted again re permission for dog warden????
3.07.4.1	Clerk	Write to developers to get permission to put bins on their land	Clerk received positive replies from Taylor Wimpey and David Wilson. Clerk to chase Barratt
3.07.15.4	Allotment association	Get realistic estimate of amount of land required	Received. Matter closed
4.07.18	Clerk	Report Old Poors Gorse Badger Fence to Street Doctor	Clerk written to Old Parish Council, they are pursuing this. Matter closed
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
6.07.10	Clerk	Provide details of audit action points	Risk assessment circulated, clerk to circulate others at September meeting.
7.07.1	Clerk	Put contact details of new councillors on notice boards and in newsletter. Produce flyer	Carry forward

		with different responsibilities of pc, borough and county councillors	
7.07.10.1	Cllr Littler	Circulate details of PCSO meeting re drugs	Matter closed
7.07.10.1.	Tim Bellamy	Send details of drug action groups to Cllr Littler	Matter closed
7.07.13	All	Think of ideas to use £1,500 of Jim Harkers fund for. Seed ideas ie ones which could then generate more funds were suggested by Jim Harker	Ideas of Bench and bike rack suggested. Clerk to write to councillor Harker.
7.07.17	Clerk	Write article for newsletter with Parish council contact details	Carry forward

Further details on 7.07.10.1. Cllr Littler had met with the police to discuss the matter. A raid would only be carried out on an address if complaints had been received from several sources. It was suggested that an article be put in the newsletter giving the number for people to ring if they suspect that a crime has been committed. ACTION 8.07.5.1 Clerk.

8.07.6 Mawsley interface to KBC

Tim Bellamy reported that there had been two weeks of play schemes so far at TCAM and they had been very well attended.

8.07.7 Police matters

Nothing to report

8.07.8 Messer's George Wimpey

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

Cllr Littler asked about the proposed new play area in the village that Wimpey had not known about. Tim Bellamy said that this was still planned.

8.07.9 Accounts and Budgets.

Expenditure to be agreed

Clerk salary and expenses £310

Income

none

The clerk reported that the Audit had been returned because a box had been filled in incorrectly. It was agreed that the box 5 in section 2 be changed to 'NO' to reflect that the council does not have a risk assessment policy in operation.

The clerk also reported that the cost of the audit had risen significantly because the income of the council had exceeded £200,000. Clerk to check whether this price is because of income or amount held. ACTION 8.07.9.

The finances were proposed by Cllr Hazell and seconded by Cllr Holland.

8.07.10 Correspondence and clerks update

1. KBC Forward plan had been received – for circulation
2. KBC update on article 4 planning restrictions – for circulation
3. KBC information course on planning meetings to be held on 3rd and 9th October. Cllrs Hazell and Cllr Cope to attend.
4. A police newsletter had been received – for circulation

8.07.11 Planning matters

None to discuss

8.07.12 Vandalism

Cllr Littler reported that he had heard from two sources that the youths of Mawsley and Broughton had had a disagreement which had led to a car being vandalised. Rumours had started that the Broughton youths were ‘going to get’ the Mawsley youths and TCAM had been named as a ‘target’. The rumours were exaggerated but it did highlight the problem that had been discussed before about the youth of the village.

Cllr Moreton said that there were limited things that the youth could do as some feel they were not welcome at TCAM. Cllr Holland agreed that some young people did not feel welcome at TCAM.

Cllr Littler said that facilities were needed for the youth such as places to kick footballs, a youth shelter but there was no one willing to lead this initiative. All youth work in the village fell on Aidan’s shoulders. The MVA wanted to call a meeting in September to get people involved. Cllr Holland suggested that they youth of the village were consulted before this meeting to try to get their involvement.

Cllr Perry said that she had looked into grants for youth shelters but these grants generally went to areas with a crime problem rather than to areas with no crime.

Cllr Holland said that he was going to carry on with trying to get a Youth parish council established, he felt it was important that the young people of the village received a positive message that they were part of the community.

Cllr Moreton said that children were not even allowed to play on the playing field. Cllr Littler said that a lot of work had gone into bringing the pitch up to a high standard and that it should be available for use very soon. Cllr Littler will write something about the status of the playing field in the next newsletter.

ACTION 8.07.12

Cllr Perry asked what budget there was for the play area, Tim Bellamy said that thought that it was in the region on £40k but he would check. **ACTION 8.07.12.1**

Cllr Littler said that the parish council still needed to finalise with Martin Hammond that the playing field would be managed by KBC to a certain level (TCAM/a cricket club could do further maintenance if they wished) and that TCAM would manage it. At the same meeting the play areas could be discussed.

Clerk to set up meeting with Cllr Littler, Chris Winter and Martin Hammond.
ACTION 8.07.12.2

8.07.13 Jim Harkers grant money

Two ideas were suggested for the potentially available £1500, these were benches for the bus stops and bike racks for outside TCAM. Both suggestions were seen as green initiatives and Cllr Perry asked if other grants might be available for these as well. Cllr Hazell asked if there were to be cycle racks at the shops, clerk to investigate. ACTION 8.07.13.

Clerk to write to Jim Harker and suggest these two initiatives. ACTION 8.07.13.1

8.07.14 Mawsley Community Fund

There had been no applications for grants

8.07.15 TCAM

June had been a very bad month with sales down by 45%. The family room now has a large TV, table football table and various things for children. TCAM are looking at purchasing a bouncy castle to use on Friday nights either inside or outside.

Cllr Holland reiterated that the young did not feel welcome at the centre and that misbehaving people should be dealt with rather than imposing blanket restrictions on admission policies for children.

Cllr Littler said that there were two issues, these were putting on organised events for children and finalising a policy for when they were allowed in the bar. He had asked for comments in the last newsletter and had received none. The MVA would be discussing this at their next meeting.

Cllr Perry asked about holding a rural cinema, Tim Bellamy to send her the information. ACTION 8.07.15.

8.07.16 Allotments.

Tim Bellamy had spoken to Tony Horne about the lack of available land for allotments. Tony had said that if the allotment society was given a date of when the option on Cllr Barnwell's land ran out together with some assurances that they could begin work on the land as soon as it was legally possible to do so, they may be prepared to wait. Clerk to find out the exact date. ACTION 8.07.16

8.07.17 Items for the newsletter

None other than those mentioned earlier in the minutes

8.07.18 Any other business

Cllr Moreton said that the wood cladding on the Centre looked as if it needed some maintenance work. Cllr Holland to check in the manuals whether it needs treating. ACTION 8.07.18.

Cllr Cope asked who was responsible for the pavements since they were unsafe in places. Wimpey are to be advised of this.

Cllr Holland said that he would be continuing to look into a Youth parish Council. Tim Bellamy said that it was important to try to include some 'non club' children in this if it was to be effective.

Cllr Littler said that the employment units had been built partially on Cllr Barnwell's land and scaffolding had been erected on TCAM land without permission. Cllr Barnwell was investigating whether building had taken place on TCAM land as well.

8.07.19 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 3rd September, at The Centre.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 21.50.

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