

## Mawsley Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 31st March 2008

**Present:** Cllr. Littler (chair); Cllr. V Cope; Cllr. R. Holland; Cllr. R. Barnwell ; Cllr. S King; Cllr. C. Moreton ; E Cawthorne (Clerk);

**Members of the public present:** Mark Thurlow, Paul Seaton-Burn

**04.08.1 Apologies for Absence;** Jim Harker;; Tim Bellamy (KBC), Victoria Perry; Cllr. J Hazell

**04.08.2 Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. Littler declared his position as Director of Mawsley Villagers Association Ltd. (MVA) and a director of The Centre at Mawsley CIC.

**04.08.3 Alloted time for members of the public**

none

**04.08.13 Mawsley Community Fund**

Rev Seaton-Burn presented an application for £692.22 for the purchase of an electric keyboard for Mawsley Church. The church receives no funding as it is not part of The Church of England. Half of the members of the church are children and music is very important. The keyboard would be stored at TCAM and could be used for community events. The quote includes a strong case for the keyboard.

Cllr Barnwell asked how the public use of the keyboard would be managed, he would prefer if the keyboard belonged to the church and was hired out to ensure that responsibility was taken for its care. Cllr Littler suggested that the keyboard should only be used with church permission and that they charge for it. Rev Seaton- Burn agreed with this.

Cllr. King proposed that the grant be awarded, this was seconded by Cllr. Moreton and agreed unanimously.

**04.08.4 Minutes of the preious meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March had been circulated. These minutes were proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Littler.

**04.08.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting**

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03.08.7	Clerk	Put article in the newsletter re inconsiderate parking	Matter closed
03.08.14.1	Cllr Barnwell	Purchase posts for allotment fencing	Matter closed
03.08.13.4	Clerk	Reply to community first responder letter	Matter closed
03.08.14	Clerk	Write to Diamond Estates about fence and gate between TCAM and Barnwell Court	Matter closed (see below)

03.0.14 There is no fence on the plans. Cllr Barnwell said that the access is straight onto the car park. If it is access then people should not park in front of the path as pushchairs/wheelchairs cannot get through. Cllr. Littler said that the boundary needs to be clarified. Cllr. Barnwell said if its constantly used then it will become a right of way., it needs to be locked once a year to preserve it as a private property.

#### **04.08.6 Wind Farm**

Cllr. Littler reported that a dozen people had signed up to an action group. People have been asked to look at individual issues eg bats.

Cllr. Holland asked what the parish council were replying to. Cllr. Littler said that the developers had to produce an environmental impact document. They are asking if something is missing from their plan of what to include. Cllr. Barnwell said that this was sneaky as it was effectively asking the Parish Council to disclose its hand so that it doesn't come up with any surprise objections at the planning phase. He was not sure whether we should write all the objections or keep some back. Cllr. King said that the response should not be emotive, that should wait

until the planning objection. Cllr. Littler asked how many points were actually missing.

Cllr. Barnwell said that he owned the land on the other side of the proposed site and there was a huge roost of starlings on Broughton Common. The turbines would affect the birds.

Cllr. Moreton felt that the council needed legal advice before responding to the document.

Cllr. Littler asked if the council should perhaps have no comment at this stage. Cllr. King felt that a response should be sent in but he was not sure whether this should be from the parish council or a campaign group. He suggested the council should get in contact with some successful 'no' campaign groups.

Cllr. Littler said that the parish council needs to decide on its role in objecting to the turbines. Cllr. Barnwell has been in touch with other campaign groups who are happy to speak to the parish council or a village action group.

Cllr. Littler asked whether it was acceptable that a campaign group runs and reports informally to the parish council. Both groups should send responses in to documents.

Cllr. Barnwell asked if the CPRE would help. He would ask them ACTION 04.08.6.1

Cllr. Littler reported that Victoria Perry's father was a retired solicitor and he was willing to help. The parish council delegated responsibility for writing the response letter to Cllr. Littler. This was proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Moreton.

Cllr. Moreton asked if the parish council could argue that the wind farm would affect the development of the village. Cllr. Littler said that this would not be a consideration. Cllr. Holland said that he had seen a very detailed report about wind farm planning applications over fourteen years. It did look as if the views of the parish council had been listened to. Cllr. King said that it could be lucky that the leader of the Borough Council was Mawsley's Borough Councillor. Cllr. Littler had spoken to Cllr. Hakewill, he started the conversation on the fence but seemed to be against the idea. Cllr. King asked if he would write to the planning committee if it came to that. Cllr. Holland asked which applications went to planning committee. Cllr. King said that it was essential that the parish council had the right people on their side if it went to committee. Cllr. Barnwell said that a Cambridge University study showed that more planning appeals were passed than rejected.

Cllr. King asked if it was worth breaking into small groups at the action meeting on the following Sunday. Cllr. Barnwell said that he will ask Crispin Hollbrow from Savills rural to speak at the meeting.

Cllr. Cope asked how far the parish council was prepared to fund the protest. Cllr. Littler replied that there were three sources of money that the parish council has. The grant from KBC, the precept and community fund. Only money from the KBC grant could be used. The clerk said that there were restrictions on how much money could be used on. Clerk to find out the amount allowable to be spent per parishioner on Section 137 payments. ACTION 04.08.6.1. Cllr. Littler added that if a lot of money was required then fundraising was an option.

#### **04.08.7**

#### **KBC**

The clerk had received a proposal for an eco-meadow on the land opposite the school. It had been sent by KBC and had been submitted by Wimpey. Cllr. Littler said that at the moment nothing grows on the land opposite the school and there is no money available for landscaping. If the area was turned into an eco-meadow it would effectively create a canvas which the MVA could do what they want with for example a pocket park, remembrance garden etc.

Cllr. Littler was having a meeting with the school and the nursery to discuss how they could be involved.

Cllr. Moreton expressed concern, the area was very large and it was not clear how it would be maintained. Cllr. Littler said that KBC would maintain it.

Cllr. Barnwell said that the area had poor soil because the foundations of the houses had been spread on it (it used to be a good field). He was anxious if the whole design is open plan. The design needs to incorporate ways to separate off different areas and also to prevent access for vehicles.

Cllr. King said that he thought that this was a cost-effective solution to an ugly space.

Cllr. Moreton said that it would still be an ugly space as it will fill with weeds. Cllr. Barnwell added that cattle should maintain wildflower meadows.

Cllr. King added that if the council refused this suggestion then in all likelihood the land would be left as it is. Cllr. Littler agreed and said that he believes that this was the best way of getting something of value to the village that KBC can maintain.

Clerk to reply to KBC that the Parish council likes the idea but to ask about maintenance schedules and access preventers.. ACTION 04.08.7.1

Cllr. Barnwell said that when the meadow was complete he could get hold of some fruit trees to make a community orchard.

#### **04.08.8**

#### **Police matters**

Cllr. Cope had put an article into the newsletter to ask what peoples' policing priorities were. All replies had been to do with speeding and parking.

#### **04.08.13**

#### **Mawsley Community Fund contd**

Cllr. Holland took the chair. Cllr. Littler was putting forward an application on behalf of the youth club. The MVA had just paid all the outstanding room hire charges for the Youth club, this amounted to over £1,400 which is why the MVA has not put any money forward towards this application. The plan is that once the youth group is set up that it should become self-financing.

Cllr. Barnwell asked if Cllr. Littler was asking for the money subject to them receiving a NCC grant. He was.

Cllr. King said that he saw it as an investment, a thriving youth club was a valuable asset for the village.

Cllr. Barnwell proposed that a grant of £1750 be awarded, this was seconded by Cllr. Moreton and passed unanimously.

Cllr. King and Cllr. Moreton left the meeting at this point.

**04.08.9 Messer's George Wimpey**

Nothing to report.

**04.08.10. Accounts and Budgets**

The following cheques were presented for payment

AD Copiers services	8.00	chq 121	copying allotment lease
CPRE	28.00	chq 122	membership
TCAM	65	chq 123	reissue of cheques89 and 116
NCALC	159.60	chq 124	internal audit fees
NCALC	284.00	chq 125	membership
E Cawthorne	310	chq 126	salary and expenses

These payments were proposed by Cllr. Littler and seconded by Cllr. Holland.

**04.08.11. Correspondence and Clerks Update**

nothing to report

**04.08.12. Planning matters**

No applications had been received this month. Cllr. Holland had received a letter from the planning department saying that a breach of planning was being looked into. He had complained about the lighting and the shop sign so was unsure which breach the letter referred to.

**04.08.14. TCAM**

Cllr. Littler reported that planning permission had been granted for the two storage containers. 20mx10m containers were being used rather than 20mx20m as originally planned as Wimpey have kindly agreed to build some storage garages for the cricket equipment.

**04.08.15 Allotments**

The lease had been completed and were being given to the allotment association the next day. Cllr. Barnwell had ordered fence posts and bamboo stakes. The clerk said that the allotment association had provided wood as plot separators and would not therefore need the bamboo.

Clerk to collect the bamboo. ACTION 04.08.15

**04.08.16 Items for inclusion in the newsletter**

Clerk to say that a wildflower meadow was proposed for the site opposite the school.

**04.08.17 Any other business**

Cllr. Barnwell asked about the pond, he suggested that Wimpey be asked for help filling in the levy . Cllr. Littler said that Richard Hoy was organising the work on the pond, it was not due to be complete until 2009.

The next meeting date was set for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The AGM needed to be held in May and would be on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May, there would then be no meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

Clerk to check availability of the centre for the Annual Village Meeting.

The meeting was closed at 9:30pm.

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....**ACTION POINTS**

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4.08.15	Clerk	Collect bamboo from allotment site	

