

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28th April 2008

Present: Cllr. Littler (chair); Cllr. V Cope; Cllr. R. Holland; Cllr. R. Barnwell ; Cllr. S King; Cllr. C. Moreton ; E Cawthorne (Clerk); PCSO Jane Breeze, PCSO Pete Firth; Tim Bellamy

Members of the public present: Graham Leah, Clare Wallace, Sarah Simmonite

05.08.1 Apologies for Absence; Cllr. J Hazell

05.08.2 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.

05.08.9 Police matters

PCSO Pete Firth reported that there had been three crimes in March, two were linked to a domestic situation and one was criminal damage to a vehicle. There had been one domestic in April, which was linked to the two in March. Some of the crime that fall in the 'other' category have involved credit card fraud, this means that the victim lives in Mawsley rather than the crime occurred here.

Recorded crime in the area is down 4%. Cllr. Littler asked if the police were still keeping an eye on the trouble between Mawsley and Broughton youths, PCSO Firth said that there had been no reported incidents relating to this issue in the last two months.

Cllr. Cope said that at the priority setting meeting that he had attended, every area had said that speeding and anti-social behaviour were an issue. PCSO said that the police were trying to keep a high presence in the village. The councillors agreed that police has been high in the village recently. PCSO Firth said that the shop was staffed with experienced people who were turning away people who were under age and trying to purchase certain items.

05.08.14 Mawsley Community Fund

Clare Wallace and Sarah Simmonite were attending the meeting on behalf of the Mawsley Ladies Rounders Team. The team had started in 2007 and has 24 regular members. The team has joined the Kettering League and has a coach and referee for all matches. The Rounders association pays for the coach and referee, as they are a new team. The team has purchased all their kit so far out of their own money. They were applying for money to pay for £120 kit bag and also towards pitch hire and training as they were trying to make the first season a free season for players to encourage people to join. They envisage that after this year, the team will be self-financing.

Cllr. Moreton said that the capital purchase was fine but asked the other councillors how they felt about paying for pitch rental. Cllr. Littler said that councillors may wish to consider this but there were no rules about it in the Community Fund regulations. Cllr. Barnwell said that should the club cease to run, it must be understood that any equipment purchased would stay in the village.

Cllr. Littler said that he thought that it was an excellent idea, he added that the Rounders Club would need to show evidence that they had 25% of the funding and that the community fund would give them the 75%.

Cllr King explained that a grant was a one-off payment, not an annual contribution.

Cllr King proposed that a grant of £360 is awarded, this was seconded by Cllr. Cope and agreed by all.

05.08.15.

TCAM

Cllr. Holland chaired the meeting for this section. Graham Leah brought a proposal to the council for TCAM to erect a low fence along its boundaries. The purpose of this fence was to delineate The Centre property to stop people from bringing food and drink on to the premises. The problem was caused because the property was adjacent to the public access to the shop. TCAM want to mark the boundary with a low fence. It would still be possible to use the playing field without coming through the building.

Cllr. Moreton asked what was the extent of the licensing area.

Graham Leah said that the fence could not physically stop people for bring things into the Centre but it was hoped that a visible barrier would be symbolic.

Cllr. Holland said that it was a community centre and if people were using the hall for something like Tae Kwon Do , they should be allowed to bring their own water,

Cllr. Moreton was also worried because it is a community centre but he could understand the need to make a profit. Also, TCAM does not sell a full range of food, what if someone there wanted to eat something that they did not sell?

Cllr. King said that he did not see a problem but would add the caveat that if people were doing sport then they should be allowed to bring their own drink. Graham Leah agreed with this.

Cllr. Barnwell said that it was an excellent idea and added that a gate was needed which could be closed if necessary. Cllr. Cope was in favour in principle but said that there should be signs up to explain this to people. The wording of the signs should be thought about carefully. Cllr. Cope also asked to what extent would enforcement go?

Cllr. Holland said that he could see that this is practical but he was very uncomfortable with public vs. TCAM. He understood that commercial needs were important but he felt that they were losing the balance as The Centre does belong to the whole village. Cllr. Littler replied that anyone was welcome to come to the centre and sit on the benches and picnic tables but if they brought a case of beer from the shop and drank it there then that would be a problem. People already were buying alcohol from the shop and bringing it over, the bar is crucial to enable them to meet the running costs of the building.

Cllr. King suggested a compromise that the parish council could approve the fence with the clause that it could be removed if it was felt by the villagers to be a bad thing.

Cllr. Holland added that the bar is not full on Friday and Saturday nights, perhaps this will put people off even more.

Graham Leah said that he wanted to empower his staff with a physical boundary so they could explain where people can and cannot bring their owns drinks.

Cllr. Moreton asked where else could people go on the field as there were not any benches or tables anywhere else for them to use.

Cllr. Barnwell agreed that that would be a good compromise to provide alternative benches.

Cllr. Moreton added that as TCAM was licensed then people were not allowed to bring alcohol on to the premises.

Cllr. Barnwell said that as long as the idea was sold to people and that there were notices explaining what was being done, then he did not see why people should object.

Cllr. Cope asked whether benches on the field could lead to a problem with youths buying cans and drinking them there. Graham Leah said that they would sit there as long as there were no youth facilities.

Cllr. King said that he proposed that the parish council supported the application but with a right to review if it was felt to be inappropriate. He also proposed that they should put a family picnic facilities elsewhere (this did not necessarily need to be on the field, it could be in the eco meadow.)

Cllr. Barnwell said that it should be coupled with an explanatory note in the magazine and notices so that the idea could be sold to people.

Cllr. Cope seconded the proposal, four councillors were in favour, one opposed.

Cllr. Littler took the chair from this point onwards.

05.08.3 Alloted time for members of the public

none

05.08.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 31st March had been circulated. These minutes were proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. King.

05.08.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

SPCM1.06.6.6	Cllr Holland	To review detailed Community Centre documents to establish access points for services.	Cllr. Holland has still to confirm where the drains all connect.
12.06.15	Clerk	Write to developers about broken street lights.	Some have been mended. Cllrs to walk their sector each month and report new faults. Keep to track
1.07.10.1.3	Clerk	Ask Wimpey for traffic signs around village	Clerk to contact Wimpey again
3.07.4	Clerk	Write to developers to get agreement that dog fouling not allowed	Replies passed to KBC. Chris Stopford from environmental health will now be able to get officers to patrol the village and will sort some dog bins out. Tim Bellamy to chase Chris Stopford for progress on this.
5.07.15.2	Clerk	Speak to Wimpey about getting gate at access point to playing field in Hawthorn Way	This will be sorted by Julia Beckett. Matter closed
8.07.13.1	Cllr. Littler	Write to Jim Harker about benches	The woodland was decided on.

		and cycle racks	Cllr. Littler to bring bench catalogue to next meeting
8.07.18	Cllr Holland	Check maintenance manuals for information about treating external wood at TCAM	Carry forward. No maintenance is needed. Matter closed
4.08.6.1	Cllr. Barnwell	Contact CPRE re Wind Farm	Done. Matter closed
4.08.6.2	Clerk	Find out section 137 payment limits	£5.86 per elector. Matter closed
4.08.7.1	Clerk	Respond to KBC re eco meadow	Done. Matter closed
4.08.15	Clerk	Collect bamboo from allotment site	Bamboo at clerk house. Matter closed

05.08.6 Wind Farm

Cllr. Littler reported that approx. 25 people were involved with the action group. The group was due to meet again later that week. Cllr. Barnwell reported that he had recently written to the Evening Telegraph to say that Cransley Parish Council object to the wind farm as it had been rumoured that they were not doing anything to oppose it. Cllr. King asked what the other neighbouring parishes felt about the Wind Farm. The clerk replied that Walgrave had no objection. Clerk to find out what Broughton's view on the wind far. ACTION 05.08.6

The clerk reported that she had received a letter from Old Parish Council which had said that the Council would fully support Mawsley Parish Council's objection to the wind farm if Mawsley would send a letter of comfort stating that they would support Old in the future should they be threatened similarly. Cllr. Barnwell said that is was not legal for the parish council to agree to this.

Cllr. King asked if minutes were kept at the Wind Farm meetings. Cllr. Littler said that minutes were taken and were on the web but that the site was not available to the public; it was confined to the Action Group so that proposers of the windfarm could not monitor it.. Cllr. King also asked what the local MP's thought. Cllr. Littler replied that Philip Hollobone , Jim Harker and Jim Hakewill will all support the parish council in their objection.

Cllr. King asked how the group would communicate with the village what they are doing. Cllr. Littler advised that a public website would be set up shortly.

Cllr. Moreton said that we should have written to the scoping people to say that there was a lot of opposition.

Cllr. Littler said that the next deadline would be after the environmental impact document has been finished

Cllr. Holland said that he was aware that noise tests were being undertaken in the village currently.

05.08.7 Annual Village Meeting

Interest groups from around the village have been invited to the Annual Village meeting. Posters were going up in the Centre, the notice boards and the School. Leaflets would be put in school bags and available at the One-Stop

05.08.8 KBC

Cllr. Littler had a list of progress that had been made by Julia Beckett after another very successful meeting. The playing field should be transferred to KBC shortly and work was underway to draw up a ground maintenance licence/lease, which would allow the parish council to develop a pocket park in the eco meadow.

Tim Bellamy said that it was good to have Julia Beckett's support as she was helping to progress issues.

05.08.10 Messer's George Wimpey

Cllr. Barnwell said that the Eco Meadow boundaries need clarifying on the far edges as to who is responsible for the hedges.

05.08.11. Accounts and Budgets

The following cheques were presented for payment

E Cawthorne	310	chq 127	salary and expenses
Berrys	343.63	chq 128	prep of allotment lease
Mr ans Mrs Cordes	550	chq 129	allotment annual rent April 08

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

05.08.12. Correspondence and Clerks Update

1. Clerk to reply to Old Parish Council that the parish Council would give any future threats to Old due consideration. ACTION 05.08.12.1
2. A rights of Way improvement plan had been received. Clerk to circulate.

05.08.13. Planning matters

1. KET/2008/0257 4 dwellings The Green

After discussion it was agreed to respond that the Council objected on the following grounds:-

- The density of the buildings is inappropriate. The building are planned for an area which is stated as having a low density, the inclusion of these houses would however put the house number in the village above the 880 which was agreed by ~~you~~ KBC's planning committee.
 - The council feels that the access to the development has highways implication as cars will be pulling out on to the road just before a traffic island
 - The council feels that if this application is accepted, the buildings should be subject to the same article 4 restrictions that the houses facing them are subject to
2. KET/2008/0266 One illuminated shop front sign and one rear sign. The council had no objections to this application

3. A letter from Northamptonshire County Council had been received saying that they wished to put a double temporary classroom on the playing field at school. The parish council had no objection to this. Cllr. Barnwell suggested that this should be erected for a period of three years, after which its status should be reviewed.

Cllr. Holland reported that the lighting in Barnwell Court required permission. An application must be submitted within 28 days.

05.08.15 TCAM (cont)

Cllr. Littler reported that the boiler at TCAM had broken. A quote to repair had been received for £886. They had also received a quote for £3500 to replace the one boiler for two domestic boilers. They were trying to get Wimpey to donate to some of the repair costs but would probably look to use some precept money.

Cllr. Barnwell pointed out that there should be a landlords inspection, there should probably be a separate meeting to discuss this.

05.08.16 Allotments

The fences at the site had been put up by Matt who is a village resident. He did not want to be paid for this as he wanted to help the village. Clerk to write a letter of thanks.
ACTION 05.08.16

05.08.17 Items for inclusion in the newsletter

none

05.08.18 Any other business

Tim Bellamy asked if the rounders pitch had been marked out yet. Cllr. Littler said that it had not.

The meeting was closed at 9:30pm.

05.08.19 Date of next meeting

The AVM is on 10th May, next PC meeting Tuesday 26th May

Signed:

Date:

ACTION POINTS

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