

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th August 2008

Present: Cllr. Littler (chair); Cllr. V Cope; Cllr. R. Holland; Cllr. C. Moreton ; Cllr. R. Barnwell ; E Cawthorne (Clerk); Chief Inspector Andy Collins; Tim Bellamy (KBC); Julia Beckett (KBC), Borough Cllr Victoria Perry

Members of the public present: John Stevenson

08.08.1 Apologies for Absence Cllr. J Hazell ; Cllr. S King

08.08.2 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.

08.08.8 Police matters (brought forward by agreement)

Chief Inspector Collins began by introducing himself. He had recently moved back to the Kettering area and had been in his current role for three months. He explained the crime figures for the past month, there had been 5 "other" crimes, most of which were criminal damage. Cllr Perry said that she had reported a potential crime and had been very impressed at the speed of the police response. Cllr. Littler agreed that the police were doing a good job, PCSO Tony Hopkins' presence on the village forum was very useful.

Chief Inspector Collins said that he was keen to extend the positive role that the police had. Cllr. Littler said that speeding was still an issue, Cllr Perry was trying to get speedwatch in the village but it would probably not be possible as the roads have not been adopted. Cllr. Littler said that it was also an issue along the C31 by the allotments, Chief Inspector Collins said that he would try to get the police to do speed checks along there.

Cllr Moreton said that there should be more meaningful speed signs in the village. At present the signs said 5mph . Chief Inspector Collins said that highways could not put a sign up until the roads were adopted. Cllr. Barnwell said that even if the roads were not adopted, could the village have a road survey black box?

Cllr. Barnwell reported that his barns had been spray painted with the letters NN9 which was apparently the name of a gang who used to be based in Moulton but as now based in Mawsley. Chief Inspector Collins said that he would make sure that the relevant details had been reported to the police.

Cllr. Barnwell asked how to contact Chief Inspector Collins. The numbers on the fridge magnets will still get through to the PCSO team, Chief Inspector Collins' details were on the website.

Cllr. Littler thanked the Chief Inspector for coming to the meeting.

08.08.3 Allotted time for members of the public

John Stevenson introduced himself and explained that he had been pursuing the completion of the cycle path for the past two years. He had had many meetings with KBC as a Mawsley Resident, independent of the Parish Council. He had been led to believe that Taylor Wimpey had submitted an alternative scheme for the cycle way. Mr Stevenson wanted to know if this was the case and if there was sufficient funding for this to proceed. He also wanted to know the timescales for this all to take place.

Julia Beckett said that she was aware of the work that John had been doing as Jim Hakewill had passed on the issues to her. Bill Metcalf had told Julia Beckett that he had a plan of the cycle way and that the Taylor Wimpey open space team wanted to see the plan before they could decide where to put gates for the field. As yet, no one had seen the plan.

John Stevenson said that this was typical as he felt that no one had the will to make the cycle path happen. This was evident as there were many places where the path could be completed but has not. He continued to say that the cycle way was not a luxury but a safe alternative to using the roads. The roads in their current state were not safe to cycle on. There is one place where the path cannot currently continue where a house was built over it, but why have the other parts not been completed?

Cllr. Littler asked Julia Beckett that, ignoring the issue of the house in the way, what planning sanctions does KBC have to ensure that the path is completed? Julia Beckett said that she was not sure that there were sanctions but she was trying to get things done. She was disappointed that a lot of the issues that Bill Metcalf had said were 'in hand' in May, had not been completed.

Julia Beckett added that KBC had learnt a lot from building Mawsley, the situation was not helped by the fact that the master plan was out of date and the Section 106 agreement was very vague.

Cllr. Barnwell said that he felt that the problem was entirely the fault of KBC. The developers had submitted plans to build houses in the wrong place and KBC had passed them. He added that the £5m bond was still in place somewhere as it had been taken out on the advice of KBC. Julia Beckett could not find any details of the bond. Cllr. Barnwell gave her the names of people to contact about it.

John Stevenson said that he had met with many people within KBC Planning and it was apparent that the plans for the first phases of building had included the cycle path but that the planning application detail was wrong in later stages as it did not show the cycle path. The land still exists for the path there is no will to push for its completion.

Cllr. Moreton said that there were two issues, the area where the path could not be completed because of the house and the area where it had just not been completed. As the house over the path was a KBC error, they should be made to put it right. Cllr. Littler said that this made sense but was not possible as Cllr. Barnwell could not sell any land to KBC until after 2010 which was why an alternative temporary route was being planned.

Cllr. Moreton said that the Parish Council should get a solicitor to write to KBC about this, asking for time scales. Cllr. Littler said that Julia Beckett was working hard to get this resolved so the Parish Council should not get into expensive legal arguments at this stage. Julia Beckett said that she would endeavour to attend the next meeting to report back about the bond. ACTION 08.08.3.

08.08.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Holland proposed the minutes of the meeting held 27th May and Cllr. Cope seconded them. The minutes of the meeting held 7th July were proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Cope

08.08.5 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 is still awaiting full service access details
12.06.15	Clerk	Write to developers about broken street lights.	Clerk to contact Wimpey again.
1.07.10.1.3	Clerk	Ask Wimpey for traffic signs around village	There had been an accident around the pond involving a bike with a mother and child riding. J. Beckett is trying to speed up the adoption issues but the developers won't sign a section 38 until all development completed. Clerk to contact Wimpey again
8.07.13.1	Cllr. Littler	Write to Jim Harker about benches and cycle racks	Clerk to order two benches, see finance
05.08.6	Clerk	Find out Broughtons view on Wind Farm	Broughton did not have a strong view about this. Cllr. Littler to talk to Broughton Parish Council
06.08.6	Clerk	Write to NCC to ask about signs into Mawsley when approaching from Old and Loddington	NCC have no funding for this. Matter closed
06.08.16	Cllr. Littler	Suggest date for landlords inspection of TCAM	13 th August agreed. Matter closed
06.08.19	Clerk	Write to Jim Harker about Old Poors Gorse Badger fence	Cllr Harker had written to say that the work was due to be carried out by 5 th September. Keep to track this item
07.08.6	Clerk	Send street name suggestions to KBC	Done. Matter closed

Cllr. Barnwell said that the badger fencing around the village was built by the developers and that it was a condition of the development. It had become apparent that it no—one owned, or was maintaining, the fence. One resident had cut the fence and put a shed on Cllr. Barnwell's land as Wimpey had told him that the land didn't belong to anyone and that the fence was his. Wimpey owns the fence but could not maintain it as they have no access to it. Cllr. Littler said that this was not a Parish Council issue.

08.08.6 Windfarm

An open meeting had been planned for the 21st September. The aim of the meeting is to show that the village is visibly opposed to the wind farm. A guest speaker would be attending the meeting.

Cllr Perry left the meeting at this point.

08.08.7 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Julia Beckett said that she had been disappointed with the response from Wimpey as most of the issues still had not been completed even when they had said that they were in hand. KBC legal team would not complete the transfer of the playing field until the water meter had been installed for the Cricket Square. Cllr. Littler reported that Anglia Water were due to have surveyed the site for the meter by now.

Cllr. Moreton said that the grass was very thin in areas by the edge of the pitch and recommended that KBC assess the condition of the pitch before taking ownership. Julia Beckett said that she would talk to the maintenance team to check this. ACTION 08.8.7.1

Cllr. Littler asked if the legal team could tell him where the boundary between the field and the pub was. Julia Beckett to ask for a copy of the deeds to the pitch ACTION 08.8.7.

Julia Beckett finished by saying that within KBC, the team was meeting regularly to try to progress Mawsley issues.

08.08.9 Taylor-Wimpey

Nothing to report.

08.08.10. Accounts and Budgets

The following cheques were presented for payment

E Cawthorne £310 salary and expenses

These were proposed by Cllr. Barnwell and seconded by Cllr. Moreton.

The purchase of two benches was proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Cope.

08.08.11. Correspondence and Clerks Update

Various publications had been received which would be put on circulation.

Cllr. Littler reported that the council had been contacted by TDS. TDS work for Wimpey in organising the adoption of open spaces. At present, two different branches of TDS were dealing with the two regions of Wimpey. Cllr. Littler had asked that one branch dealt with Mawsley as a whole. He is waiting for them to send the Parish Council details of areas available for them to adopt. If the Parish Council do not want to adopt the areas they will be offered to KBC and then NCC. The land could not be sold off.

08.08.12. Planning matters

1. KET/2008/0646 Residential development 10 dwellings Rosehill Way.

Clerk to send the following comments:-

The location map is inconsistent with the roads on the plan

What are the provisions for monitoring the archaeology as this is where remains were found?

There is a listed hedge in the plan

Who will own the badger fence as it will run along the boundaries of the new houses?

2. KET/2008/0647 Residential development 10 dwellings Rosehill .

No objection but clerk to ask for details on the location of the storm water pipe.

08.08.13

Mawsley Community Fund

Cllr. Littler left the meeting at this point and Cllr. Holland took the chair. Cllr. Holland explained to Cllr. Moreton and Cllr. Barnwell that this subject had been discussed in the previous meeting. Cllr. King and Cllr. Hazell had agreed to granting TCAM an additional £17,000 but wanted Cllr. Barnwell and Cllr. Moreton to have the opportunity to discuss the application.

Cllr. Moreton said that the parish council essentially give the MVA The Centre rent free. They need to make a profit as the community fund money is a finite amount.

Cllr. Cope said that TCAM were a victim of their own success and they merely have a cash flow problem. Cllr. Holland agreed and said that some things were more expensive than expected when they set the Centre up. He did agree that the Parish Council needed to be confident that a corner would be turned soon to make a profit.

Cllr. Barnwell said that the staffing problems could have been foreseen as volunteers do not carry on when paid staff are introduced. He could not justify giving money to cover salaries. Cllr. Holland explained that the money was for capital expenditure.

Cllr. Holland proposed that the grant be agreed, Cllr. Barnwell seconded this.

Cllr. Littler returned to the meeting.

08.08.14

TCAM

Nothing to report

08.08.15

Items for inclusion in the newsletter

Cllr. Littler to write an article explaining that the parish council is lobbying KBC and NCC on certain issues. ACTION 08.8.15

08.08.16

Any other business

Cllr. Cope said that he had seen children playing in the pond. This was unsafe and, as they were stabbing sticks into the bottom of the pond, would damage it once there was a pond liner in place. Cllr. Littler said that there were legal obligations for there to be a notice and a life belt, these would be investigated once the pond was complete.

Cllr. Barnwell said that he was extremely impressed with the state of the allotments. The allotment holders had obviously worked very hard. Clerk to write and congratulate them. ACTION 08.08.15.1.

Cllr. Moreton had been approached about 25 Symmonds Ways, the resident has extended the garden and drive, clerk to write to see if they have permission., ACTION 08.08.15.3

Cllr. Holland asked Cllr. Littler when the fencing was going up around the containers at The Centre. Cllr. Littler will remind TCAM. ACTION 08.08.15.2

Tim Bellamy reported that the first summer play scheme had taken place in the village and had been a great success.

The meeting was closed at 9:50pm.

05.08.19

Date of next meeting

Next PC meeting Monday September 1st 2008

Signed:

Date:

ACTION POINTS

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08.08.3	Julia Beckett	Find out details of bond	
08.08.7.1	Julia Beckett	Ask ground maintenance to inspect pitch before handover	
08.08.7.2	Julia Beckett	Ask KBC Legal for deeds to playing field to establish position of boundary	
08.08.16	Cllr. Littler	Write article for newsletter that PC actively lobbying KBC and NCC on issues relating to completion of the village	
08.08.15.1	Clerk	Write to allotment association	
08.08.15.2	Cllr. Littler	Remind TCAM about fencing around containers	
08.08.15.3	Clerk	Write to 25 Symmonds Way	

