

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2009

Present: Cllr. Barnwell; Cllr. Cope; Cllr. Hazell; Cllr. Holland; Cllr. Littler; Tim Bellamy;

Members of the public present: Richard Hoy; Graham Leah; Chris Winter

03.09.1 Apologies for Absence Cllr. King; Cllr. Moreton; Elaine Cawthorne (illness); Steve Draycott

03.09.2 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.

03.09.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Richard Hoy attended the meeting to discuss placing of the two benches the Council has purchased. He recommended that as they are top quality, heavy, Victorian-style seats they be used as seating areas alongside walking areas in the village, rather than at bus stops. (He offered to construct and supply additional seats for the bus stop areas). The locations should be selected on the basis of them being safe; with a good view; with easy access; and with where people pass by.

Following a discussion of potential locations it was agreed that one is to be placed on the open space west of the post box in Loddington Way. A location at the other end of the village is preferable for the other but it was agreed to defer choice of location until more building work there is completed.

Noted that the bench should be set back at least 1 metre from the path; and that any spikes must avoid sub-surface services. Also agreed underside area to be hard standing for ease of maintenance.

Proposed Cllr. Cope; seconded Cllr. Holland.

03.09.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held February 2nd 2009 were proposed by Cllr. Cope and seconded by Cllr. Holland.

03.09.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

12.06.15	Clerk	Write to developers about broken street lights.	Almost all Councillors have list of faulty street lights in their sector to the Clerk. Clerk to write to developers yet again.
8.07.13.1	Clerk	Benches	As outlined in 03.09.03. Matter closed.

06.08.19	Clerk	Write to Jim Harker about Old Poor's Gorse Badger fence	Clerk spoken to highways, work to be done by Christmas or very soon after. Still not done. Clerk to chase again .
9.08.14.1	Cllr. Holland/Cllr. Cope	Investigate whether TCAM broken doors were fit for purpose	Ongoing
09.08.14.2	Clerk	Write to Diamond estates about badger fencing and kerbstones	Diamond estates have been chased several times on this. Chase again and carry forward.
01.09.08	Clerk	Check if dog bin has been fitted and contact Tim Bellamy	It has not been fitted, clerk to chase again.
01.09.09	Clerk	Write article for the newsletter re pedlars	Appeared in March edition; matter closed.
02.09.3	Clerk	Contact Highways re moving the bus stop	Highways have been contacted and are considering.
02.09.3.1	Clerk	Contact Tim Bellamy to ask about hardcore for bus stop as temporary measure	Hardcore not suitable. KBC do not have any matting etc. that would be appropriate.
02.09.17	Cllr. Holland	Talk to KBC about possible grants to run TCAM	Carried forward.
02.09.17.1	Clerk	Give TCAM copy of the insurance schedule	Carried forward.

03.09.6 Wind farm

Cllr. Littler reported that it is now hoped that the latest flyer produced by the action group will be distributed around Easter time. It will concentrate on the viability (or lack of) of wind farms.

03.09.7 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Cllr. Littler reported it had been advised that paths connecting the play area with The Centre patio and with the field access gate were not included as a part of the work being carried out. The Parish Council may wish to consider funding this; Cllr. Littler to determine costs.

Cllr Barnwell advised that he would remove all remaining parts of the old play area.

Tim Bellamy advised that KBC are still considering how to approach the issue of a lease for use of the playing field.

03.09.8 Police Matters

Nothing to report.

03.09.9 Taylor-Wimpey

It was noted that Tom Saunders was doing an excellent job in chasing the developers for attention to lighting, roads and pavements. The Council expressed its gratitude to Tom. Agreed that Cllr. Holland would liaise with Tom to ensure there is a consistent approach between him and the Council.

Cllr Barnwell advised that £3.6m of the developer bond had been repaid to Wimpey. The rationale for, and on whose authority this was done (Cllr Barnwell is required to countersign release of the funds, but had not done so), are not clear. He also advised that the agreement expires in July 2010, when the remaining balance of £1.4m is due to be repaid. It was important to ensure that the County Council are aware of this date; Clerk to action.

03.09.10 TCAM

The council resolved that the discussion about TCAM funding should be confidential and closed to the public.

03.09.11. Accounts and Budgets

No discussion as Clerk not present.

03.09.12. Correspondence and Clerks Update

No discussion as Clerk not present.

03.09.13. Planning matters

No discussion of any applications as Clerk not present, however there is known to be one pending. Councillors agreed to review it online and advise any comments to the Clerk.

Cllr. Barnwell had recently attended a training session organised by KBC re the new Planning Regulations that had recently come into force. Essentially these allow householders to go ahead with a much wider range of development without requiring planning permission than was previously the case. Cllr. Barnwell, and indeed representatives of KBC Planning who were present, were concerned that this could mean that householders either:

a) proceed with development without being aware of the need to adhere to Building Regulations (previously a planning application would have indicated the need to do so);

and/or:

b) householders could go ahead with development that had a disproportionate effect on neighbouring properties.

It was agreed the Clerk be requested to write to Phillip Hollobone MP to express the Council's concerns.

03.09.14 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications were received this month.

03.09.15 Items for inclusion in the newsletter

There will be another Council meeting prior to copy date of the next newsletter.

03.09.16 Any other business

None.

03.09.17 Date of next meeting

Next PC meeting Monday April 6th 2009.

Signed:

Date:

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03.09.03	Richard Hoy	Install one bench by Loddington Way	
03.09.07.1	Cllr. Littler	Determine costs of additional paths re the play area	
03.09.07.2	Cllr. Barnwell	Remove remaining items from old play area	
03.09.09.1	Cllr. Holland	Liaise with Tom Saunders re approaches to developers re lighting etc..	
03.09.09.2	Clerk	Advise NCC of date when the developer bond agreement expires	
03.09.13	Clerk	Write to P Hollobone MP re changes to Planning Regulations	