

## Mawsley Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 September 2009

**Present:** Cllr Littler; Cllr Holland; Cllr. Barnwell; Cllr. Cope; Cllr King; Cllr Hazell; Diana MacCarthy (clerk);

**Members of the public present:** Chris Stopford (Environmental Health)

**09.09.1 Apologies for Absence** Tim Bellamy; Cllr Moreton

**09.09.2 Declaration of Interests**

BL declared interest in TCAM

**09.09.3 Allotted time for members of the public**

BL asked what was the dog wardens position for certain areas within the village to include the eco meadow, playing fields (Council owned), private developer land, children's play area (Council) and the wooded area with paths (currently developer soon to be Council).

CS – there is no requirement for the developer to transfer the land to the Council. The law states that KBC can enforce dog fouling on private land with the consent of the land owner or on land adjacent to the public highway, or KBC land. Confirmed that they do dog fouling exercises in Mawsley and that they have erected signs. If person walks two paces away from dog mess (they have caused) they will be liable to fine. £50 fixed penalty notice – last 12 mths all of these have been paid. Dog warden visited Mawsley last week and could not find any on grass behind TCAM. BL stated this is because the cricket club clear it away. SK stated that this was not an issue on pavements in Mawsley.

CS confirmed he will send a warden as and when it is requested.

BL Can we ban dogs from the playing fields and leave them to walk in other areas? CS – There has been no dog ban areas in Kettering. Under Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996 – designated land can be allocated

CS – Under the Dog Control Orders there are 5 options:

- 1 Dog Fouling – Hard to implement but there will be a forum to discuss this on 2, 4 and 5 November where all comments will be welcome.
- 2 Dog Ban Areas – Hard to bring in due to problems with action groups. For every dog ban area you need a similar area for dogs in near vicinity. BL suggested consultation with village regarding making playing field dog ban. CS stated that a Dog Ban Order would be Borough wide not just in Mawsley so whole Borough would need to agree. BL asked whether consultation would take in to account alternative areas for dogs to walk/mess, CS confirmed so. RB added that we would need to emphasis the dangers of child blindness etc and ensure it is not just seen as an anti dog issue. He also questioned why it would need to be Borough wide as Mawsley should be able to implement its own

rules that apply and affect the village. CS stated that this is because it would require too many different consultations if each Parish had its own rules which would also be too expensive. RB felt that this is required as the borough is 50/50 rural and urban so different area's have different needs. CS added that the consultation is just to hear people's views and not for them to vote as KBC will make the final decision. CS will write to us with information for us to consider so that we can prepare our response. RB then asked whether we could raise funds for our own consultation through precept and CS confirmed this would be ok.

- 3 Only dog on a lead – this would be only when sport is being played or near a public highway. VC added that you cant exercise a dog on a lead but is in favour of this on a playing field provided there is an alternative area for the dogs to exercise. This area should have a warning to children at the access.
- 4 Only dog on lead at request of authorised officer
- 5 Maximum number of dogs per person – refers mainly to professional dog walkers, which is not really a problem in Mawsley. RB asked whether this would affect hunts. CS confirmed that it would and that more staff would be needed to cancel out the number of dogs

Exception is wooded area's, these will not be clean up areas due to statute based law.

RB asked whether KBC have any leaflets on the dangers of dog fouling, CS said that they didn't as it could be interpreted as scare mongering.

CS added that with dog bins and litterbins nothing further could be done until the roads were adopted.

VC asked re the policy on taking photo's of dog fowlers and CS confirmed that KBC would not pursue it as the Council have recently been let down by people not willing to attend court to pursue the matter. If we inform KBC of dog fouling problems and give location and times they will deploy staff to check it out. RB suggested putting the photo's on the website.

#### **09.09.4 Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held August 3 2009 were proposed by Cllr. Cope and seconded by Cllr. Littler.

#### **08.09.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting**

12.06.15	Tom Saunders	Meeting with developers re street lights/other issues	TS in continuing negotiation with TW
6.08.19	Cllr Barnwell	Old Poor's Gorse Badger fence installation	To be chased
02.09.3	TS	Waiting agreement from TW	Still negotiating

		re traffic island	
03.09.07.1	BL	Determine costs of path to play area	Work will be undertaken shortly; cost will be advised ASAP.
03.09.09.1	BH	Liase with Tom Saunders re lighting	Meeting taking place 25/10/09
04.09.3.3	Tim Bellamy	Produce potential agreement btw KBC and MPC re eco meadow	TB dealing, RB asked for clause re handing back, TB confirmed it will be on a rolling basis
04.09.15	Cllr. Cope	Emergency planning	Flyers and article being distributed
06.09.18.1	VC	Speaking to cricket team re netting	VC to prepare proposal for next meeting
06.09.18.2	Clerk	Liase with TW re signage attached to lamp post	Had telephone conversation awaiting something in writing
07.09.03.01	TS	TW to add extra grit bin to bottom of village	BH confirmed this was being dealt with
07.09.09.01	Clerk	WI funding request to be investigated in terms of Mawsley Nursery planning application	Clerk to investigate whether funding still required
08.09.8.1	Cllr Hazell	To arrange inspection and meeting with Cllr Littler re TCAM	TCAM awaiting L/L request
08.09.8.2	Clerk	To obtain copy of lease for TCAM	BL to get TCAM copy
08.09.15.1	Clerk	Ltr/email to Cllrs Hakewill and Perry re trs of land from amenity to domestic garden	Completed
08.09.16.1	Clerk	Ltr/email to Cllr Hakewill and Perry re planning application instigated before approval	Completed

**09.09.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council**

RB had meeting with Cllr Hakewill who seemed keen to clear up outstanding issues

**09.09.7 Mawsley Community Fund**

No applications

**09.09.8 The Centre at Mawsley**

JH attended the TCAM meeting and confirmed that the figures were better than budget, however the salary provided for in respect of the Operations Manager position had not yet been used. Sales were also better than planned. The next stage is that TCAM are preparing a budget for next year and for this they require;

The insurance bill (Clerk to prepare)

Details of what the Council expectations are as to where they should be this time next year. What should the level of MPC investment be? JH confirmed that they should end the year with sales at 5-7k better than budget. JH requested Councillors provide details of their individual expectations.

RB asked what the status was in respect of hiring Operations Manager. BL confirmed an interview was taking place on 14 September and that in total; there were 4 possible people for the position. He also confirmed that TCAM were holding a meeting on 28 September and that the proposal for the two-year plan would be given in Octobers meeting.

BH added that in respect of the boilers being serviced he was waiting to hear from John and he will then get the costing, as this needs to be done by December.

RB added that a schedule of works, needs to be prepared, for work that the Landlord has carried out.

**08.09.9 Items for the Newsletter**

To be discussed at next meeting

**08.09.10. Bus route and shelter**

BL confirmed that Victoria Perry had chased the CC again. BH confirmed that following his meeting with TW they appeared keen. RB asked whether new people to the village were still being given welcome packs. He suggested liasing with Bedford Pilgrims in respect of this so that new people moving in were aware of what was expected

**08.09.11. Police Matters**

Crime figures for August reviewed – nothing to report

**08.09.12 Villager issues**

BL raised the issue regarding parking near the pond. CS stated that as it is private land, as is the cycle track there is nothing KBC can do to stop it. RB suggested putting bollards up which BL agreed with. CS added that people could be charged with driving without due care and attention here, as it does not have to be on public highways. He confirmed he could send a traffic warden to look at this if we requested.

DM also confirmed that villager had raised issue re hedge cutting near Warren End. DM confirmed in contact with DWH regarding this.

**08.09.13 Messrs Taylor Wimpey**

Nothing to report

**08.09.14 Accounts and Budgets**

BL went through the budget and the budget layout was approved. BL confirmed, that we need to speak to the bank, about the poor interest rates. RB added that as we had more than 50k we should move some money to another bank account to protect it. JH suggested an account that allowed at least one withdrawal a year. RB asked whether enough was being put in to a sinking fund to which JH confirmed that a lot would depend on TCAM's requirements.

BL stated that PC back up was required for Clerks pc. It was agreed that £100 would be allocated. Proposed BL seconded JH.

RB asked what we were doing regarding precepting. VC is to attend a meeting for Town & Parish Councils on precepting and report back next meeting. RB confirmed that Kettering is one of only 3 Boroughs not precepting and that unless we can show £150k will be saved it wont be approved. BH confirmed that residents need to be assured, that they are not being asked to pay twice. RB clarified that whilst a precept is being used in the parish only a small amount of Borough money is being given to rural areas.

DM gave letter regarding Path Wardens to RB.

**08.09.15 Correspondence and Clerks update**

DM handed the post file to JH to read and distribute

**08.09.16 Planning**

KET/2009/0476 – Unit 2 the access door in lieu of a window is not satisfactory as it may mean that lorries are using TCAM car park. Also how can this be a service door, as it does not appear to allow any room for access without crossing over TCAM boundaries? JH suggested putting up some sort of fence or post to define TCAM boundary. Unit 16 – Councillors happy with additional shops, Unit 21 Councillors happy with change of use, Unit 17 Change of use to dentist is agreed.

Councillors also asked for confirmation that cycle rack would not be removed and that the level of lighting would not be increased.

Clerk to write to One stop, Council and Landlords to explain our concerns.

**08.09.17 Any other business**

None

**ACTION POINTS**

09.09.8.1	Clerk	To prepare box of important documents	
09.09.8.2	Clerk	To prepare Insurance bill for	

		TCAM	
09.09.8.3	Cllr Holland	Boiler to be serviced	Obtaining quote from John
09.09.8.4	Clerk	Schedule of works to be prepared showing works carried out by landlord.	
09.09.12.1	Clerk	Speaking to DWH re mowing at Warren End	
09.09.14.1	Cllr Littler	Speak to bank regarding interest rates on accounts	
09.09.14.2	Clerk	To arrange for back up for PC	
09.09.14.3	Cllr Cope	Attending meeting re precepting	
09.09.14.4	Councillors	To provide details of their expectations for TCAM investment	
09.09.16.1	Clerk	Letter to One stop re access to new rear door to shop	

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....

**The meeting ended at 10:30**