

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 October 2009

Present: Cllr Littler; Cllr Holland; Cllr. Cope; Cllr Moreton; Diana MacCarthy (clerk); Cllr Perry

Members of the public present: Tom Saunders; PCSO Jane Breeze; PCSO Peter Firth; Sergeant Wayne Preece; Mick Podd; Jill Podd; Jacqui Wilson; Garth McMullen; Margaret McMullen; Joe Gill; Heather Mallinson; Rob Mallinson; Peter (?); Steve Harmon

10.09.1 Apologies for Absence Cllr Hazell; Cllr King

10.09.2 Declaration of Interests

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

10.09.3 Allotted time for members of the public

WP – In the last 6 months Mawsley has had 28 incidents of recorded crime, the main being burglary from a dwelling. Also included domestic incidents, nuisance and criminal damage. They are organising patrols to make residents feel safer and also to deter criminals, they are also fast tracking forensics. They are asking parishioners to contact them via the forum with any information. There will also be a mobile police station coming to Mawsley. They are searching also for handlers of stolen goods, which is being carried out via searches of premises/UV marking and smart water. Pens for UV marking can be given out and details relating to smart water will be provided.

JB – Having neighbourhood watch is very important. There are 6 PCSOs on her team all looking after a number of north west areas. They meet with co-ordinators monthly.

BL – We do have neighbourhood watch in the village which HM has now taken over.

HM – only 7 people have registered an interest, more are needed to cover whole village. Advert in newsletter did not bring much response.

JB – Noted

BL – Jane Calcutt would be helpful contact if she could meet with Heather.

**JB – All three of us should get together to discuss this ACTION
10.09.3.1**

HM – Dave Robbins has suggested meeting at centre – also suggested speaking to BL regarding the room hire fee.

PF – Those interested in smart water can purchase it for £15 plus vat

CM – would this act as a deterrent?

WP – Can advertise on a lamp post that it is a smart water area – this helps.

PF – there are also stickers in the pack for your window.

SH – you need to be careful that you don't scare school children by putting things in school newsletter – SH will speak with Elaine Wright

TS – How do we show criminals we are not a soft touch

WP – This is hard as most criminals don't care, they just need the money. Warnings to thieves, adverts in press, smart water etc all help

JG – Can we buy in to any form of house alarm deal for residents?

BL – You would have to speak to alarm companies and get the information

JG confirmed he would do this.

CM – what about giving free advertising to companies in return for a discount?

TS – Do new builds already have latest security?

PF – They do have more locks etc Alarms are good but basics such as locking windows is much more important. Government guidance notes state that alarms are least important in protecting your home.

CM – Having an alarm will discount your home insurance

JB – Being a member of neighbourhood watch helps too

Peter – When is mobile unit coming?

WP – Next week – it is a chance for the public to meet and speak. In respect of response and time limit worries, this will vary depending on location and type of emergency. The response time will come down at the moment due to the police officers in this area at the moment. If you see something happening observe, but do not get involved.

Peter – If you are in your house what can you do?

WP – You can use reasonable force

CM – What is average response time?

WP – No definite answer but can find out averages

Peter – Our location may be why we are being targeted.

WP – This may be true but we have base at Pytcheley and Kettering town centre.

CM – do you have problems finding house locations?

WP – The controller can guide the PC in as they are monitored with GPS

CM – Can you obtain the date of when the map was last updated?

WP – yes

GM – Some postcodes go to Corby because of GPS! Could we put camera's up to show who is coming in to and out of Mawsley

WP – Permanent cameras are for the council but we do have 'Eric', this is a mobile camera which we can put in a bid for

BL – Criminals could just change their plates

GM – But you cant cover all angles – this would help

BL – Cost of purchase, installation and maintenance would be high.

JG – what are medium/long term plans?

WP – Current actions are short term. If problems arise elsewhere then resources will be reallocated. Long term we have PCSO & PC's, specialist detectives etc all to speed criminal process up. Also bail is usually refused so they cant re-offend whilst awaiting court.

SH – Increase in fly tipping – is this related?

WP – this needs to be reported to the council.

BH – Can you confirm those burglaries in June – have people now been arrested?

WP – 1 individual has been charged with 4 offences.

VP – Break in to house to steal car – 1 or 2 offences?

WP – we charge separately, although the HO often count as one.

BL – Summarise – involvement of the village is key, neighbourhood watch is very important. Also publicise and advertise the benefits of smart water. We will pursue TW for any possible deals on alarms.

VP, Police and members of the public then left

10.09.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held September 7th 2009 were proposed by Cllr. Littler and seconded by Cllr. Cope.

10.09.5 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 – see below
6.08.19	Cllr Barnwell	Old Poor's Gorse Badger fence installation	To be chased

02.09.3	TS	Waiting agreement from TW re traffic island	Now incorporated with 12.06.15
03.09.07.1	BL	Determine costs of path to play area	Still await cost detail
03.09.09.1	BH	Liaise 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 – TB absent
04.09.15	Cllr. Cope	Emergency planning	Flyers and article being distributed – will be in Octobers newsletter
06.09.18.1	VC	Speaking to cricket team re netting	Details handed to BL – for discussion at next meeting
06.09.18.2	Clerk	Liaise with TW re signage attached to lamp post	Completed
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	Cheque paid to WI – matter completed
08.09.8.1	Cllr Hazell	To arrange inspection and meeting with Cllr Littler re TCAM	VC co-ordinating – 3 structural issues
08.09.8.2	Clerk	To obtain copy of lease for TCAM	Completed
09.09.8.1	Clerk	To prepare box of important documents	To obtain feedback from Councillors
09.09.8.2	Clerk	To prepare Insurance bill for TCAM	Completed
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.	Obtain feedback from Councillors
09.09.12.1	Clerk	Speaking to DWH re mowing at Warren End	Completed
09.09.14.1	Cllr Littler	Speak to bank regarding	To be done

		interest rates on accounts	
09.09.14.2	Clerk	To arrange for back up for PC	Underway
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	Await RB approval

12.06.15 (above) – TS had positive meeting with TW. They acknowledged all outstanding points. There is another meeting in a couple of weeks. Cycle link is still ongoing. The revised bus route should be tackled before winter and TW will also grit this route. TW mentioned the issue of parking on this route, this needs to be addressed.

BH – S38 meeting – CC/TW – need to define what is where ie bollards and islands etc. Will run the bus route through the village to check. Has to run from an adopted road ie C31. Suggested we meet with them again mid November ACTION 10.09.5.1

TS – Approx 27 lamp posts are now out, people need to report this.

BL – There is a rolling contract now so we should be OK and issues should be sorted quicker.

10.09.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

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

10.09.7 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications

10.09.8 The Centre at Mawsley

Chris Winter and Graham Leah joined the meeting.

BL took part in this debate solely in his capacity as a director of The Centre at Mawsley – BH to Chair

Draft budget 2010 and review of 2009 was presented by Chris Winter and Graham Leah (details attached to hard copy of minutes and available for viewing by Councillors if required). They confirmed they now have an Operations Manager.

BL confirmed the Operations Manager had 25 yrs licensed trade experience in a small chain of pubs

CM – what is the contract?

Graham – it is irrelevant for the first year

CM – should be fixed term, based on bonuses etc. if not 12 months will pass very quickly and we could be stuck. Is salary per year?

CW – yes

VC – Increase in turnover by £50,000 for last year? How do you propose this?

CW – More events to get people to the bar. Penny will focus on events, the Ops Manager will run the business.

BL – We didn't specify Licence trade experience was a requirement at start but it soon became obvious that this was essential. We need a consistent message as to what /who the bar is for

CM –13k Asked whether the £17k grant made earlier this year was included in the accounts presented

CW –Advised that it is.

CW & GL left the meeting

BH –Suggested that Cllrs, excluding BL given his conflict of interest, should meet subsequently to this meeting to consider The Centre's request.

BH - There is a request for a contribution towards security. We also need more info i.e. why do we need the latest version of certain items? The meeting will be arranged so this matter can be concluded. With lighting, this should be discussed separately in more detail.

**BH – Agreed – he will provide information on lighting spec
ACTION10.09.8.1**

VC – Involve Tony and see what he has in mind for lighting

BL resumed as Chair of the meeting.

10.09.9

Items for the Newsletter

Nothing

10.09.10.

Bus route and shelter

TS discussed earlier

10.09.11.

Police Matters

Covered when members of the public spoke

10.09.12

Villager issues

Covered in 10.09.3

10.09.13

Messrs Taylor Wimpey

Nothing to report

10.09.14

Accounts and Budgets

Update of expenditure given, Clerk requested funding to attend finance course run by NALC - Proposed CM seconded BH

- 10.09.15 **Correspondence and Clerks update**
 Post file reviewed. Issue raised re insurance as actual number of residents exceeds number quoted on policy ACTION 10.09.15.1
- 10.09.16 **Planning**
 Ket/2009/0571 – MPC concerned that it may impinge on land outside parish boundary. Also not block paved but gravel approach.
 Ket/2009/0549 – email to councillors to ask their comments ACTION 10.09.16.1
 Ket/2009/0562 – No objections
- 10.09.17 **Any other business**
 None

ACTION POINTS

10.09.3.1	HM	Meeting with JB and JC	
10.09.3.2	Clerk	To speak to TW re alarms	
10.09.5.1	TS	Meeting with TW mid November	
10.09.8.1	BL	To provide info on lighting spec	
10.09.14.1	Clerk	To attend finance meeting	
10.09.15.1	Clerk	To update insurance in respect of number of residents	
10.09.16.1	Clerk	Email Councillors re Planning ref: Ket/2009/0549	

Signed:

Date:

The meeting ended at 10:05

