

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 May 2010

Present: Cllr Littler (Chair); Cllr Holland; Cllr. Cope; Cllr Barnwell; Cllr Thomas; Diana MacCarthy (clerk);

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; Steve Draycott; PCSO Paul Miller; PCSO Joe Studd; Tim Bellamy; Michael Podd; Sarah Hart; Tony Bagshaw

05.10.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Moreton

05.10.2 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, and as a member of the Allotment Association.

05.10.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Michael Podd asked to speak about three issues that were of concern to him. The first is that he feels the map of the Village should be updated. Cllr Littler agreed and undertook to deal with this ACTION 5.10.3.1 Cllr Littler

Mr Podd then asked if we could have a post box towards the bottom of the village as it is too far for some to walk as it currently stands. ACTION Clerk to speak to Royal Mail 5.10.3.2

Finally Mr Podd was concerned as to the cost of new bus shelters and put forward a suggestion that maybe we could utilise a garden shed by removing the door and using this as a shelter. The Councillors agreed to consider this although concern was raised as to how secure and stable this would be and whether it would offer enough protection against the wind. It also needs to offer a degree of comfort for the older members of the community.

05.10.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 12 April 2010 were proposed by Cllr. Barnwell and seconded by Cllr. Holland

05.10.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

12.06.15	Tom Sanders	Meeting with developers re street lights/other issues	Ongoing – see detail below
03.09.07.1	BL	Determine costs of path to play area	Sarah Hart awaiting cost detail – see below
04.09.3.3	Tim Bellamy	Produce potential agreement between KBC and MPC re eco-meadow	Await transfer to KBC. BL suggested speaking to Steve Farmer. Cllr Barnwell offered his farming services
04.09.15	Cllr. Cope	Emergency planning	Ongoing
09.09.14.1	Cllr Littler/Holland	Speak to bank regarding interest rates on accounts	See finance below
11.09.8.4	VC & BH	To look at alternatives to the lighting at TCAM	Still awaiting quotations. Proposal ready for next meeting
12.09.6.1	VC	To prepare list of properties which may have encroached on land outside their boundary	Ongoing, up to date map now received
12.09.8.1	VC	Cost implications of insulating the small container and of installing mezzanine flooring in the storage room	Await Building Reg Approval
03.10.5	Councillors	Prepare letter for TD re grant requirements	Councillors to email Clerk with project ideas
03.10.11	VC	Write to TW re mastic	Await reply

Allotments

SD asked whether one plot could be used as a club plot and if so whether he could put a 20ft poly tunnel on there with a frame 18ft x 12ft. He would also like a club shed which would be approx 10 x 8. He confirmed that Les & Anne Cordes had no objection.

Cllr Barnwell said this was fine as long as the club signs and dates an agreement in respect of the plot.

Cllrs Barnwell and Littler then added that this was OK as long as all costs were borne by the allotment society

Cllr Barnwell went on to say that a piece of land that had been earmarked by Wimpey may be put back in to manageable condition this year.

SD said the Society may be interested in additional land due to the increase in demand for allotments

Cllr Barnwell proposed an increase to the allotment rent to cover admin costs and loss of income in the event that any allotment should be unused.

Cllr Littler removed himself from the discussion as he has an interest in the allotment society.

Cllr Holland suggested speaking to Mr & Mrs Cordes then raising this for discussion at next month's meeting. Clerk & Cllr Cope to meet with Mr & Mrs Cordes. ACTION 5.10.5.1

Bus Route/Roads

TS then gave a brief overview of the main issues regarding roads and the new bus route. Extended bus route is still scheduled for the end of May. The placing of the bus shelters is on hold until TW agree to transfer the land.

Cllr Littler said that the current planned stop is viewed as too far from the surgery by some.

TS confirmed he had also asked TW to put in a hard standing in to the land that they may transfer. Further, the storm water issue was being dealt with and should be completed in 6-8 weeks.

TS then confirmed the estimate for the insurance relating to the bus shelters received from Came & Co is £25.00 per annum. In order to obtain further grants from the County Council and Borough Council we need to apply in writing and request funds from the empowerment funds, but TB confirmed this needs to be requested via a community group.

Cllr Littler asked that all documentation go through the clerk as it is on behalf of MPC.

Play Area

TB spoke about the play area and the lack of fencing which is important for keeping both the children in and dogs out. He and Sarah Hart had been researching what would be needed and the funding issues. They now have 10 volunteers who are keen but not equipped. Due to the nature of the work it may be that a supply and fitting of the fence is required.

SH confirmed they were trying to ascertain MPC initial views on this matter.

Cllr Littler asked what the cost estimate was.

Cllr Barnwell also added that he would like to know who would own the fence.

TB confirmed ownership would fall to MVA.

TB said he had obtained quotes on both metal and wooden fences.

Cllr Littler enquired about the path which finishes halfway between the playground and the Centre.

SH said that the path would need to be finished as it provides access for pushchairs and wheelchairs, the quotes vary between £1500-£3000.

Cllr Littler confirmed that it was therefore a MVA project on KBC land and therefore MPC is required purely for financial needs. £3500 had been allocated to the playground which had not been used due to a BPHA contribution.

TB confirmed that financially the quotes were for around 5-6k for the fence and footpath

Cllr Littler said that the quote that had originally been given by Wicksteed was for £10k.

Cllr Holland whether the footpath should have just stopped or is it possible the work was not finished to spec?

Cllr Littler confirmed it was only ever going to be halfway.

Cllr Holland then asked how maintenance would be divided if a new extension to the footpath was added.

Cllr Barnwell raised the concern regarding the fence being wooden; he said that most play areas were now surrounded via metal fences due to maintenance.

TB had checked with a Health & Safety expert within the village and the wooden fences would comply with requirements.

Cllr Littler declared his interest as a member of MVA and asked the Councillors if MPC would be willing to contribute in principle

Cllr Holland said that it could be subject to the community fund, MVA and MPC with all parties contributing

TB said that the biggest concern was dogs mess and keeping it away from children

Cllr Holland asked for a comparison as to the cost of metal and wooden fences.

Cllr Littler asked them to come to next month's meeting with a formal request for funds (to a maximum of 75% of the total project cost)

TB & SH then left the meeting

05.10.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Cllr Barnwell has arranged a meeting with Tim Bellamy of KBC for 17th May regarding the lease of the playing field. It is felt it would be better to have a direct lease of the playing field from KBC to MVA. KBC however are not happy to lease to a non-statutory body.

TB then confirmed he had received a letter from Mrs Aitken of The Round regarding the upkeep of open space and that this had been passed to TW.

05.10.7 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications

05.10.8 The Centre at Mawsley

No real update on the kitchen.

Action being taken by former employee not yet resolved and is now going to Tribunal unless ACAS can assist beforehand. Each party is to pay their own costs.

Cllr Holland raised his concern regarding TCAM purchasing fixtures and fittings which will attach to the property, as MPC is landlord.

05.10.9 Items for the Newsletter

None

05.10.10 Bus Route and Shelter

Discussed above

05.10.11 Police Matters

PM had no figures for April but in March there was 1 burglary dwelling and 1 burglary other, 1 criminal damage and 5 violent offences – he said that a violence can be as little as pushing and shoving.

Cllr Barnwell raised the issue that we do not receive enough info in relation to the crime and this can raise unnecessary concern.

Cllr Littler confirmed that in Cransley the details are also no longer available

PM said he will refer this matter to Sergeant Preece

Clerk confirmed she had raised this with Jayne Breeze

Cllr Cope said he was please with some information coming through such as that relating to a picture scam which had been received by Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr Barnwell said that if NhW were receiving information then so should the Council.

TS added that only a small number of people were willing to take up NhW posts within the village

Cllr Littler confirmed that there were 17 co-ordinators

JS and PM then left

05.10.12 Villager issues

Cllr Barnwell raised the issue of people throwing rubbish on the land at the east end of the village, and confirmed that a palisade fence would now be erected.

05.10.13 Messrs George Wimpey

Nothing save for that mentioned above in 04.10.5

05.10.14 Accounts and Budgets

Clerk gave overview of the internal audit and confirmed that this had been completed. Clerk then raised the issues that had been highlighted being; Clerk salary ACTION 5.10.14.1 Clerk to prepare note to Councillors on NALC pay scale, and requirement to prepare draft budget ACTION 5.10.14.2 Clerk to add to next month's Agenda

Finally it was discussed whether we should move 80% of the Community Funds into a separate account. ACTION 5.10.14.3 Clerk & Cllr Holland to review.

05.10.15 Correspondence and Clerk's update

Clerk to enquire as to cost of increasing fidelity insurance, need to increase fidelity insurance ACTION 5.10.15.1

05.10.16 Planning

Application for street trading licence – Cllrs thought this should be in a different location to that which is already used by a fish & Chip van which currently visits the village

KET/2010/0270 – Approved

KET/2010/0248 – Approved

ACTION Clerk to confirm with KBC planning 5.10.16.1

ACTION POINTS

5.10.3.1	BL	Update map of village on website and board	
5.10.3.2	Clerk	Speak to Royal mail about additional box in village	

5.10.5.1	Cllr Cope & Clerk	To meet with Mr & Mrs Cordes re allotments	
5.10.14.1	Clerk	To prepare note for Councillors re salary review	
5.10.14.2	Clerk	Add Budget to next months Agenda	
5.10.14.3	Cllr Holland & Clerk	To look at moving 80% funds	
5.10.15.1	Clerk	Get quote for additional fidelity cover	
5.10.16.1	Clerk	To respond to KBC	

The meeting ended at 10.30

Signed:

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