

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 June 2010

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

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; PCSO Jason Parish; Netty Lumsden; Zena Stone.

06.10.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Barnwell; Tim Bellamy

06.10.2 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.

06.10.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Zena complained that she was not happy with the number of houses TW are attempting to build, nor of the state of the roads.

Cllr Littler said that they worked to a building program and that there was no specific requirement to finish the building work by a set time, there is however a limit on the number of properties to be built, and there are no plans at the moment to extend the village save for the pub site application. In respect of the state of the roads, Tom Sanders has been endeavouring to get lights fixed and roads adopted. He went on to say any issues residents have they should contact the parish council and they will be able to direct them in the right direction.

Zena asked whether there was any point in asking her solicitor to write to TW.

TS said no as there is no legal obligation to get the adoption process moving.

Zena went on to say that visitors to the village who were not aware of the road works so much were hitting the raised drains, commenting on the horrible landscaping and that she felt that the village was going downhill.

Cllr Holland confirmed that Main Street would be the next to be done.

Cllr Moreton added that Cllrs Holland and Littler had been doing everything possible for the village. Originally there was going to be 750 houses but this was increased to 875, even though MPC objected this was overruled. Cllr Moreton then asked whom we speak to regarding the lights in the village.

TS said that TW wanted us to go through them.

Cllr Littler said that it was important that villagers write to TW direct and Cllr Thomas Gave Zena the contact details.

Zena then asked who had put the article in the Evening Telegraph regarding Mawsley.

Cllr Holland said he thought it was the Editor who lives in Mawsley

06.10.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 10th May 2010 were proposed by Cllr. Cope and seconded by Cllr. Moreton

06.10.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

12.06.15	Tom Sanders	Meeting with developers re street lights/other issues	Phase 1 delayed due to narrow islands
03.09.07.1	BL	Determine costs of path to play area	Metal fence too expensive
04.09.3.3	Tim Bellamy	Produce potential agreement between KBC and MPC re eco-meadow	Await transfer to KBC
04.09.15	Cllr. Cope	Emergency planning	Ongoing
09.09.14.1	Cllr Littler/Holland	Speak to bank regarding interest rates on accounts	Ongoing. Clerk to speak to bank re tax on account
11.09.8.4	VC & BH	To look at alternatives to the lighting at TCAM	Guy in village would like to quote. VC & BH meeting with him next week and will report next month
12.09.6.1	VC	To prepare list of properties which may have encroached on land outside their boundary	In progress
12.09.8.1	VC	Cost implications of insulating the small container and of installing mezzanine flooring in the storage room	Fire service delaying this
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	Clerk to chase
5.10.3.1	BH, PT, CM	Clerk Pay	See below

5.10.3.2	Clerk	Post Box	Post box to be placed in Barnwell Court without next few weeks
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Clerk left the room whilst the Councillors discussed point 5.10.3.1;

BH summarised a note from the clerk to base salary on hours expected to be worked

VC suggested the increase was not huge

BL asked BH to compare existing with new. BH didn't have the existing figures but summarised proposed hourly then monthly pay and conditions.

BH advised these figures and guidelines were indicated by the auditor at the recent internal audit.

CM asked how increase is to be funded. Is it covered by grant from KBC? Should we ask for advice from KBC as to what we should be using the grant for?

BH pointed out the auditor stated that the clerk was definitely underpaid.

BL suggested 2/3 councillors sit down and look at the implications/financially or otherwise. CM, PT and BH to discuss and advise at next meeting.

CM suggested any award be backdated.

BL agreed and suggested 1/4/10 as start date once award agreed.

Clerk re-entered the room.

06.10.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Nothing further as TB not at meeting

06.10.7 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications

06.10.8 The Centre at Mawsley

BL said that a plan of the kitchen was underway with a view that a free kitchen be put in if acceptable.

VC had prepared a proposed maintenance schedule for the building and confirmed that we should have defined areas as to who is doing what to the building and who is responsible.

BL agreed with this.

ACTION BL to take the maintenance to TCAM and report back on their reaction.

CM said we need a clear understanding of who owns what and who is responsible. We also need a life expectancy for each item in respect of

wear and tear from TCAM. MPC will then replace when the life expectancy expires

BL then went on to say that sales were poor at the moment and slightly behind on budget. He had a meeting to look at increasing revenue and reducing cost. One idea was a projector to show sporting activities. TCAM requests approval for attaching it to the ceiling but confirmed it won't increase the amount of sport shown.

BH asked whether there is evidence that the sporting licence (£300pcm) brings in the revenue.

CM said that TCAM had been given the facility for the good of the people, but why the projector? People are not using the TV as it is.

BL again asked for consent for the projector to be put in.

BH said that MPC had not yet seen April figures yet and that the last set were quite concerning. He suggested a joint meeting with TCAM, MVA and MPC.

BL suggested just TCAM

BH thought it important that MVA was also involved.

BL again asked for the consent for the projector.

VC proposed and PT seconded.

06.10.9 Items for the Newsletter

BL suggested re-iterating who to contact with any issues over the roads

ACTION BL to speak to TS for article in newsletter 6.10.9.1

ACTION clerk to email Emma re meeting dates 6.10.9.2

06.10.10 Bus Route and Shelter

TS said there were two proposals for the bus stop – one being the surgery and one the perimeter of the school. He is continuing to chase Craig Vincent to get the title to the land.

CM suggested on The Green

TS went on to say he had spoken to Stagecoach and that they are waiting for TW to finish the islands. TS informed them it was done. Stagecoach said it should now be ready by the end of June.

BL confirmed that bus shelters had become an issue because of location and land ownership. He was awaiting approval from TB of the consultation letter and said that we needed to chase funding. ACTION clerk to chase TB re consultation letter 6.10.3.1

TS confirmed that he had asked TW to put the hard standing in and they had estimated it to cost £1400.

VS said he had received enquiries about extending the bus route to the very bottom of the village.

BL agreed this was a good idea and should be the next project.

06.10.11 Police Matters

JP confirmed the following offences; Criminal damage to vehicle (4/5) Theft (4/5); Shoplifting (11/5); 2 x Criminal damage linked to a domestic incident; Fraud (24/5); 2 assaults without injury (25/5).

He also confirmed that this Thursday (11/6) there will be a speed gun in Mawsley, also signs relating to speeding and parking which are more for awareness than enforcement.

Cllr Cope said that TW were going to have 40 lorries a day coming in and out of the village starting next week as they have 11,000 cubic metres of debris to get rid off

Cllr Littler said that when he complained about a driver last time to Bill Metcalfe at TW, the driver was sacked.

Cllr Littler asked if the police high presence was still ongoing in Mawsley.

JP confirmed it was but not to such a high level.

Cllr Holland then asked what was being done about drivers using their phone/eating.

JP said he would bear this in mind when paroling Mawsley.

06.10.12 Villager issues

TS said that he was planning to construct some plant boxes at the entrance to the village and asked whether planning permission was required.

BL said no.

BH said that mowing open spaces was becoming a problem at Cransley Rise and Stoneyfield.

BL said that the area at Cransley rise was Barratt owned. The people affected should contact Barratts directly. BPHA is also responsible for some of the land in that area.

CM said we should have a master plan clearly showing the open land and defining who is responsible.

BL said that the Clerk should speak to KBC and see what the use of that land is

VC said should we not find out who owns it first?

ACTION Clerk to speak to KBC 6.10.12.1

ACTION Clerk to arrange a meeting with Jim Harker to discuss the issue 6.10.12.2

06.10.13 Messrs George Wimpey

Nothing save for that mentioned above.

06.10.14 Accounts and Budgets

BH expenses £99.12, were agreed in respect of travel to discuss lighting issues.

Proposed VC seconded PT.

06.10.15 Correspondence and Clerks update

06.10.16 Planning

KET/2010/0253 Application to build houses on the pub site: BL outlined the background - this is a small site, TW asked for it to be extended to accommodate a pub and it was then sold to Mawsley Taverns for £75000. They then tried to sell it on for £950,000 but were unable to do and progressively reduced the price to £450,000. TW have now made the planning application but it is not known whether Mawsley Taverns have sold the land back to TW. It could be said that in setting the sales price so high c.f. the land's true value (as exemplified by the original purchase price, no real attempt to market the land as a pub site has been made. Also the area was allocated as community facilities and should remain as such. Finally the extended area should revert back to its use as a playing field.

We need to have two discussions, firstly is whether the parish Council supports or objects to the application; and secondly if it is successful what should the recompense to the village be?

The purchasers of the property must be made aware of the noise issue in relation to being so close to the pub and play area.

PT noted that there were only 3 letters showing any attempt to market the land over the past several years.

CM asked if we have any correspondence from TW as to them saying the reason they wanted to extend the land for the pub. Also can we really say a pub is not wanted if it has never been built and no opportunity has been given as to its use.

BL asked whether all councillors were in agreement that we don't agree with the proposal.

All Councillors confirmed.

BH added that he was particularly not happy with the lack of marketing and attempt to sell the land as a pub.

BL said that he and BH will attend a meeting to argue the case for retaining the land for the good of the community.

PT said we need to be realistic as TW will have a strong voice

CM asked whether we need legal advice to make sure the council have all the right facts.

BL asked whether all councillors were agreeable with the Clerk writing a letter to KBC outlining our objections.

All Agreed. ACTION Clerk to write objection letter to KBC 6.10.16.1

PT raised an additional point in respect of parking for visitors and access to and from the site.

9.45pm CM left the meeting

KET/2010/0290– no objections.

ACTION POINTS

6.10.3.1	Clerk	Chase TB re consultation letter for bus stops/shelters	
6.10.9.1	BL	Article in newsletter re road issues	
6.10.9.2	Clerk	Email newsletter re meeting dates	
6.10.12.1	Clerk	Speak to KBC re open space	
6.10.12.2	Clerk	Speak to Jim Harker re mowing issues	
6.10.16.1	Clerk	Write to KBC re planning objections for pub site	

The meeting ended at 10.30

Signed:

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