

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 July 2010

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

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; PCSO Jayne Breeze; Dr Janet Redman; Brian Tuite; Nick Chater.

07.10.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Littler

07.10.2 Declaration of Interests
None

07.10.3 Allotted time for members of the public

TS raised an issue regarding the duck pond. Colin Radford, Glen De Boer and TS all met, and he was informed that they would need to strip out the trees around the perimeter of the pond.

Colin Radford asked whether MPC would like to own the duck pond

RB said this would not be a good idea.

TS said that Colin Radford had said that it would have to be filled in unless MPC took ownership.

RB said we would have to keep precepting to keep it

PT added that if the duck pond was part of the master plan then CC should continue to maintain it

VC said he had spoken to VP and she suggested that we should say we would have it and then get the Borough Council to take it on

RB said that by law they cant and he is sure Colin Radford was misunderstood

TS said that having done work for the British Trust he was sure almost every Parish Council was responsible for their pond

BH said that instead of going to MPC then BC it should be transferred direct to the BC.

PT added that we should say no until TW actually put in a planning application to fill it.

RB feels that Mawsley ahs already taken on more than it should have.

BH surmised by saying that BC should be approached first then we can discuss the matter further.

TS said he would get Colin Radford to write to himself with the proposal

RB said it would be better if Colin Radford wrote direct to MPC

CM said we should tell TW we think it should be BC and that they should write to them direct, and only if they say no should they contact us. We need to bear in mind the massive issue of insurance and the risk we would bear in relation to children

PT then asked whether TW would replace the removed tree's like for like?

ACTION 7.10.3.1 Clerk to write to TW to ensure removed tree's would be replaced

BH said we should speak to BC re the filling in of the pond as this may be an enforcement issue

ACTION 7.10.3.2 Clerk to speak to Planning Dep re pond filling and obtain enforcement number

TS went on to say he spoke to TW regarding the trucks coming through the village. A traffic survey had been undertaken and issues raised were that there were no zig zags near the school nor any traffic signs

VC said Philip Hammond had stated that the law had been amended and that the Parish Council can choose what speed they wish to set

PT said that his understanding was that anything under 30mph was advisory only

CM said we should make any speed signs more realistic as the one for 5mph was too slow.

ACTION 7.10.3.3 VC & Clerk to investigate whether an Act has been passed

07.10.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held 7 June 2010 were proposed by Cllr. Cope and seconded by Cllr. Moreton

07.10.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

03.09.07.1	BL	Determine costs of path to play area	On hold due to possible new houses
04.09.3.3	Tim Bellamy	Produce potential agreement between KBC and MPC re eco-meadow	Ongoing
04.09.15	Cllr. Cope	Emergency planning	Ongoing
09.09.14.1	Cllr Littler/Holland	Speak to bank regarding interest rates on accounts	Ongoing.

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	Work due to commence shortly
03.10.5	Councillors	Prepare letter for TD re grant requirements	Stil awaited
03.10.11	VC	Write to TW re mastic	Response awaited
5.10.3.1	BH, PT, CM	Clerk Pay	BH to meet with Clerk
6.10.3.1	Clerk	Chase TB re consultation letter for bus stops/shelters	Ongoing
6.10.9.1	BL	Article in newsletter re road issues	
6.10.12.1	Clerk	Speak to KBC re open space	Ongoing
6.10.12.2	Clerk	Speak to Jim Harker re mowing issues	Ongoing

07.10.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Clerk had spoken with KBC re the election, this is to be held on 12 August with the polling station at TCAM.

VC asked a few questions re the election; Can Councillors canvas on behalf of prospective candidates and how is their campaign funded?

ACTION 7.10.6.1 Clerk to speak to KBC re questions raised

07.10.7 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications

07.10.8 The Centre at Mawsley

BT & NC gave a presentation on their lighting system as a proposal for TCAM.

NC – the lights pick up movement and daylight. If it doesn't detect someone it will power down. It burns 27w instead of 350w when no-one is in there. The light will turn on instantly and will last for 30,000 hours.

As a rough estimate it will pay for itself in 2 ½ years, and it also has a protective cover to prevent damage from ball games.

RB – does one controller control all of the lights?

NC – Confirmed

RB – asked about the repair/replacement of the bulbs?

NC – Can be changed by using hoists but that would be expensive

BH – suggested changing all the bulbs every two years at the same time as each bulb only costs £3-4.

RB – Asked how are they fixed?

NC – Said they can be attached direct to the ceiling or hang

VC said that they had obtained several quotes for secondary lighting but that BT had put forward this quote that seemed a better option. They had put a data logger on the lighting to system to get information regarding the power usage.

NC – said the logger had been put on for 5 days and it used £9.27.

VC said this system would cut out the need for secondary lighting

BH said it was important this was finalised today

RB asked whether we could easily obtain a replacement controller?

NC confirmed we could at a cost

BH confirmed it would cost approx £300

RB said we should ensure only one person is in charge of the controller

NC – Said the annual cost would be approx £1200 or £790 (without sensors) or £221 (based on 80% occupancy) and we would have a years parts and labour warranty included. The following 5 years would include parts free of charge but we would have to pay labour costs. We would also be saving between 3.5-4.0 tonnes of co2 emissions per year

BH asked whether if we set them at a particular setting is there a default button for it to revert back

NC said no

BH asked if they had detailed costs to show?

BT said no but they can do a formal quote for consideration

RB asked if there was anyway to stop the flies getting in?

NC said no

RB asked what the timescale was for fitting?

BT said not long and it could be done during the summer holidays

BH asked if we could have an approximate quote

BT said £3000 plus VAT

BH proposed up to a max of £3000 plus VAT and PT seconded

TCAM

BH then said that he was still awaiting the financial figures for April from TCAM. Clerk had been trying to arrange a meeting between TCAM/MPC and MVA but he felt it was better to postpone this until after the holiday period to ensure all could attend.

ACTION 7.10.9.1 Clerk to re-arrange date and cancel meeting of 12th July

BH said he wanted the meeting to be wider than just to improve revenue and decrease costs

PT said he thought it was important to figure out why the actual and the projected budget were so far out.

CM said he was not happy with the finances and that TCAM does not allow MPC to have any say and we now have the same issue we had 18 months ago. TCAM should not be asking what they should do as they are supposed to be running it. He is not happy for MPC to be involved with the running of it now as it may come back on us. He was also not happy with BL being the chairperson of the meeting as he felt he would be unable to take a neutral view.

BH said we are not actually fixing anything just subsidising and that MVA should be running things, TCAM is just the operational side.

CM added that it is not for MPC to raise the Agenda

PT said however we were the one's who raised our concerns over the financial side

VC said that they had taken no notice of what we had said for example with the kitchen

PT said they need a business plan as they would have if they were applying to a bank

CM added that the loan we had give them should be in written terms

RB said he had never wanted the centre in the first place but as we d and we cant hand it back it has to be subsidised through the precept. If it was handed back to us it would not be open as it is now. RB went on to suggest Jim Hakewill as an independent chair.

CM said we should have a say in the running of it as MPC provide so much money and also that TCAM was only a buffer between MVA and MPC due to limited liability.

BH then asked all councillors whether we should proceed with the joint meeting – all councillors agreed. BH went on to ask whether we all agreed that Jim Hakewill should be approached to chair the meeting – all councillors agreed.

ACTION 7.10.9.2 BL to approach JH to chair meeting

CM said in respect of the Agenda we need to make sure we don't suggest anything in terms of advice and that the date should be set for September due to holiday commitments.

BH asked whether if TCAM ask for more money should we use the precept money again or put it to the villagers?

VC said we should give TCAM the bar at a rent but keep the rest of the Centre subsidised by the precept

RB said we should not to the village as we are elected members

Kitchen

BH asked who is going to speak to us about the kitchen?

CM said it was nothing to do with us they just need to ensure that the kitchen is fitted back to how we have provided originally.

VC said we need to ask about the quality of an ex display kitchen, how good will be when it is re-fitted. We also need TCAM to actually seek official permission from us.

CM said that even if it only lasts two years as it is free of charge it would be ok.

RB said it needs to be the property of MPC. We need to make sure that the schedule correctly shows what we own and that this should be done via an exchange of letters.

BH said the three main issues are; we should see and approve a plan; raise concerns as to the fact that it is reconstituted (warranty) and confirm that it will be our property.

ACTION Clerk to write to BL re the above points 7.10.9.3

VC said we also need a separate meeting with TCAM in respect of the maintenance schedule. All that would be required would be 2 representatives from each group – MVA, TCAM and MPC

On behalf of MPC; VC & PT agreed to represent the councillors.

ACTION Clerk to arrange meeting 7.10.9.4

07.10.9 Items for the Newsletter

RB suggested a crime update for each newsletter to make villagers aware of the type of incidences taking place

07.10.10 Bus Route and Shelter

TS said that Stagecoach were having issues with getting the roads to standard. In respect of the bus shelter we were also still relying on TW but that 20-22 School road was still looking promising.

RB said that following the new installation of a bus stop at Cransley he had been made aware of the new requirement that to have a raised portion to make wheelchair/pushchair access more accessible.

ACTION 7.10.10.1 Clerk to chase VP, JH & TB re funding

07.10.11 Police Matters

PCSO Jayne Breeze detailed the reported crime as follows;

No reported crime in July

June – 28th Assault no injury

27th – Domestic

26th – Domestic

23rd – Robbery/car theft

20th – Assault with injury

13th – Domestic

6th – Shoplifting

2nd – Domestic

Cllr Barnwell commented that he was delighted with the crime information now being received and he felt that it would be a good idea to post advice on the forum for example detailing how the car theft took place.

TS said that waiting for the newsletter to come out would take too much time

JB suggested the forum or via NBW

VC said that he had received good feedback regarding the high visibility day.

07.10.12 Villager issues

An issue had been raised by the Youth football team in that they now require a pitch. To obtain this the adult pitch needs to be moved and further netting is required.

BH asked whether we can provide £800 from the community fund.

RB said we would need to know who is to own the netting

BH said we need the football to actually put in an application for funding.

ACTION 7.10.12.1 Clerk to speak to football club

Clerk then referred to two emails received;

Firstly Claire Shields had raised concerns regarding the movement of lorries during school hours and the lack of diversion signs. **ACTION** Clerk to speak to TW 7.10.12.2 and refer back to Ms Shields 7.10.12.3

Second concern was regarding tree planting on open space, the councillors agreed this up to the owner of the open space (generally the developer) to agree or not.

ACTION clerk to respond to Nick Hughes **ACTION 7.10.12.4**

07.10.13 Messrs George Wimpey

Nothing save for that mentioned above.

07.10.14 Accounts and Budgets

Cheque was raised to pay for insurance invoice

Further ongoing discussions were made in the clerks absence and it was decided the clerk would speak direct with BH to finalise any pay amendment details ACTION 7.10.14.1 Clerk to speak with BH

Finally the invoices relating to TCAM were agreed and it was suggested by the clerk that these should contain more detail

ACTION Clerk to speak to TCAM re the content of the invoices 7.10.14.2

07.10.15 Correspondence and Clerks update

Information relating to changes to recycling

07.10.16 Planning

No new applications, save for the amendment to TW application at former pub site which VC said had been amended to 8 properties

Any Other Business

RB confirmed he had attended a meeting regarding the Charter wherein he was informed the charter would not be binding on Parish Councils. He felt this was perhaps an indication of money wasting. The Charter is now under review and details should be sent to MPC shortly.

VC raised the issue of signs outside TCAM to keep lorries off the car park. This would be paid for from the maintenance fund. CM proposed a maximum of £150 and this was seconded by PT

Finally BH said that the Minutes should no longer go to BL for approval before being circulated to other councillors. This was agreed by all.

There was some discussion amongst councillors with regard to the rental paid for room hire when TCAM still enjoyed a peppercorn rent of £1 per annum. This was to be put to TCAM and discussed in more detail.

ACTION POINTS

7.10.3.1	Clerk	Write to TW re removal and replacement of trees	
7.10.3.2	Clerk	Speak to KBC re enforcement notice relating to pond fill	

7.10.3.3	Clerk & VC	to investigate speed lawa	
7.10.6.1	Clerk	To raise questions regarding the election with Ian White at KBC	
7.10.9.1	Clerk	To rearrange meeting between MPC/MVA 7 TCAM for September	
7.10.9.2	BL	To approach Jim Hakewill re chairing the above meeting	
7.10.9.3	Clerk	Clerk tot write to BL re kitchen issue	
7.10.9.4	Clerk	To arrange maintenance schedule meeting	
7.10.10.1	Clerk	To chase VP, JH & TB re funding for hard standing	
7.10.12.1	Clerk	To speak to youth football club re funding	
7.10.12.2	Clerk	To speak to TW re issues raised by Claire Shields	
7.10.12.3	Clerk	To respond to Claire Shields email	
7.10.12.4	Clerk	To speak to Nick Hughes re planting concerns	
7.10.14.1	Clerk	To meet with BH to finalise pay	
7.10.14.2	Clerk	To speak with TCAM re invoice detail	

The meeting ended at 11.00

Signed:

Date: