

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 December 2010

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

Members of the public present: PCSO Paul Miller; Tom Sanders; Edward John Cordell; Richard Hoy

12.10.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Moreton; Tim Bellamy

12.10.2 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.

12.10.3 Allotted time for members of the public

EJC was concerned with the condition of the roads and wondered whether the Parish Council could expedite its adoption and maintenance. Cllr Littler confirmed that we are actively pursuing this matter but that it was currently with Taylor Wimpey and that the Borough Council had no obligation in respect of maintenance until adoption. Cllr Thomas added that the Parish Council, the Borough Council and the County Council had all signed a joint letter to Taylor Wimpey asking them to move this matter forward.

12.10.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Cope proposed the minutes of the meeting held 1 November 2010 and Cllr. Holland seconded these.

12.10.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

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| 03.09.07.1 | BL | Determine costs of path to play area | Path now progressing |
| 04.09.15 | Cllr. Cope | Emergency planning | Ongoing |
| 6.10.12.1 | Clerk | Chase response re our proposal for open space | To Chase |
| 7.10.3.2 | BL | Speak to KBC re enforcement notice relating to pond fill | Ongoing |

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| 7.10.3.3 | Clerk & VC | To investigate speed laws | Clerk to write to Jim Harker as to whether 20mph can be put in place |
| 9.10.9.1 | PT | Carry out risk assessment of storage area | Completed |
| 10.10.5.1 | BL | Transfer back to KBC of pub land | Meeting expected before Xmas – legal advice required |
| 10.10.11.1 | Clerk | Graffiti on cricket pavilion | BL to give Clerk KS number |
| 10.10.13.1 | Clerk | Clerk to speak to KBC re contribution to planning advice costs | Email Letter to chase |
| 11.10.3.1 | Clerk | Speak to WI re trees | Await response |
| 11.10.5.1 | Clerk | Letter to KBC re adoption of open space | Chase |
| 11.10.5.2 | Clerk | Letter to Peter Chaplin re pond | Chase |
| 11.10.17.1 | JR | Article in newsletter for pub site ideas | Chase |

Concerns were raised as to the use of the alleyway between the shops and the Centre car park, it was feared that prescriptive rights may be acquired if use is continued and therefore some form of sign should be erected confirming that the Council is allowing the use but that it remains at the discretion of the Council. All councillors agreed they do not want to actually stop anyone using the access but just to retain control over it.

ACTION 12.10.5.1 RB to investigate sign wording

12.10.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

It was agreed that a notice should be added to the notice board regarding the dog control order and the consultation period.

BL then gave an overview of the Order and its contents.

12.10.7 Taylor Wimpey

Cllr Cope noted that although a sign states contractor vehicles should not be parking outside the site office that they still are, despite Cllr Cope informing the office himself.

It was suggested that maybe TW would resurface the centre car park whilst bringing the roads up to maintenance standards. Cllr Littler added that this could not be done until the car park had been drained. Cllr Holland suggested obtaining a quote.

12.10.7.1 ACTION; VC & BH to obtain quotes for drainage and resurfacing

It was also decided that a letter should be sent to TW to reclaim recompense in respect of the emergency lighting issues, after Brian Tuites report is received. VC will bring the report to the next meeting and all within the meeting will prepare this.

12.10.8 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications

12.10.9 The Centre at Mawsley

Richard Hoy gave an overview on the requirements for a gate surrounding the area where the bins are stored. A support will be required and he has obtained 3 quotations at approx £340-350. It will provide the security and screening which is required. Further he confirmed that he had met with a fire safety officer who had confirmed his approval despite the surround enclosing the fire door from the main hall.

This was proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded by Cllr Barnwell.

Cllr Littler then went on to explain about a tripping incident that occurred on the playing field, and suggested a risk assessment be carried out around the Centre. Cllr Barnwell suggested hiring someone to undertake this. Cllr Thomas said that any independent person may carry out the assessment and that he would be happy to undertake this. ACTION
12.10.9.1 Cllr Thomas to undertake assessment

12.10.9.2 Clerk to speak to Came & Co regarding our responsibilities

Cllr Littler said the Centre had looked at splitting the Centre and the bar as two business entities but that the bar far exceeds the Centre in terms of financial benefit.

Cllr Cope and Thomas confirmed that they had obtained quotes in respect of the security lighting.

12.10.10 Bus Route and Shelter

TS gave an overview of his meeting with stagecoach. A place opposite Birch Spinney has been located as spot for the new shelter (11-15), 84 & 86 Old Gorse Way back on to the site and therefore these houses would be involved with any consultation. We are currently awaiting confirmation from TW as to whether we can have this land to place the shelter on. Estimates have been obtained and these currently stand at;

- 1 Hard standing £2756 plus VAT
- 2 Hard standing £1315 (no vat) and £760 for the footpath
- 3 Hard standing £618 (inc VAT) and £3492 for the footpath

Therefore the potential cost to the Council would be £2400.

Cllr Barnwell suggested adding something to our budget in respect of the future maintenance.

ACTION 12.10.10.1 Clerk to speak to Insurers re the Bus Shelters

The location was discussed generally and most agreed it was a good idea space wise but not whether it was the busiest location for the bus.

It was agreed that this project needed to be completed and TS agreed to obtain the relevant funding that had been agreed.

12.10.11 Police Matters

No official crime figures had been received but PCSO Miller said that he was aware of a theft of a vehicle and theft of a mobile from the changing rooms.

There was also some anti social behaviour, which had been reported to the relevant agencies.

12.10.12 Villager issues

Issue was raised by a resident as to the re-housing of ex convicts within Mawsley. Cllr Thomas felt that, as we did not have full details it was outside the Council's jurisdiction. Cllr Cope suggested speaking to BPHA to ensure the correct procedure was being followed. Cllr Littler suggested arranging a new update meeting with BPHA.

ACTION 12.10.12.1 Clerk to arrange a meeting

12.10.13 Accounts and Budgets

Cllr Littler and Clerk to discuss future budget over the coming months and report to the Councillors.

Cheques in respect of Boiler repairs to Keith Barrow for the sum of £261.44 and to Doorway Services for £111.63 were approved.

12.10.14 Correspondence and Clerks update

General correspondence shown to Council

The royal wedding was briefly discussed and is to be put on January's Agenda.

12.10.15 Planning matters

None

12.10.16 Items for newsletter

None

10.10.17 Any Other Business

ACTION POINTS

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| 12.10.5.1 | RB | To investigate wording for signage | |
| 12.10.7.1 | VC & BH | Obtain quotes for drainage and resurfacing | |
| 12.10.9.1 | PT | To undertake assessment | |
| 12.10.9.2 | Clerk | To speak to insurers re risk assessment procedure and requirements | |
| 12.10.10.1 | Clerk | Speak to insurers re bus shelters | |

Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties etc) Regulations 2006

Dog Control Order (Procedures) Regulations 2006

Kettering Borough Council is undertaking consultation, in accordance with the above legislation, with a view to the introduction of two Dog Control Orders for the Borough of Kettering. The first Order updates the current controls over dog fouling as previously contained in the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996; whilst the second Order provides new controls under which Officers of the Council can request that persons in control of dogs put them on a lead.

Proposed Dog Fouling Order

Under the Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996, Kettering Borough Council designated some 60 public open spaces, in addition to highway verges where the speed limit is less than 40 miles per hour, as areas where dog fouling must be removed forthwith. The introduction of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, removed the ability for the Council to designate new spaces. This has left a number of public open spaces, including but not limited to areas around Mawsley, and The Grange, Desborough effectively unprotected by the dog fouling legislation.

Why tackle dog fouling?

Whilst the level of dog fouling has actually reduced over the last decade.

- In 2004/05 the average number of complaints to local authorities was 194 per authority (Keep Britain Tidy, Control of Dogs Survey, 2005/06). In 2009/10 Kettering Borough Council received 184 complaints of dog fouling.
- 95% of the British public are worried by the amount of dog fouling in public places (Local Government Association)
- Not only is dog fouling unpleasant, it's dangerous. You can contract Toxocariasis from dog mess, which can lead to blindness

What will the proposed Order do?

The proposed Dog Control Order – *The Fouling of Land by Dogs (Kettering Borough Council) Order 2011* – will create the offence of failing to remove dog faeces from any land within the Borough of Kettering, which is open to the air, and to which the public are entitled to have access with or without payment.

Please return the questionnaire, which can be downloaded from www.kettering.gov.uk along with any further comments you wish to make by **20th December 2010**.

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| 12.10.12.1 | Clerk | To arrange joint meeting with BPHA | |
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The meeting ended at 10.00

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