

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting

14 January 2011

Purpose;

- 1 To ratify and pass appropriate resolutions to the request received from TCAM Directors to provide funding support to the business from the precept funds.
- 2 To set the precept for Mawsley 2011/2012

Present; Cllr Littler; Cllr Holland; Cllr Barnwell; Cllr Thomas; Cllr Cope; Cllr Moreton; Cllr Redman

Members of the public – Cllr Perry, Members of TCAM and MVA, Tom Sanders, Rev Priestly, Yvette Den Drivjer; Yvonne Winter; Nicola Holton; Cllr Hakewill

- 1 Apologies for absence – None received
- 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.
- 3 BL gave an overview from the previous meeting. Clerk informed BL he should hand meeting over to deputy chair, this was not done.
BH said that the majority of Councillors had met with Hawsons on Tuesday and that that a further meeting had then been held on Thursday to discuss this. In attendance were John Hazell (ex Councillor); Cllr Thomas; Cllr Holland; Cllr Cope; Cllr Redman. On Thursday the same were in attendance along with Cllr Moreton.
Cllr Holland and Cllr Moreton then began the discussion by declaring that they have neither a prejudicial nor personal interest in the outcome of the discussions to provide further funding to *The Centre* and that they had been hurt by such suggestions. A copy of the full statement is attached.
BH then gave an overview of his meeting with Hawsons. BL *questioned whether* some Councillors had issues regarding the report prepared by Hawsons in December.
John Holton asked whether we had set the proforma for the report and if so and it had not been fulfilled whether we should withhold payment?
PT said that we had got what we had requested from Hawsons, although it was briefer than hoped.
Simon *Wisdom* of TCAM asked why the division between the Bar and The Centre itself was so important-
PT added that the bar/community centre split is important as looking at the hall/bar is what the community is interested in and as Councillors they need to act on behalf of the village.
CM confirmed that he was disappointed with the report and had hoped for more of a business appraisal than an accountants report.
YDD made a general comment on profit/loss in businesses as a whole.

BH said most councillors were not happy to specifically raise the precept to fund TCAM but that they were broadly in agreement to provide 2k per month to TCAM from Jan 2011 for 12 months upon certain conditions;

1 The financial commitment of £24,000 is offered on a monthly basis to ensure that the directors are not trading wrongfully. BH added that there is also 4k in the community fund available.

2 That 2 members of MPC could sit on TCAM board as non executive members with voting rights

3 A card scheme would be introduced as a way of villagers reclaiming their precept increase if they use The Centre.

John Holton confirmed this would be considered, however any members of TCAM would have to be executive and would have to complete Form 288. He added the card scheme would also be considered and that he would come back and confirm details with MPC after speaking with other Directors.

VP asked what this would mean for each householder. She had received good comments from the community and believed that most people would be happy to pay an additional £2.50 per month, and suggested that maybe opinion needs to be canvassed more.

John Holton then asked whether the two members to be added to the board includes BL who is currently on the board and if so how will MPC reach any decisions as any discussions on TCAM would not be able to include the 3 members who need to keep their interests at arm's length.

BH added that if MPC was providing some of the running costs they should have good input/influence

BL echoed the feeling of TCAM re the councillors attending meetings and the role of TCAM directors.

Tony Bagshaw said he was encouraged by MPC suggestions

Graham Leah said Councillors could attend any meeting and express their views.

SW confirmed that the board and MVA were open to anyone but that Jane Twistleton had the day to day running of *The Centre*.

Chris Winter said that if MPC and TCAM work together good things could happen, as shown by John *Hazell's* previous attendance at meetings.

BL went on to confirm *that the proposal was* 2k per month, which had been agreed;

Mawsley Parish Council Councillors on TCAM and the scheme to recompense the increase in precept by *discounts being available to villagers when using The Centre*.

BH added a further point being the policy on young people at *The Centre*, as it was felt this was discriminatory against the young people of Mawsley, but added that he was not against adult evenings. It was felt this policy had a big impact on revenue.

BL felt being on the board would assist *discussion re* this.

PT acknowledged that policy had changed over the years but that as a group they don't feel this policy is yet perfect.

SW agreed and stated that the rule was flexible.

BL suggested it was time to vote and asked the Councillors if they had any further points to make.

RB asked how the councillors from MPC would know how to vote on behalf of MPC if a subject was raised and decided on at the TCAM meeting and there had been no time to discuss this with the Council.

JH *Is this John Holton or Jim Hakewill?* clarified that the Councillor could not commit the council to anything financial. He further suggested that the funding to TCAM could be 2 x 12k as this is how we received the precept

CM added that our attendance at the TCAM meetings would be more for impact than actual decision making. This was then discussed further.

RB asked if we vote on this can we confirm it won't then be discussed for 12 months

BL confirmed and asked for any further comments

CW asked whether VC or JR would like to comment as they had not spoken

VC said he had no views to add

JR agreed.

BH then took over as Chair for the vote.

PT read the proposal; MPC propose to provide the sum of £24,000 phased from January 2011 to December 2011 to The Centre at Mawsley to supplement the running of the community facilities provided, subject to the acceptance of the TCAM and MVA

Directors of the provision of 2 places on the TCAM board, with the level of input to be agreed and their agreement to discuss the implementation of a villager card discount scheme, the details of the managing of, will be agreed between the Council and TCAM as soon as practicable.

Members of the public asked for time to discuss the proposal.

VP suggested if it were not to be debated every month why does it have to be paid every month.

Proposed PT Seconded RB

In favour all; Against none.

BL then thanked the councillors on behalf of TCAM. The Chair was then handed back to BL.

BL then *raised the issue of* setting of the precept.

BH said he thought it was fair to raise the precept by a small amount and to use some of the reserve. He then stated that this year would be expensive because of the car park, the mood lighting for the hall and the fencing for the play area and that a stepped approach to raising the precept was favoured.

The agreed sum was £35,000 which is 1 ½ times the current amount.

CM also confirmed that the grant being received from KBC was being reduced.

VC said that the car park and outside maintenance needed to be done otherwise the costs would escalate, but that a percentage of this was being represented to TW in respect of latent defects.

RB asked how much we were losing

BH said approximately £1000

CM said that they were concerned about raising the precept due to hardship in the village.

RB then clarified that the £20k would now be £35k?

BH confirmed although added that the increase in houses will offset this slightly.

BL clarified that the proposal is £35,000.

PT proposed VC seconded.
All in favour and none against.
Meeting ended 10.30pm