

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 March 2011

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

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; PCSO Sam Gell; Gareth & Margaret McMullen; Tim Bellamy

3.11.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Moreton

3.11.2 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.

3.11.3 Allotted time for members of the public

MM asked for update on the bus route. BL stated Jim Harker had sent by email information regarding possible reductions to the bus route. TS confirmed this and said that no specific announcements had been made.

3.11.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Thomas proposed the minutes of the meeting held 7 February 2011 and Cllr. Redman seconded these.

3.11.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

03.09.07.1	BL	Determine costs of fence and path to play area	Ongoing
04.09.15	Cllr. Cope	Emergency planning	Ongoing
7.10.3.3	Clerk & VC	To investigate speed laws	Update awaited from Jim Harker
10.10.5.1	BL	Transfer back to KBC of pub land	It is understood that if pub appeal is allowed TW will get the land but will hand it

			back to MPC under the S106, if the pub fails KBC will deal with Mawsley Taverns.
11.10.5.1	Clerk	Letter to KBC re adoption of open space	Clerk to chase PC regarding the Councils view on the plan and what they intend to do, also PC to clarify what is actually marked as strategic open space
11.10.5.2	Clerk	Letter to Peter Chaplin re pond	Clerk to clarify whether the intention is that KBC will have pond as strategic open space and that KBC will insure whilst voluntary members of Mawsley maintain.
12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for signage	Statutory Declaration to be prepared
2.11.5.1	Clerk	To obtain car park specification	Clerk to obtain
2.11.5.2	VC	Speak to Phoenix to state latent defects from their report	
2.11.6.1	Clerk	Write to KBC (Mark Coleman) enclosing BL comments on container	Update awaited
2.11.6.2	Clerk	Update villager on planning issues as explained by Cath Bicknell	Chase Cllr Perry and Cllr Hakewill
2.11.7.1	TS	Write to TW for new road adoption dates and information	TS chasing Colin Radford and Colin Williams
2.11.7.2	Clerk	Write to TW regarding reimbursement of costs as referred to in our report	Clerk to send letter enclosing report and cc David Cook at KBC
2.11.13.1	RB/Clerk	Prepare lease for Allotments	
2.11.13.1	BH	Prepare draft budget	Prepare draft and distribute

3.11.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Management of playing fields – BL - Sports Council should have agreement between Kettering Borough Council and themselves for management of the actual playing fields, not the fields per se. This leaves Kettering Borough

Council with responsibility for hedges and gates etc and Mawsley Parish Council with no responsibility.

RB said there may be conflict in terms of mowing and dogs mess etc, would mower do outline of pitch but not the land between edge of field and pitch? Issue of walking across land owned by Kettering Borough Council to get to pitches?

BH was concerned regarding generic use of the fields, it must remain for public use. BL confirmed that Sports Council would not be able to stop anyone using the playing fields/pitches.

All councillors agreed to this in principle, but there are a few issues that need to be ironed out.

TB said it would need to be a suggestion to put to Kettering Borough Council but it may be that Kettering Borough Council would rather transfer it to the Parish Council as opposed to a group. TB has received mail from Nick Hughes regarding the maintenance of the youth pitch – TB awaiting confirmation from Kettering Borough Council.

BL emphasised the requirement of security of tenure for any future grants for the sports council.

ACTION 3.11.6.1 RB Write to Kettering Borough Council (Valerie Hitchman) – transfer to sports council not Mawsley Parish Council. Pre-requisite of Mawsley Parish Council allowing Sports Council to take over land, we must see Lease and ensure it is left as open space for the general public.

3.11.7 Taylor Wimpey

TS reiterated getting County Council and Borough Council involved in the TaylorWimpey issues. Concerns over landscaping contract not being renewed, no response to further emails, no details on adoption, no detail on dedication of bus shelter land., trip hazards, dead trees, street lights not working.

ACTION 3.11.7.1 TS to prepare a letter to MPC – Clerk to then forward to Jim Harker and Jim Hakewill. Clerk to add drainage issues – increase in reported problems.

3.11.8 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications

3.11.9 The Centre at Mawsley

ACTION: 3.11.9.1 PT to look at risk assessment on slip trips and falls around the Centre.

3.11.10 3. Bus Route and Shelter

Covered in 3.11.3

3.11.11 Police Matters

Figures for Feb – 1 Crim damage, 1 theft handling, 1 violent offence (domestic incident).

BL said that copies had been received from BPHA to put on the village website, following the joint meeting with the police. This details how to report the crime. SG asked for a link to the Northants police website. ACTION BL to add to website.

RB spoke to new lady at BPHA, he showed her where rubbish had been left around the boundary of the village. She agreed to write to people to ask them not to do it.

3.11.12 Villager issues

VC – Villager has concern over laurel hedge that has been planted along the edge of plot. VC advised they complain direct to planning enforcement.

45 Hawthorn Avenue – hedge put up – Council object – refusal on website for the fence originally.

3.11.13 Accounts and Budgets

TCAM invoiced agreed.

Final approval of Budget to be granted at April's meeting. (Action BH to forward details for budget sheet 3.11.13.1). VC to email figures on 1st April having spoken to Natwest ACTION 3.11.13.2.

ACTION 3.11.13.3 Clerk to distribute forms for election for those that request

Councillors then discussed the internal audit. It was agreed that we would use an auditor from NCALC as he would be independent and competent. This would need to be done before May to ensure the accounts were ready for BDO (external audit) in June.

3.11.14 Correspondence and Clerks update

None

3.11.15 Planning matters

KET/2011/0081 – no objections

3.11.16 Items for newsletter

ACTION Clerk to put BPHA article and letter to Stephen on to website – send to Ben Webster – create section for village information separate to Minutes – general that we have spoken to BPHA then link to two letters and forms to download.

PT to prepare article to explain precept – will be approved at the next meeting. BH raised a concern about providing this information but BL and PT felt it was better to be open and to justify it from the outset.

3.11.17 Any Other Business

AGM to be the 9th May. Annual Parish meeting – night in mid May for APM – ACTION Clerk to speak to Debbie (23/5). August meeting to be held on 8 August not 1st – tell Ben Webster

ACTION Sue Lyons to come and speak to MPC Councillors re the Code of Conduct.

RB attended the Rural forum – discussed people running business from private houses and police involvement in damage to public property.

He also attended the budget meeting at Kettering Borough Council – he praised them on our behalf as to how they had saved money.

PT said we need to come up with a proposal for amending the under 18s policy to present to TCAM.

VC discussed an invoice he had received regarding lighting. BH raised that the issue of drains has been up for discussion on the forum. People appear to be having problems with the drainage in their homes.

RB raised issue of proposed wind farms in Pytcheley.

ACTION POINTS

3.11.6.1	RB	Write to KBC	
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		regarding transfer to Sports Council not MPC	
3.11.7.1	Clerk	Prepare letter to Jim Harker, Jim Hakewill & Taylor Wimpey re drainage issues etc	
3.11.9.1	PT	To do risk assessment on trips slips and falls	
3.11.11.1	BL	Add link on how to report crime to website	
3.11.13.1	BH	Forward details for budget sheet	
3.11.13.2	VC	Obtain figures from Natwest as of 1/4/11	
3.11.13.3	Clerk	Distribute election forms as requested	
3.11.15.1	Clerk	KET/2011/0081 – confirm no objections	
3.11.16.1	Clerk	Put BPHA article & Letter on website. Ben Webster to create new section on website linked from MPC	
3.11.17.1	Clerk	Book meeting room for AGM – 9/5	
3.11.17.2	Clerk	Amend August meeting date on website	

The meeting ended at 10.00

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