

## Mawsley Parish Council

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 November 2011

**Present:** Cllr Barnwell; Cllr Holland; Cllr. Cope; Cllr Littler; Cllr Farthing; Cllr MacDonald; Diana MacCarthy

**Members of the public present:** Tim Bellamy; Tom Sanders; Julia Baish (Kettering Borough Council); Borough Councillor Cliff Moreton; Mr Lesley Cottington

**11.11.1 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Thomas

#### **11.11.2 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, and The Sports Council. Cllr MacDonald declared her interest in The Centre at Mawsley and The Mawsley Village Association. Cllrs Cope and Holland declared their interest in Mawsley Amateur Dramatics.

#### **11.11.3 Allotted time for members of the public**

Tom Sanders requested that a pocket park be placed on the Eco meadow. Talks have taken place with Rose Little (Pocket Park officer at Northampton Council) Cllr. Cope and Lesley Cottington were in attendance. Tom Sanders is awaiting confirmation from Rose Little that the land is acceptable. Lesley Cottington suggested this may take a few months and that a village group (possibly with Tom Sanders as Chair) should be formed to progress this. Cllr Littler confirmed this had been looked at previously but issues were outstanding. Lesley Cottington felt that Rose could advise on these issues. Cllr Littler said we should consider whether a memorial garden etc should also be incorporated to reduce the size of the pocket park and thus the maintenance. Cllr Barnwell said that it had previously been discussed that a village meeting would be held to review what we should do with the land. Cllr Cope raised questions as to the difference between an eco meadow and pocket park – what is the difference and what is the difference in term of ongoing maintenance? Cllr Barnwell said should we lobby the District Council to spray the field in the spring to beat annual weeds. Cllr Farthing will check with Cllr Thomas regarding the latest situation.

It was suggested that Tom Sanders and others put forward a proposal and that the general view is that it should perhaps be for just part of the site.

#### **11.11.4 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Cllr. Littler proposed the minutes of the meeting held 3 October 2011 and Cllr. Cope seconded these.

#### **11.11.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting**

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| 11.10.5.1 | Clerk | Letter to KBC re adoption of open space and pond                       | Ongoing        |
| 5.11.9.2  | Clerk | To chase KBC re response to our letter regarding issues at the centre. | Clerk to chase |
| 12.10.5.1 | RB    | To investigate wording for signage                                     | Ongoing        |

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| 6.11.13.1  | BH    | To review other account options                           | Ongoing   |
| 9.11.3.1   | PT    | To contact Peter Chaplin re transfer of land for bus stop | Ongoing Cllr Thomas to check whether planning permission is required. Cllr Moreton to deal also. Cllr Thomas to send copy of email from September to Cllr Moreton to action |
| 9.11.6.1   | PT    | To speak to Taylor Wimpey regarding the Eco Meadow        | Ongoing   |
| 9.11.9.1   | PT    | To arrange handrail installation                          | Net now ordered   |
| 9.11.11.1  | Clerk | Contact Cllr Harker to request forms for speed reduction  | VC forms and paperwork not needed. Need to wait for adoption. <b>Clerk to write to Nick Gore to ask for 20mph signs to be put in place. Speak to NCC (Jim Harker).</b>      |
| 10.11.11.1 | RB    | S38 Agreement issues                                      | Clerk to invite JH to next meeting RB to call and request copy s38.   |
| 10.11.16.1 | VC    | To pursue possibility of relocating bike racks            | Await reply   |
| 10.11.16.3 | VC    | Review flagpoles subject to planning consent              | Ongoing   |

## 11.11.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Julia Baish gave an overview of the site specific proposal. As a letter had been sent but not received which offered the potential to comment on future plans, Cllr Farthing asked if we could now comment and those comments could be noted on the document. Ms Baish confirmed that a large development would not be permitted and that all that would be considered would be small scale growth to meet local needs. An estimate will be placed on what is considered to be small scale growth and we will be allowed consultation.

Tim Bellamy had nothing to report but that he had been trying to move outstanding matters such as sports council and playing field. Tim Bellamy would try and get someone to attend the next meeting from Kettering Borough Council.

Borough Councillor Moreton requested draft Minutes to be sent to him either by email [cliff.moreton@axa-matrixRC.com](mailto:cliff.moreton@axa-matrixRC.com) or to the Borough Council address. ACTION 11.11.6.1 Clerk to email Minutes in draft to Cllr Moreton.

## 11.11.7 Taylor Wimpey

Cllr Littler asked for an update on latent defects.

Cllr Cope said Marriott had sent a letter to Taylor Wimpey who then copied us in. The letter quoted drawings which we do not have. Brian Tuite had reviewed documents again and hopefully a meeting would be held this week to respond to the letter. It was also discussed that the company who carries out the quarterly maintenance should also bear some blame as it had not been picked up. Cllr Barnwell said that the building was handed over from KBC so we should not lose this as a line to pursue.

Tom Sanders had discussed changes to the bus route whilst road works were underway. Tom Sanders will be speaking to Colin Brittain. Cllr MacDonald raised the issue of school children having to walk to the Pond as opposed to second entrance. Suggested only changing route times that will not affect the school run (not 8.00am and 4.00pm).

## **11.11.8 Mawsley Community Fund**

No Applications.

## **11.11.9 The Centre at Mawsley**

A request was put in my Mawsley Amateur Dramatics (MAD) – Cllr Cope requested on behalf of MAD whether he could drill 5 holes in to the wall between the two sets of doors as you enter the hall, this is to support scenery. The 5 round discs would remain in the wall. Resolution proposed by Cllr Cope and seconded Cllr Barnwell – all Councillors in agreement.

Christmas tree at the Centre – This has been donated by villagers. Sarah Hart had also obtained funding from MVA. Issues that arose include the protection of sewers and water and the roots of tree interrupting this. The cost is £148.24 for the border and electrics would also be required. This is £566.30 in total cost (MVA have given a £200 donation). Cllr Barnwell clarified issues with the box and possible drainage. He further clarified it would be the property of the Council and that it should not restrict any views. Cllr Cope confirmed it did not. This is to be added to the insurance list. ACTION 11.11.9.1 Clerk to inform Came & Co of Christmas Tree.

Resolution to contribute towards tree – proposed by Cllr Barnwell for £300 or £366.30 depending on whether Cllr Moreton can contribute this was seconded by Cllr Farthing.

Cllr Moreton will review whether he can add £66.30, if not MPC will fund the full £366.30.

Top notch have quoted £130 plus VAT for electrics, which is included in price. TCAM will find running costs.

## **11.11.10 Police Matters**

Police matter – no report received, police not in attendance.

## **11.11.11 Villager issues**

An issue had been raised as regards a house with overhanging bushes at Cransley Rise – It was decided that we would instruct Taylor Wimpey to cut them back if they do not do it. ACTION Clerk 11.11.11.1. Householder should be warned that Taylor Wimpey may charge for this.

## **11.11.12 Accounts and Budgets**

Payments approved as per the Agenda

Clerk to mail up to date accounts to all Councillors prior to next meeting so that the setting of the precept can be discussed. ACTION 11.11.12.1

## **11.11.13 Correspondence and Clerks update**

Clerk to write to Eco Plastics to thank them for their work as regards the fence.

## **11.11.14 Planning**

None save for comments referred to in 11.11.6.

## **11.11.15 Items for newsletter**

Put info about the new emergency number and the Christmas tree. Cllr MacDonald to email a brief introduction for adding to newsletter. Action 11.11.15.1 Clerk to obtain confirmation as to Julia Braish's wording to add to article on development within Mawsley in newsletter.

**11.11.16 Any Other Business**

Top Notch – flooring in kitchen – Cllr Cope asked if we could make an interim payment (£150) Proposed by Cllr Cope and seconded by Cllr Barnwell.

Update on kitchen; Cllr Littler said Howdens have accepted that they have not delivered what they were supposed to be delivering. The Centre were now awaiting a visit from Howdens to resolve this.

Height restriction in new car park – Cllr Cope raised issue of new barrier – Cllr Cope to review and instruct The Centre to assist looking in to this.

Update on painting centre – donated paint never arrived. Now looking to book the job in for second week in March.

Centre inspection: Bob H, VC and RB to undertake the task.

RB said he attended Rural forum – Borough Council is to become responsible for collecting and keeping rates. This may be issue with local farmers who are renting out rate free barns.

**ACTION POINTS**

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| 11.11.61.1 | Clerk | To email draft Minutes to Cllr Moreton   |  |
| 11.11.9.1  | Clerk | To inform Came & Co of Christmas tree  |  |
| 11.11.11.1 | Clerk | Clerk to write to householder at Cransley Rise and request removal of overhanging branches |  |
| 11.11.12.1 | Clerk | To email up to date accounts prior to next meeting   |  |
| 11.11.15.1 | Clerk | Confirming wording with Julia then email for addition to newsletter                        |  |

**The meeting ended at 22:55**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....