

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 August 2011

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

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; Tim Bellamy

8.11.1 Apologies for Absence: None received

8.11.2 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 Farthing declared her interest in MVA and Cllr Cope declared his interest in The Short Mat Bowls Club.

8.11.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Nothing raised

8.11.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Thomas proposed the minutes of the meeting held 4 July 2011 and Cllr. Barnwell seconded these.

8.11.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

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.	JB absent from work. TB assisting.
12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for signage	Statutory Declaration to be prepared

5.11.17.1	BH	Mezzanine Floor	BH obtaining independent risk report
6.11.13.1	BH	To review other account options	

8.11.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

TB had a plan of the proposed eco meadow and asked that we show on the plan the proposals for use. BL thought that as a Council we should speak to parish groups and see what the local groups would like to do. He confirmed that we would still require Kettering Borough Council to maintain ownership, but that we would deal with the day-to-day maintenance of any village additions. RB asked whether we should open up the consultation to the village and not just community groups, all councillors agreed, PT to prepare article for the newsletter ACTION 8.11.6.1. TB said that for future funding, evidence of consultation would help.

TB had a meeting with Duncan Law and Peter Chaplin – in respect of the pond. It is looking likely that it will be adopted and insured by Kettering Borough Council, with maintenance by Mawsley Parish Council. RB was keen to ensure we cover all possible future issues within the legal agreement. What will be the limit of our responsibilities etc PT agreed. TS confirmed that the community is keen to be involved. TS said that there was no legal protection for ponds unless they have a protected species within the pond.

TB then showed a plan of some open space that TW are prepared to hand over to MPC. Again following a meeting with Peter Chaplin and Duncan Law, RB declared an interest as he was offered the land also, and left the room. The land has no access from any road, most councillors could not see any use for this. There was a worry that we may become liable for land, which we cannot access and maintain. TB confirmed that Duncan Law is the best person to speak to in respect of this. BL proposed speaking to the local farmer and suggesting that he has the land but allocates other land for use as a cycle track to be built upon it. VC seconded this proposal. PT to discuss this after the meeting with said Farmer.

BL then explained that we had given to Kettering Borough Council a plan of the village showing all open spaces to be adopted by the Borough Council and that a response was still awaited. It was then discussed amongst the councillors that an email had been received by the Clerk, showing only a small proportion of the open space, that had been discussed with Peter Chaplin. All Councillors agreed this was very annoying.

TB then asked what the Council would like the village green to be used for/as– he confirmed that Kettering Borough Council would be willing to maintain this. This was for Councillors to discuss and refer back to the Borough Council. PT to put this in a newsletter article, asking villagers for ideas. ACTION 8.11.6.2

8.11.7 Taylor Wimpey

TS gave an overview of issues such as maintenance of grass areas, in particular the grass areas on Colseed Road. Clerk confirmed a complaint had been received from a resident near Sloe Lane. BL confirmed that we should take this up with TW to see why landscaping had ceased. RB was concerned that if maintenance is taken on by residents there is a risk that TW or other developers will cease any maintenance at all. ACTION 8.11.7.1 PT to speak to TW regarding this.

VC then mentioned the issues outstanding with the car park. He felt that this was moving forward with TW, and said he was awaiting an update. He further confirmed that upon inspection the drains, have been shown to be blocked. TW are paying for certain parts of this to be done, and the rest should be done at a greatly reduced cost. RB raised concerns that this is not tied up, VC said it was only verbal at the moment so nothing is certain but we are awaiting a written quote via TW.

8.11.8 Mawsley Community Fund

Short mat bowls club have now obtained sufficient funds to comply with grant requirements. All Councillors agreed the funding as proposed previously– proposed BH seconded RB - £1100 subject to normal proviso ie remains property of village. ACTION 8.11.8.1 cheque to Bowls club

8.11.9 The Centre at Mawsley

Jane, manager of TCAM asked for permission to put blackboard outside front of centre, attached to wall. PT confirmed that we would need to ensure it is fixed by a recognised tradesperson. Proposed PT seconded BH.

8.11.10 The Play Area

BL said that the fence around the play area was an important issue due to small children, dogs etc. He felt we should proceed with the building of the fence. All Councillors were in agreement with this, the quote obtained was for (£6400). RB asked who would maintain (BL said no maintenance as it is eco wood, but anything that arises would be us), we would be liable for the insurance though. The cost included the erection of the fence. RB asked whether the inspection person from KBC, who inspects the play area would also inspect the fence to adhere to insurance requirements, TB would agreed to look in to this. BH said that the grant was made on the proposal that the land would be owned by KBC. All councillors agreed they are happy to proceed without this. All were in favour of the amendment to proposal. New Proposal proposed by BL and seconded PT, all agreed unanimously.

8.11.11 Bus Route and Shelter

TS – had spoken to stage coach – 9.30 concession must remain for over 65s. In respect of the shelter they are prepared to assist us. In respect of a proposed extension, Commercial Manager of Stagecoach said that he was not happy with this due to the suitability of the roads in Mawsley. The bus is also on a tight schedule. TS replied that he would report back to the bus user group that the proposed extension is not viable due to cost and roads, but that they would review it in the future. RB suggested that the bus user group should ask stagecoach for a contribution to the shelter as some villagers have to walk from the bottom of the village and it wont be extended at the moment.

8.11.12 Police Matters

The police were unable to attend this meeting, but the following details were provided; 2 domestics, 3 violent offences (children) 2 theft in home (from family members), theft of bird bath from garden.

8.11.13 Villager issues

BL asked for the Minutes to be displayed in full on the notice-boards. Proposed BL seconded CF. PT had received a complaint about children playing ball in open spaces, all councillors felt that this was not a council issue, as the land is owned by the developers. CF raised another issue of a commercial organisation advertising at the village entrance. As land is not owned by MPC we cannot do anything but report to land owner.

8.11.14 Accounts and Budgets

Payments approved as per the Agenda;

- Clerk - £420 – Salary
- TCAM room hire - £48.75
- NCALC - £29.00 – Chairman’s lunch
- Top Notch - £1,756.80 in respect of reparation repairs to Centre

8.11.15 Correspondence and Clerks update

Co-option was discussed, PT to put article in newsletter. ACTION 8.11.14.1

Details were given as to open air fitness equipment as possible proposal for older play area.

8.11.16 Planning

KET/2011/0450 – to storey side extension to 25 Symonds Way
– No objections

8.11.17 Items for newsletter

See above

8.11.18 Any Other Business

Expenses – VC raised the issue of his phone bill, £51 was on parish council business. BL suggested moving to a free call during the day package and the council paying the uplift. Payment of bill proposed PT seconded BH

TS then added that work is being done on the pond and that the equipment is being contributed He said that a few items were needed, such as a post driver (£66.70) Chisel point Spike (£16.84) – these can be reused over time for other activities. RB thought this was a good idea. VC thought it should be kept at either his or Tom Sanders house. BH

thought we should think about everything we need, before order is placed. BL thought we should wait until the open space was sorted so we could see what our responsibilities will be. Proposed VC, seconded BL.

Meeting ended 22.41

ACTION POINTS

8.11.6.1	PT	Prepare article on eco meadow	
8.11.6.2	PT	Prepare article on use of village green	
8.11.7.1	PT	Speak to TW re open space maintenance	
8.11.8.1	Clerk	To pay cheque to Bowls club	
8.11.15.1	PT	Prepare article on co-option for newsletter	

The meeting ended at 10.30

Signed:

Date: