

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 October 2011

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

Members of the public present: Tim Bellamy; Richard Priestley

10.11.1 Apologies for Absence: Diana MacCarthy (Clerk)

10.11.2 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.

10.11.3 Allotted time for members of the public

Sarah Hart advised the Council she had been working at The Centre for a couple of months, promoting the facility locally in a way the existing, busy staff, don't have time for. She has re-organised the office to improve the point of first contact for many. The website is being updated more regularly. Local newspapers have been sent events guide and details of the new lights. Jane has spoken on BBC Radio Northampton, promoting The Centre. Entries have been submitted for the Brixworth Directory; Village Connect and Time 4 Tots. Some local villages have been leafleted and more are planned. All in all, a more professional, coordinated approach to marketing is being adopted, to attract more (and more profitable) events.

Cllr Cope expressed his thanks for these renewed efforts and this was echoed by all. Cllr Barnwell asked Tim Bellamy to look into KBC utilising the facilities for some of their outreach, rural projects, particularly those aimed at young people. Tim suggested the KBC 'what's on' guide would be a good platform for some of the upcoming events. Cllr Holland asked if the new efforts could also include a review of the young persons policy at The Centre as some felt it wasn't as child-friendly as it could be.

Richard Priestley wished the Council to consider the importance to the community of having a spiritual focal point within the village. Nothing specific as yet, more the concept of creating a physical place people of all faiths could use as a place of reflection/remembrance etc. to affirm the spiritual heart of the community.

Cllr Littler said a garden of reflection had been discussed since before MPC was created, along with pocket parks, village orchard, bird hides etc. The Gardening Club are keen to

take on the project of creating/maintaining a garden of reflection or similar.

10.11.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Holland proposed the minutes of the meeting held 8 August 2011 and Cllr. Cope seconded these.

10.11.5 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.	Tim Bellamy met with Julia Beckett to discuss along with other issues
12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for signage	Statutory Declaration to be prepared
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	Done and response received, but too late to resolve prior to this meeting. All relevant details forwarded to Colin Radford. PT to progress.
9.11.6.1	PT	To speak to Taylor Wimpey regarding the Eco Meadow	TurfTrax to evaluate and report on performance/take remedial action as necessary. PT to progress periodically to ensure action is taken
9.11.7.1	PT	Pt to chase Tim O'Donovan regarding car park quote.	Quote received via TW for much more than the Phoenix quote
9.11.9.1	PT	To arrange handrail installation	Ongoing
9.11.11.1	Clerk	Contact Cllr Harker to request forms for speed reduction	Some response received. VC to pursue further

9.11.12.1	Clerk	To email Insurance policy to Cllr Littler	Done
9.11.13.1	BL	To speak to Tim Bellamy regarding grants	Grants in question needed clarification

10.11.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Tim Bellamy met with Julia Becket and discussed issues relevant to Mawsley, but nothing to report specifically as yet.

10.11.7 Taylor Wimpey

No issues discussed

10.11.8 Mawsley Community Fund

No Applications.

10.11.9 The Centre at Mawsley – Discussed at the end of the meeting

Cllr Littler and Tim Bellamy left the meeting at 21:45, and The Centre was discussed after this point.

Planters – all agreed no issue and a good idea.

Funding – discussed by all, with concerns expressed over precept levels, other financial commitments and whether sufficient funds available to cover everything committed to.

Cllr Barnwell proposed we support TCAM for the 12 months immediately following the existing agreement to the sum of £2000 per month.

Cllr Cope counter proposed that we do so subject to MPC hosting a village meeting to discuss the ongoing funding for The Centre, along with other village issues.

Cllr Thomas and Barnwell were concerned we couldn't resolve to fund subject to us taking other action.

Cllr Thomas then proposed we organise a village meeting within the next 6 months to discuss ongoing funding support for The Centre, plans for the village green and Eco-Meadow, and any other issues we decide to take to the village. Cllr Cope seconded. Cllr Barnwell against. All others in favour. Cllr Barnwell said that a viable alternative should be discussed before the request is again proposed next year and MPC are placed in the same position.

Cllr Thomas then proposed we offer support funding to TCAM, to commence immediately after the existing funding arrangement expires, for a period of 12 months at £2000 per month. Cllr Barnwell seconded. Cllr Holland against. All others in favour.

Cllr Cope advised a free Christmas tree including lights had been offered for positioning outside The Centre. All agreed this, along with the planters, would brighten up that area, bringing The Centre even more into the centre of the village.

Cllr Barnwell proposed we instruct Phoenix Paving to re-surface the car park at The Centre as per their updated quote of 15/09/11 in the sum of £14911.16 + VAT. Cllr Holland seconded. All in favour.

Cllr Thomas pointed out that it will be essential to liaise closely with the Directors and Jane on timings etc. ACTION 10.11.9.1: Clerk to write to TCAM directors to advise works approved. ACTION 10.11.9.2: Cllr Cope to instruct Phoenix and liaise directly with Phoenix and Jane to ensure works can be carried out at a mutually convenient time to minimise disruption.

Cllr Cope advised the works would include dropped kerbs to allow easier passage from the footpath to Barnwell Court, easier access from the car park to the main Centre door and tarmac to the gate to the field.

Cllr Holland felt that the village should be consulted before we proceed with the funding.

10.11.10 Police Matters

Crime figures received via e-mail. September – 1 Theft/Handling & 1 Violence Offence.

It was felt again that we should have more information on these figures to better understand them. To simply say 1 Violence Offence without any other information is likely to cause unnecessary concern and fears.

10.11.11 Villager issues

Cllr Cope described the road markings around the island near the surgery as potentially dangerous. He will get photos etc. and forward to Jim Hakewill to take up with NCC Highways. ACTION 10.11.11.1

Cllr Littler raised the e-mail received from NCC re: the street lights. MPC do not wish to become the street lighting authority. Cllr Thomas to prepare a response to the e-mail, with specific reference to the lighting. ACTION 10.11.11.2

Cllr Littler suggested we should buy a copy of the section 38 agreements as it seemed we weren't going to receive one any other way. Tim Bellamy thought he might be able to get some documents from KBC. Cllr Barnwell pointed out that it is a public document that we, as a Council, should have a copy of. He suggested we get our elected representatives to action this. ACTION 10.11.11.3: Clerk to write to Jim Harker insisting we have copies of section 38 agreement(s) to be able to act in the best interests of the village

10.11.12 Accounts and Budgets

Payments approved as per the Agenda;

- Clerk - £420 – Salary
- TCAM room hire - £45.00
- Garden Machines Northampton - £546.07
- Tool Station – Post Driver - £49.96
- Wickes – Wire brush and crowbar - £21.48
- B&Q – Paint for noticeboards - £10.98

10.11.13 Correspondence and Clerks update

It was agreed we should interview the prospective new Councillor – Davina MacDonald – prior to the November meeting. ACTION 10.11.13.1: Clerk to arrange date and time to suit Davina, Chair and Clerk. Other Cllrs to attend if available.

10.11.14 Planning

It was agreed the agenda should contain more detail as to planning applications to be discussed. No objections to KET/2011/0331 – 2 Cransley Rise

10.11.15 Items for newsletter

Cllr Thomas suggested a photo and brief text for each of the Councillors, to help villagers put a face to the names.

A new editor for the newsletter has stepped forward and will take over in a few months. Discussion has taken place over how to improve the look of the newsletter.

10.11.16 Any Other Business

Cllr Cope and Sarah Harding have discussed the possibility of siting a bike rack outside The Centre. He had suggested, subject to discussion with Parish Council, an approach be made to the management of Barnwell Court to see about re-locating one of the under-used racks from there. All Cllrs agreed this was a good, cost-effective solution. ACTION 10.11.16.1: Cllr Cope to pursue.

Cllr Littler suggested we should put Cllrs' contact details on the notice-board. ACTION 10.11.16.2: Clerk to put previously agreed contact numbers and e-mail addresses where applicable on noticeboards.

Cllr Cope asked if we should somehow acknowledge the passing of Lady Doris Corcoran, a Mawsley resident who died recently, as she was a notable resident. Cllr Littler thought it was not the Parish Council's place to selectively note village deaths. Richard Priestley suggested a suitable obituary in the newsletter for this and any other deaths in the community. Cllr Thomas thought it was for the friends and family of those lost to choose whether to do that, but maybe it needed someone to instigate this with the newsletter editor.

Cllr Cope suggested a permanent flagpole to be positioned on the green, for flying relevant flags for various celebrations/commemorations. Estimated at around £160. ACTION 10.11.16.3: Cllr Cope to investigate costs etc for approval.

Cllrs Littler and Cope attended the youth workshop at The Centre on 1st October. Some discussion took place about a youth council as a way of representing youth of Mawsley. Unsure at this stage as to how to instigate/progress/maintain, or even if Parish Council should be involved directly. Jim Hakewill had discussed at the workshop and was going to follow up. We should keep in touch with him to see if we can help in some way as the idea develops.

ACTION POINTS

10.11.9.1	Clerk	To write to TCAM directors to advise car park works to take place	
10.11.9.2	VC	To instruct Phoenix and liaise with Jane	
10.11.11.1	VC	Forward details of unsatisfactory road markings at surgery to Jim Hakewill	
10.11.11.2	PT	To respond to e-mails re: street lights	
10.11.11.3	Clerk	To request section 38 via Jim Harker	

10.11.13.1	Clerk	Arrange interview for Davina MacDonald	
10.11.16.1	VC	To pursue possibility of relocating bike rack to The Centre	
10.11.16.2	Clerk	To put contact details for Cllrs on notice board	
10.11.16.3	VC	To investigate permanent flagpole on The Green	

The meeting ended at 22:55

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