

Outcome of meeting with Mawsley Parish Council and BPHA – 24 January 2011

A villager had raised concerns with the Parish Council over the housing of ex-prisoners by BPHA. While this was not something we can easily or openly discuss in terms of specifics, due to the right to privacy of anyone within this category, it was felt prudent to voice these in a more general sense. PC O'Hara commented that the number of 'ex-offenders' around Mawsley, and many other places, would perhaps surprise people were the facts known.

Mr McFarland (BPHA) then went on to explain that BPHA subscribe to KBC housing allocation policy, which includes guidelines for the housing of ex-offenders. They had had one case (i.e. in Mawsley) of an applicant not disclosing on their application that they had a criminal record. This is currently being investigated by KBC housing department, although there have been no complaints about, or any other issues with, this resident.

There has been a change in the regulations controlling landlords' abilities to decide who gets which houses. There was now a system of choice-based lettings. Rachel confirmed BPHA make every effort to match tenants with houses but the ultimate choice now lies with the tenant.