

Mawsley Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 May 2012

Present: Cllr Thomas; Cllr. Cope; Cllr; Cllr Littler; Cllr Barnwell; Cllr Farthing; Diana MacCarthy

Members of the public present: 17

12.5.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr MacDonald

12.5.2 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 The Sports Council. Cllr Cope declared his interest in Mawsley Amateur Dramatics and Bowls.

12.5.3 Allotted time for members of the public

(Mr Baker) Parking on main roads - is there anything that can be done? This has been discussed with the County and Borough Council as well as the police. Cllr Thomas said that the County Council are reluctant to put road markings all around the village, but key issues are being considered such as road markings around the pond. Cllr Littler said the other side to the argument is that the number of cars parked helps reduce speeding and the police's scope for action is limited. Cllr Farthing confirmed that the cars parked by the pond were a particular issue in terms of an accident happening in the future. Cllr Barnwell said that this was not a parish council matter and that highways was a County Council matter and Jim Harker is the person to lobby. Angela Radcliff said that she thought the Parish Council should assist as a representative voice. Cllr Barnwell said the two should act together.

Val Sanders was concerned regarding speeding around Old Gorse Way. Cllr Littler said that if the registration numbers of the cars are given he will report it to the police. Cllr Barnwell confirmed that the police are very helpful in keeping the informant discreet.

Alan Pritchard raised the issue of poor grass cutting and hedgerows not being trimmed. Cllr Thomas said that David Wilson Homes are good at keeping on top of this but Taylor Wimpey are not. When roads are adopted the grass verges will become part of the adopted area and thus maintained by Kettering Borough Council. Cllr Thomas advised contacting Chris Leeson at Taylor Wimpey direct. Tom Sanders said that general maintenance has always been an issue in terms of grass cutting, lights and other issues. Cllr Littler said that the more individuals that raise their concerns the better. Cllr Barnwell said that bad publicity would have a detrimental effect on Taylor Wimpey which if highlighted would affect their proposed development at Kettering West.

Tom Sanders said that there had been a lack of activity in recent months on the roads. Further it was highlighted that road markings were required around the school and at junctions, but nothing seems to have happened. Cllr Thomas said that the matter was progressing but a lot of work is behind the scenes and undertaken prior to the actual road marking.

Cllr Littler said that as Parish Council, we cannot do any more than we have been.

Debbie Thomas asked if any deadlines had been given for road markings but Cllr Thomas said we had only just met with the engineer and thus we had no clear dates.

Cllr Cope asked whether we could add Taylor Wimpey's details in to the newsletter. Pat Rowley said that Dan Pole may also be interested in writing an article for the next newsletter on behalf of Taylor Wimpey.

Debbie Thomas said that we should make it clearer who the Councillors are and what they do.

12.5.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Cope proposed the minutes of the meeting held 9 April 2012 and Cllr. Littler seconded these.

12.5.5 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	TB	To chase KBC re response to our letter regarding issues at the centre.	TB to chase Julia Beckett and update
12.10.5.1	RB	To investigate wording for declaration on walk way	Statutory Declaration needs to be sworn to say that whilst giving access we are protecting our rights of way – on going
6.11.13.1	DM	To review other account options (Cambridge BS)	Ongoing – DM to enquire whether a minimum sum needs to be left in an account to keep the Natwest account open.
9.11.3.1	PT	To contact Peter Chaplin re transfer of land for bus stop	DWH agreed in principle but still ongoing
9.11.6.1	PT	To speak to Taylor Wimpey regarding the Eco Meadow	Confirmed it may become a flower meadow and will then be adopted.
10.11.16.1	VC	To pursue possibility of relocating bike racks	Alternatives and costing to be prepared.
11.12.3.3	Clerk	To chase plan from Chris Bond showing proposed road marking	Chris Bond plan agreed at meeting is being used as and when each phase is adopted. Now 23 near misses - update

10.11.16.1 – VC has a quote from a builder within the village – racks and concrete etc, brick built with felt roof -£3150.00. This will hold 6 bikes. The proposed rack is near the two gates within the Centre carpark. Cllr Thomas felt it was expensive for 6 bikes. Cllr Cope said in the last 3 months he had seen one bike parked in total out of the four racks in Barnwell Court. Cllr Cope had been approaching the Council to see if one of the four could be relocated to save cost. Cllr Littler will help Vic Cope contact the relevant person at County and City developments **ACTION 12.5.5.1**

12.5.6 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Tim Bellamy was not in attendance. Cllr Thomas suggested Peter Chaplin be invited to the next meeting to discuss whether the public open space plan being used is the correct one. **ACTION 12.5.6.1** request detailed list of what Borough Council intends to adopt from Peter Chaplin. A definitive response is required plus a meeting prior to the June Council meeting. Cllr Barnwell said that this was discussed initially when the land was transferred. Cllr Thomas suggested meeting with him prior to the next meeting and to involve Cllrs Moreton and Hakewill and Julia Beckett. Cllr Barnwell reiterated to the public that it was not in the Borough Councils interest to keep hold of much open space, as it is not cost effective.

ACTION 12.5.6.2 letter to Jim Hakewill congratulations on Mayor of Borough

12.5.7 Taylor Wimpey

Covered in action points above.

12.5.8 Mawsley Community Fund

No applications

12.5.9 The Centre at Mawsley

ACTION 12.5.9.1 Clerk to write letter of thanks to Alan MacDonald and Graham Leah as regards the kitchen.

Future funding; **ACTION 12.5.9.2** speak to Kettering Borough Council as to whether the discussion of future funding can be held privately.

Cllr Cope asked whether the discussion could be held privately, Cllr Littler felt this was not going to be grounds for excluding the public and should be held democratically as there were no commercially sensitive issues to be discussed. Cllr Cope said that using precept funding is the best way forward and we should have a plan B.A recent meeting with TCAM had been useful but felt that it was too brief. The article in News and Views was held to be very useful. Cllr Cope then gave an overview of his main concerns, The Centre was supposed to be self-financing within 3 years. The community side of the Centre is losing money but the bar area is doing well. Cllr Cope said that we currently raise £35,000 per year but going forward, the community accounts for 2/3 of the space within the building. Cllr Cope's list of items he suggests we need to consider in discussing forward funding was presented.

Point 2 referred to wear and tear, a reserve needs to be built up to cover on-going repairs and replacements.

Point 3 a certain level of funds needs to be put away for planned development so the Centre does not stagnate.

Point 4, other funds for other developments around the village

Point 5, other funds needed for other groups around the village.

£24k community, £10k replacement of goods, £5k for maintenance, £8k planned development, £4k village projects, £8k other groups.

Total of £59k - this based on band C would equate to £1.14 per week in precept.

Cllr Cope finished by saying we must come up with a plan amongst both parties. Things like age restrictions on users of the bar should be left to discretion of staff.

His personal view is that people are working together to bring new things to The Centre and Cllr Cope felt that these users should come together to try and understand the economics. Membership should also be given to every member of the village to make them a member of the community side of the village.

Cllr Thomas felt this was a good clear overview of the situation and Cllr Barnwell felt that most people understand that paying a little extra is worth having the facilities we have. Cllr Farthing also felt that this was a good idea.

Cllr Cope said a joint meeting with at least one representative from each group and MVA and TCAM is required to move it forward.

Cllr Littler agreed that a joint view was needed to be resolved as regards future funding. Each item needs to be discussed and reviewed to see if it adequately reflects future needs. The three groups need to get together to discuss this further.

ACTION write to TCAM and MVA to arrange a meeting (June 10th either 4pm or 6.30pm – write to MVA and TCAM to confirm) to discuss future development. Cllr Barnwell suggested a pre-meeting amongst Parish Councillors beforehand (**Wednesday 23rd at 7.30 subject to room availability**).

12.5.10 Police Matters

Police were not in attendance.

12.5.11 Villager issues

Cllr Thomas stated that the reason why a pocket park proposal was not on the Agenda was because it had not yet been handed over to Mawsley Parish Council and also that no decision had been made as to what we would do with it. The pocket park proposal was just one of many proposals, which would be discussed at a later date. Tom Sanders asked why it was taking so long for the open space to be completed and handed

over. Les Cottington had hoped that the clearing of the weeds could be done this year so we could start afresh in the autumn.

Tom Sanders emailed Jim Hakewill regarding issues outstanding . A response was received giving names of who would be accountable for sorting it out. Tom Sanders asked that we Minute the email and start as an action point raising issues direct with those people. Cllr Barnwell said the land needs to be sprayed over 2/3 years so that the only thing that would grow would be that which was planted in it. Ms Lane said it is a shame it is no longer full of wildlife and natural insects as it was used greatly by the school.

Litter picking tools – proposal put forward to purchase equipment (£135.06) proposed Cllr Cope seconded Cllr Thomas. Cllr Cope suggested keeping them either at private residential houses, **ADD TO ASSET REGISTER**

12.5.12 Accounts and Budgets

ACTION 12.5.12 Clerk to invoice MVA £2000 for kitchen

12.5.13 Correspondence and Clerks update

General correspondence was discussed.

12.5.14 Planning

No applications received.

12.5.15 Items for newsletter.

Co-option of new councillor

Use of litter picking equipment

12.5.16 Any Other Business

CF – no

Cllr Barnwell asked for copy of Allotment lease and sub lease.

Cllr Littler asked for confirmation that £5k grant to go towards car park remedials/improvements received from KBC– Clerk confirmed.

ACTION POINTS

12.5.5.1	BL/VC	Contact relevant person regarding the moving of the bike rack	
12.5.6.1	Clerk	Contact Peter Chaplin for list of open space areas	
12.5.6.2	Clerk	Letter to Cllr Hakewill regarding Mayorship	
12.5.9.1	Clerk	Letter to Graham Leah and Alan MacDonald regarding the kitchen	
12.5.9.2	Clerk	Speak to Borough Council regarding private meetings	
12.5.12	Clerk	Write to MVA regarding Kitchen funds	

The meeting ended at 22:24

Signed:

Date: