

Mawsley Village Association (MVA) Meeting

Date: Tuesday 14th January 2025

Venue: TCAM

Attendees: Jenny Clucas
John Holton
Paul Howells
George King
Chris Waite
Nicola Wisdom
Simon Wisdom

NOTES

1. Actions from October Meeting

ACTION	UPDATE
Fireworks Volunteers needed on the gate & for litter picking morning after Pursue grant funding from Parish Council	Completed Completed - £1k grant obtained
Newsletter Approach Potbelly Brewery for an advert Publicise the Newsletter re providing articles and adverts on the two Mawsley Facebook pages	Alan unable to complete in time To be done for April Newsletter.
Litter Pick Contact Rebecca early March to organise April litter pick	Ongoing

2. MVA Finances update

John as MVA treasurer gave a brief summary of MVA finances. The MVA currently has £13,691 in its bank account, plus £2,268 of Skate Mawsley Funds. Under its Articles, the MVA must hold a minimum of £4,000 reserves. Outgoings per year are between £2k - £3k (incl. Centre rates, grants and small Newsletter printing costs), provided Fireworks Night breaks even. Therefore, the MVA is solvent for a number of years at this current rate of expenditure, however, prudently, we should look at opportunities to raise funds for the MVA.

3. Fireworks Night

Fireworks Night2024:

- John presented the finances. The total income was £6,385 (tickets sales, MPC grant and pitch fees) and the total expenditure was £6284, giving a small surplus of £101. There were 1,061 paying attendees and an unknown number under the age of 16.
- Chris said the Fireworks Group has reviewed 2024. Fireworks Night 2024 was deemed a success with excellent feedback. There were a few issues that arose, which the Group will seek to address for the 2025 display.

Fireworks Night 2025

- On a positive note, going forward Chris confirmed that the Group will organise a Firework display for 2025.
- Given the increasing costs of putting on the display it is likely that the ticket price will have to increase. The plan is to use St John's Ambulance for the first aid provision in 2025, although they are more expensive they would provide an excellent service. The preferred model is still to allow under 16s in free with a paying adult. People will again

be encouraged to pre-purchase tickets and an electronic payment mechanism will be in place.

- The benefits of having the bonfire were discussed as most people arrive after it has been lit and it adds to the clear up challenges the following day. A decision will be made on whether to continue with it. The idea of having other entertainment on the night instead was suggested (e.g. fire dancers etc). Chris will take this back to the Fireworks Group.
- The suggested date is Sat 8th Nov 2025.

4. **Skate Mawsley Project**

MVA hold the funds raised by the Skate Mawsley project, via Good Hub on behalf of the Project. The total held currently is £2,268; this money is to be used as match funding for new skate ramp facilities in the village.

Update from Skate Mawsley Group (background in July/October Notes Notes). The Group are now exploring other sources of grant funding in conjunction with NNC, since FCC announced they are not funding projects in Northamptonshire. These include National Lottery Community Fund and Mick George. The current ramp has been removed by NNC, as on inspection it was found to be too degraded with rotten wood and hence dangerous. Further repairs were not viable.

The Group plan to continue with fund raising either as match for a grant or if this is unsuccessful as funding towards replacing like for like.

5. **Village Newsletter**

John, as Editor, gave an update.

The December Newsletter was very well received from all the feedback, and broke even in terms of costs (printing cost was £550 and advertising revenue was £530).

There will be three Newsletters in 2025. The next one will be issued in April, ideally in time to promote Easter activities. The deadline for articles will be mid-March; John will contact all contributors, User Groups and advertisers with the date.

Ideas:

- Chris agreed to talk to Potbelly Brewery about taking an advert in the Newsletter.
- John and Jenny will put something on the Village Facebook pages about the forthcoming Newsletter, encouraging articles and adverts.
- Suggested that we give copies of the Newsletter to key local Estate Agents to pass on to new residents. John will action this with Horts.

6. **Regular village litter picks**

As discussed and agreed at the October Meeting, going forward the plan is to organise two litter picks a year in April and September (after the Easter and Summer school holidays).

Volunteers would need to be fully aware that they are litter picking under their own responsibility with no liability on the MVA. TCAM would act as the hub for the activity.

The next litter pick will be on Saturday 26th April. Jenny will contact Rebecca in early March to start planning for the April litter pick.

4. **Other ideas?**

Nothing raised.

5. **Date of Next Meeting - 15th April at 7.15pm, at TCAM (prior to TCAM Meeting).**

Jenny & John will organise the MVA AGM to be held in April.

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Litter Pick Contact Rebecca early March to organise April 26 th litter pick	Jenny
MVA AGM	Jenny/John