

Mawsley Village Association (MVA) Meeting

Date: Tuesday 15th April 2025

Venue: TCAM

Attendees: Jenny Clucas
John Holton
George King
Nicola Wisdom

Apologies: Paul Howells
Chris Waive
Simon Wisdom

NOTES

1. Actions from January Meeting

Action	Update
Newsletter Approach Potbelly Brewery for an advert	Leave on for next Newsletter (Chris + Jenny to ask Ellie)
Publicise the Newsletter re providing articles and adverts on the two Mawsley Facebook pages	Completed, repeat for next time
Give copies of the Newsletter to key local Estate Agents to pass on to new residents	All residents receive a copy
Litter Pick Contact Rebecca early March to organise April 26 th litter pick	On agenda
MVA AGM	On agenda

2. MVA Finances update

John as MVA treasurer gave a brief summary of MVA finances. The MVA currently has £12,284 in its bank account, plus £2,394 of Skate Mawsley Funds. Under its Articles, the MVA must hold a minimum of £4,000 reserves. The outgoings are the rates (£2,095 for this year), small contributions to Newsletter printing costs and Fireworks Night if they do not break even, and grants if approved. The MVA is solvent for a number of years at this current rate of expenditure, however, it was agreed that we should look for opportunities to raise funds for the MVA. Ideas suggested were something at Fun Day or a sports event if not taken up by WI (as they have first refusal of idea from Nicola).

3. Fireworks Night

Input from Chris: group are just starting the planning process for 2025; Chris will attend the next meeting to give a full update on progress.

As discussed in January, the view of the meeting is that the entry price will have to increase in 2025, but still allowing under 16s in free with a paying adult. The Group also agreed to approach the MPC for a grant, but recognised that there was no guarantee of success.

4. Skate Mawsley Project

MVA hold the funds raised by the Skate Mawsley project, via GoodHub on behalf of the Project. The total held currently is £2,394; this money is to be used as match funding for new skate ramp facilities in the village.

Update from Skate Mawsley Group: Their fundraising is continuing with the next event being a crock smash again at the Mawsley Fun day this summer, and an addition this year is a

colour run. Plus they have had some donations direct to the GoodHub, and there is a charity collection box in Mawsley One Stop now, which was added this month. They have a display board in the centre, through which they will continue to communicate their progress plus socials to the community, including a feature in the recent Mawsley magazine.

The skatepark supplier who is providing quotes, has said they could offer a ramp and tricks area for around £55-£60k with options of adding onto this in the future if further funds become available; this is seen as a more achievable goal moving forward. Recent communications with NNC have indicated they can support a low maintenance option of concrete structure. The Group are continuing to investigate grants for around 30k.

5. **Village Newsletter**

John, as Editor, gave an update:

The April Newsletter was produced and delivered in advance of Easter as planned. The next Newsletter will be mid-Sept (copy required by end Aug) and first week of Dec (copy by mid-Nov). John will contact all contributors, User Groups and advertisers with the dates, and John and Jenny will put something on the Village Facebook pages in advance about the forthcoming Newsletter, encouraging articles and adverts.

Ideas:

- Given the number of dog owners in the Village, the idea of an article on dogs/dog ownership and 'post a picture of your dog' was proposed. The thinking was that this would be popular.

6. **Regular village litter picks**

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

Therefore, there will be a litter pick on Sat 26th April, starting at 11.00am, with TCAM acting as the hub for the activity. Nicola agreed to provide the litter pickers and drinks for volunteers. Volunteers will be assigned to different parts of Mawsley to litter pick.

Jenny will publicise the event on the two Mawsley Facebook pages and the MVA one.

Volunteers will be made aware that they are litter picking under their own responsibility with no liability on the MVA.

7. **MVA AGM – May 2025**

It was agreed to seek to hold the MVA AGM in conjunction with the TCAM AGM on Tuesday 27th May. Nicola will book the main hall for the event. The two AGM's will be promoted via Facebook; all village residents are welcome to attend.

8. **Other ideas?**

Jenny has been approached by a village resident about the provision of more benches in Mawsley for those with disability issues and recovering from ill health. The areas suggested were the eco meadow and something along the footpath by the wood and /or beside Old Gorse Way. The Group thought this was a good idea. Jenny said if it went ahead the benches would need to be composite and secured.

Jenny said the first step was to contact the land owners (probably NNC and one of the developers) about providing permission. She was planning to raise the idea at the MPC Meeting to ascertain who the respective land owners were and who/how to contact them.

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

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

Actions:

Progress litter pick on 26 th April	Jenny
Organise MVA AGM	Jenny & John
Explore benches idea – initially with land owners	Jenny