

**Mawsley Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16 February 2015**

**Present:** Cllr Littler; Cllr Sanders; Cllr Richards; Cllr White; Diana MacCarthy (Clerk)

**Borough Councillor Moreton**

**Members of the public present: Trish Cottington; Steve Nurthen (Environmental Warden KBC); Adam Shaw, Colin Twell (Anglian Water) Toby Clegg and Joanne Clegg ; PCSO Jane Breeze**

**15.02.1 Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr Cope; Cllr Barnwell; Cllr Baker

**15.02.2 Declaration of Interests**

None received

**15.02.3 Allotted time for members of the public**

Nothing raised by members of the public.

Steve Nurthen – Posters are being placed around the village confirming that wardens are now patrolling to watch those that leave dog foul without cleaning up. Examples of previous incidents within the Borough include Mill Road Kettering, where a person was caught and issued with a fixed penalty fine, (£75), in another example in Rothwell, a woman offered to clean up but was told that the offence takes place when you walk away regardless of whether you return to clear up later. She was fined in the Magistrates Courts for £400.00. Mr Nurthen was now aware of over 200 people being taken to court since he had worked for the Borough Council. Residents within Mawsley can take a description and report the offender and a fine will be issued. The person reporting must be willing to stand as a witness in court, and the fine can be anything up to £1000.00. You can ring Kettering Borough Council if you spot dog mess and you require them to come out and collect. Telephone number to call and report is (01536) 410333. Mawsley has been highlighted as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, and patrols have increased. Those that are caught will be in the local paper and named and shamed as well as referred to in the local newsletter.

Mr Nurthen confirmed that he would add Mawsley to his rota for pro-active patrols, and promised to head to Mawsley to see if they can find someone to name and shame, to highlight the issue.

**Action 15.02.03.1** Cllr Littler is to write an article for the newsletter.

Cllr Hakewill has suggested we write to Simon Bovey (Daventry Borough Council), regarding the lack of notification for the wind turbine. He is one of the Chief Executives at DCC. Cllr Moreton had emailed to confirm that Kettering Borough Council would be unable to assist with legal advice as they also act for Daventry Borough Council and so there would be a conflict of interest. Cllr Littler suggested seeking legal advice on whether the Borough Council has a statutory requirement to consult us.

Cllr White asked whether we were seeking to have the turbine removed or whether it is that we require confirmation that we would be informed going forward of any future applications.

Cllr Hakewill suggested speaking to NCALC (Association of Local Councils) about this issue. Cllr littler thought this was a good idea, and will contact them prior to the next meeting.

Toby Clegg said that his biggest objection is the discourtesy of the Borough and District Councils; he has no issue as regards the wind turbine per se. He is more concerned as regards the precedent aspect, he would like it clearly noted that this was done unknowingly. He added that those training as planners are often keen to take on cases similar to this as part of their studies for free. Planning aid may also offer free advice. Cllr Littler is to look in to this.

Adam Shaw– Sewer collections and Colin Twell (both from Anglian Water) looks after pumping stations. There is an issue with unflushables and FOG (fats and greases) which have caused problems within Mawsley at the pumping station (Symonds Way). This has caused problems with electrics and blockages which may cause the pump to stop working. This stops local residents from using their facilities as they back up. They have a Keep it Clear campaign, and they would like us to pass the information on to residents via the

newsletter for example. Cllr Littler said they have the backing of the Council and we will help in any way we can. Mr Shaw is to forward an article to the Clerk for inclusion within the newsletter.

#### 15.02.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

**It was resolved** to approve the Minutes of the meeting of 15 December 2014

Proposed by Cllr White and Seconded by Cllr Richards.

#### 15.02.5 Accounts and Budgets

The following invoices were approved for payment.

| Paid to | In respect of | Amount (net) |
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| Clerk   | Salary        | £348.75      |
| TCAM    | Room Hire     | £82.50       |

Further the Clerk confirmed that a VAT refund claim had been submitted for £3,287.99.

The Clerk had emailed an overview of the RBS Accounts software for approval by the Council. Cllr Littler thought that the purchase was unnecessary as we have coped for the last few years. The Clerk raised the issue of risk and continuity of information should the Clerk leave. Further risk management was a key feature of the audit.

Cllr White felt it was a good investment and proposed the purchase. This was seconded by Cllr Richards, Cllr Sanders was in agreement but Cllr Littler was not.

The Clerk is to order the software.

Finally Cllr Littler had received an enquiry as to what are reserves were being held for. It was confirmed that this is predominantly for future maintenance of the Centre and possible extension of the building.

#### 15.02.6 Matters arising from the previous meeting

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| 12.10.5.1  | RB    | To investigate wording for declaration on walk way  | Await response from County Council – Cllr Barnwell dealing  |
| 12.12.13.1 | RB    | People March to be visited and advice given for activities for young people within Mawsley. | A meeting is to be arranged with Cllr Barnwell and Cllr Baker. Cllr Cope to contact Cllr Barnwell to progress matters.  |
| 14.4.7.1   | Clerk | Open space plan   | Still awaited from Peter Chaplin at KBC. Cllr Hakewill to chase.  |
| 14.4.7.3   | KW    | Article 4 Area  | Cllr White had a meeting with some villagers. The spec he had drafted was declined by the Council and so the only suggestion was to try and emulate traditional windows (despite the higher cost). A test case was being submitted. |
| 14.4.7.4   | BL    | Licence to occupy   | Clerk to bring Licence for signature.   |

#### 15.02.7 Mawsley Interface with Kettering Borough Council

The ROSPA review had been received and showed some issues with the play area which had been highlighted. Further the Clerk had received confirmation that a safety check of the play area was being completed twice yearly.

The issue of the windfarm was dealt with above.

**15.02.8 The Adoption Process**

The foul sewerage issues were dealt with at the start of the meeting.

**15.02.9 Community Fund**

No applications

**15.02.10 The Centre at Mawsley**

No issues were raised.

**15.02.11 Police matters**

Nothing listed for February to date. January - Theft other (child using parents credit card), theft of pedal cycle, threat of criminal damage via text and a domestic assault.

Cllr Barnwell joined the meeting at 9.00pm

**15.02.12 Villager Issues**

**Facebook policy:**

The draft Facebook policy was discussed. Cllr Barnwell had asked for the following points to be raised:

- Council policy cannot be amended on Facebook: this was confirmed

References to issues raised that had previously been discussed by the Council should wherever possible be addressed by referring previously published minutes; This was agreed by all.

- Re the Council removing comments it was clarified that this would only apply where comments were offensive. The Clerk would advise of any such instances at every meeting.

- Who would monitor the site and reply to resident's' comments? Agreed this would be the Clerk, with the help if required of the Chair.

Concerns were raised as to how comments by residents would be managed; would there possibly be an unmanageable number? It was agreed that Cllr Littler would talk to other Parish Councils who already use Facebook to see how they dealt with this. **Action 15.02.12.1** Cllr Littler to speak to other Councils.

**Litter picking:**

The Clerk is to forward details of Litter Picking Hero email to Cllr Sanders.

Cllr Sanders agreed to organise a litter pick around the village, using the Mawsley Facebook site to publicise it and attract volunteers. Equipment and the collection of full bags is to be arranged via the Borough Council.

**Action 15.02.12.2** Cllr Sanders to arrange litter pick

**Neighbourhood Plan:**

It was agreed to proceed to area designation. The designated area is to be the Mawsley Parish Boundary (to include Roman Settle). The statement of designation was agreed.

The next step would be for the Borough Council to organise a consultation process regarding the designation.

It was noted that moving to designation did not commit us to producing a Plan.

**15.02.13 Correspondence and clerks update**

**Elections:** It was agreed that a full timetable (notably the date applications must be received) would be published on the website as soon as possible and in the next Newsletter.

The clerk is attending a grant finding open day on 5 March and will report back to full Council, Cllr Richards is hoping to attend with the Clerk.

**15.02.14 Planning**

**KET/2015/0001** Completion of Community Governance Review – the new plan had been submitted and approved by Kettering Borough Council.

**15.02.15 Items for the newsletter and website**

Cllr Littler is to write an article to include dog fouling issues. Anglian Water will also forward information for the newsletter regarding the blockage. Cllr Sanders will add a note regarding the litter picking, Finally Cllr White is to refer to the Neighbourhood plan and what is required.

**The meeting ended at 9.55pm**

**Signed:** .....

**Date:** .....

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