

**Mawsley Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Present:** Cllr B Littler (Chair); Cllr K White Cllr T Sanders; Cllr P Richards, Cllr K Wilson and Cllr R Barnwell;

**Also present:** Borough Cllr C Moreton; Juliet Lewis (Clerk).

**Public present:** 21 members of the public attended the meeting, names were not taken.

**17.04.01** To receive **Apologies of Absence:** Councillor Hakewill had sent apologies ahead of the meeting.

**17.04.02** To receive **Members' Declarations of Pecuniary Interest:** Cllr R Barnwell and Cllr P Richards declared an interest in the future of allotment provision. During the meeting Cllr Barnwell also confirmed an interest in agenda item 17.04.09(b).

**17.04.03** To receive **Members' requests for Dispensations:** None

**17.04.04** **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017** It was resolved to approve the Minutes of the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Proposed Cllr Richards, seconded by Cllr Barnwell – all agreed.

A member of the public claimed that the declaration of interest section had been inaccurately recorded and that Cllr Barnwell had not declared an interest in section 17.03.02. The clerk confirmed that this had been recorded in the written minutes at the time and all councillors confirmed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

**17.04.05** **To discuss Matters arising from these minutes only:** The following updates were given on outstanding actions:

- TCAM / MVA / MPC quarterly meeting has been arranged for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm, agenda to be produced by the clerk
- Neighbourhood plan, to be recirculated for comment, next agenda
- Temporary signs have been removed
- A meeting has been arranged with the Kings Vale developers
- Cllr Vacancy, notice will go up within 7 days. We currently have one resident who has expressed an interest.

All other actions were complete prior to the meeting.

**17.04.06** **Police / Neighbourhood warden update:** Not present.

**17.04.07** **Public Time (15 min):** James Ramsden, an allotment tenant and a member of the allotment association, read out a statement on behalf the of those residents who have requested an allotment. He stated that they have been very upset by the vindictive and offensive behaviour. He confirmed that they have withdrawn from the working party but they would like to make it clear that they have NOT withdrawn their request for allotments. They need answers, need to be taken seriously and will not be going away. The Parish Council thanked them for their comments and responded within the allotments item on the agenda.

Following the allotment update the public made further comments as follows:

- Do we have a timetable for the next steps? Cllr Littler responded that at this time we were unable to commit to a time table at this point.

- Why waste money on legal advice, no land means no allotments? Cllr Littler confirmed that the Parish Council have a statutory duty to provide allotments which may lead to the compulsory purchase or rent of land within the Parish boundary.
- Steve Tucker (public, member of NOAH and participant in the working group) stated that NOAH support allotments but not inside the parish, he also confirmed that they are still willing to participate in the working group.

**17.04.08 Borough / County councillor update:** Councillor Moreton gave the following update:

- **Footpath (Birch Spinney)** Money is in the budget thanks to Cllr Hakewill, quotes were approx. £15k. There was some confusion regarding a quote that Cllr Sanders from TCV for £5k, possibly less if more volunteers can be found. This relates to the woodland walk not the cycle path. Cllr Littler confirmed that this is a Borough Council matter not a Parish matter and therefore any discussion between Cllr Sanders and Cllr Moreton should take place outside of the meeting.
- **See also 17.04.09(b)**

**17.04.09 Planning: (a)** To discuss the following planning applications:

**KET/2017/0072** – 16-22 Barnwell Court, Mawsley - Change of use of first floor from B1 (office) to C3 (residential) to form 5 no. residential flats. After much discussion the Parish Council confirmed **no objection** however would like to raise concern regarding the allocation / storage of bins and the allocation of parking spaces so that local residents / businesses are not negatively impacted.

**KET/2017/0202** – 3 Link Lane, Mawsley – replacement of all doors and windows. **No objection.**

**KET/2017/0185** – 11 Hawthorne Avenue, Mawsley – replacement of 6 windows. **No objection**

**KET/2017/0258** – 4 Old Gorse Way, Mawsley - Replace dormer windows and rear double doors. **No objection**

**KET/2017/0205b** – 2 Main Street, Mawsley - Replacement doors and windows to rear and front door. **No objection**

**(b) Update** on planning progress re: 50 dwellings on the land off Cransley Rise (RA/174) and 83-143 dwellings to the ease of Mawsley (RA/115).

- Cllr White stated that 2 proposed schemes have been submitted to KBC for consideration to be included in the Joint Core Strategy. KBC have confirmed that neither will be go forward as a preferred option.
- Cllr Moreton stated he was not aware that the second option had been proposed but that the inclusion of a plan for 53 properties on the land off Cransley Rise will be considered at the planning policy meeting the following evening. Cllr Moreton confirmed that he will be opposing the inclusion of this land as housing stock as Mawsley cannot accommodate the increase in the number of children etc. He confirmed that this discussion is merely part of a longer process.
- Cllr Littler confirmed that the Parish Council had been contacted by a representative of the owners of the land behind TCAM, they will be meeting shortly to gain additional details of their plans.
- Cllr Barnwell declared an interest in both planning matters but confirmed he had not been contacted regarding either.

**17.04.10****Finance:** (a) To approve monthly Receipts & Payments:

Payee	Details	Budget Heading	££
TCAM	Inv No 2244	Room Hire	£38.25
Meadows & Co Ltd	Payroll services Inv 17974	Professional fees	£255.84
TCAM	Annual funding	TCAM Funding	£24,000.00
NCALC	INV 6252	Subscription & Audit fees	£869.06
J Lewis	Clerk salary	Clerk Salary	£421.78
+	Print Cartridge	Stationary	£27.00
			£25,611.93

**It was Resolved that** the payments be made in accordance with the Local Government Act 1982 and subsequent amendments.

(b) Approval of monthly budget report format – new monthly budget format was approved with some amendment to account headings.

**17.04.11**

**Bus Shelter Project:** Cllr Sanders confirmed that funding options had been exhausted and investigation into further funding had not been positive. He asked the Parish Council to consider the following:

- There is a need for these bus shelters, 134 school children, 60 + other bus users
- A quote of £28.4k has been received for 3 wooden shelters but this quote is time bound.
- From the start the funds should have been provided by the Parish Council, funding should be a bonus
- To install the shelters individually would increase the cost by approx. £8k

Significant discussion took place between the Parish Councillors regarding consultation with the public, funding options and timeframes. It was agreed that the following actions would take place before the next meeting to allow further discussion:

- Consultation letter to residents around the proposed bus shelter sites (TS)
- Contact local business for sponsorship (TS)
- Publish on social media (TS)
- Investigate community grant (BL)
- Investigate interest free loan (JL)
- Contact MVA for funding request (TS)

Cllr Barnwell expressed concern about installing bus shelters that we then have to maintain, he also commented that he didn't believe that the Parish Council had ever agreed to finance this project.

Cllr Littler commented that if we funded this project it would leave the Parish Council in a vulnerable position.

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

**17.04.12**

**Allotments:** Cllr Barnwell stated that he has been left in a very difficult position and that he had been saddened by the bad feeling this situation has caused. After considerable thought, and given the intolerable pressure on the Parish Council, Cllr Barnwell confirmed that he is withdrawing any and all offers of land within the parish boundary for use as allotments.

Cllr Littler stated that a document had been received from NOAH which resulted in the Allotment Association withdrawing from the working group. We have also received a number of Freedom of Information requests which would seem to indicate that if a decision is made that 'NOAH' is not happy with that they will proceed to judicial review. We now need to take legal advice to minimize the risk to the Parish Council.

Cllr Littler proposed that legal advice is sought and the working group suspended until this advice has been received. It was agreed by all. Clerk to confirm the cost at the next meeting.

Please note that the declaration from Cllr Barnwell that he will not offer land for the purpose of allotments means that he no longer has a pecuniary interest in this subject.

**17.04.13 Mybus update:** The day trip to Drayton Manor was well received, 10 of the 16 spaces were filled. Weekly trips to Kettering starting this week, further report at the next meeting.

**17.04.14 Village signage permission:** Awaiting letter of confirmation that there is no objection from Cllr Barnwell, to stay on the actions list.

**17.04.15 TCAM: (a) Replacement of heat detectors in bar area by smoke detectors:** 2 fire detectors will be replaced by smoke detectors. Smoke detectors were originally installed as smoking was still permitted inside the building.

Cllr Wilson confirmed that additional detectors in the roof void was unnecessary as it offers no additional as it will not aid life safety. She confirmed that quotes to address the issue had been received which varied from £450 to £8k.

Cllr White proposed that the Parish Council undertake a fire access review and that we document the fact that this level of protection is not required.

To be added to the June agenda.

**(b) Quarterly meeting:** Next quarterly meeting will take place on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8pm.

**17.04.16 Older Youth Teen shelter and Adventure trail:** Cllr Richards confirmed that he was looking into two separate projects:

- The first is a 'teen shelter' which is a meeting place for young people to sit and socialise. He confirmed that this would be funded by grants. Quotes to be sought by the next meeting. Advice on siting the shelter will be obtained from KBC and manufacturer.
- The second is an adventure trail. This will remain on the agenda.

Cllr Barnwell commented that this may clash with plans to extend TCAM, Cllr Littler confirmed that there is currently not progress with the extension project but it will be covered at the TCAM quarterly meeting.

**17.04.17 Update Taylor Wimpey Maintenance / inspection:** Walkabout has taken place in order to identify areas that need attention and a plan put together to rectify issues identified. (Such as street lighting / signage / road markings). Cllr Sanders suggested a FB post to inform residents that they should report issues to the clerk so that she can escalate.

DW grass areas are not being cut – to be monitored and reported to the clerk.

**17.04.18 Date and format of annual meetings:** Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 2pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the main hall at TCAM. The AGM will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May ahead of the monthly meeting.

**17.04.19**      **Correspondence received by the clerk not covered above:** Freedom of Information requests have been received and will be answered in the time period allowed. No other issues.

Meeting closed at 21:55

Next meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 7pm.