

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st December 2008

Present: Cllr. Holland, Cllr. Littler, Cllr. King, Cllr. Moreton , Cllr. Cope , Tim Bellamy , PCSO Samantha Gell, PCSO Andrew Wood

Members of the public present: None

12.08.1 Apologies for Absence Cllr. Barnwell

12.08.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Littler declared his position as Director of Mawsley Villagers Association Ltd. (MVA) and a director of The Centre at Mawsley CIC.

12.08.3 Allotted time for members of the public

None.

12.08.4 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held November 3rd 2008 were proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Moreton.

12.08.5 Matters arising from the previous meeting

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08.08.15.2	Cllr. Littler	Remind TCAM about fencing around containers	TCAM are collecting quotes for this at the moment. Clerk to write to TCAM.
09.08.11.2	Clerk	Reply to Jim Harker re tree planting	NCC due to donate 7-9 trees in early spring. Matter closed
09.08.14.1	Clerk	Write to Wimpey about doors at TCAM	Clerk spoke to Bill Metcalf. He will send one of his buyers to look at the doors but the buyer is on holiday at present. Clerk to chase, TCAM to get a quote for a new door.

09.08.14.2	Clerk	Write to Diamond estates about badger fencing and kerbstones	Done, awaiting reply. Clerk to chase again.
09.08.14.3	Clerk	Send report from landlords inspection to TCAM asking for response by next meeting	Response received. Matter closed
11.08.10	Clerk	Produce financial summary for December meeting	Done, matter closed
11.08.11.1	Clerk	Write to ask why Model Code of Conduct being changed so soon after being introduced	Response received and circulated to councillors. Matter closed
11.08.11.2	Clerk	Reply to KBC stating which consultations the Parish Council would like to be consulted on	Done, matter closed
11.08.12	Tim Bellamy	Ask planning department if there are plans to stop sending out hard copies of planning applications to Parish Councils	There are no plans at present to stop the plans being sent out in paper format. Matter closed
11.08.14.1	Cllr. Moreton	Obtain quotes and order new boiler for TCAM	Boiler due to fitted 2 nd December. Matter closed
11.08.15	Clerk	Write about TPS and MPS for newsletter.	Done, matter closed

12.08.8 Police Matters (brought forward by agreement)

PCSO Gell reported that in the October crime report there was 1 robbery and 1 'all other crimes' (this could have been a crime via the internet where the victim lives in Mawsley). PCSO Gell said that it was good to see burglary from dwellings and from/of motor vehicles at zero. People seem to have been listening to the police advice to put their valuables out of sight in vehicles.

Cllr. Holland said that he had rung the police three weeks ago on a Friday night after he had seen some youths in a vehicle looking suspicious. The police had told him that they were very busy and they did not ring him back for half an hour. Cllr. Holland said that he didn't want to hear how busy they were, he felt that this was the wrong response. PCSO Wood said that if you emailed it would go direct to the PCSO's who carry blackberries. You should ring the non emergency number and then email 08453 700700 or email sctruralwest@northants.police.co.uk - the information will then be directed to the PCSO's on duty.

12.08.6 Wind farm

Cllr. Littler reported that another flyer was due to come out soon. Someone with a PR background had now joined the action group and was able to help with the leaflet production.

12.08.7 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

The clerk had met with Paul Sawford from KBC to discuss the siting of a new dog bin. The bin is being put by the entrance to the woods. Mr Sawford is investigating whether there is funding for another bin to position at the other end of the footpath by the first village entrance.

Tim Bellamy had been shown a survey by the police to say what people's priority problem areas are. Litter and dog fouling were high on the list of complaints even though the police aren't responsible. There are only 3.5 dog wardens in the borough. Tim trying to increase awareness of this issue in the council and he has attended a management meeting with the chief executive to discuss this. The solution may be high profile street cleaning to get rid of litter and dog fouling. They need more people these people need to be more visible to the public. Tim felt that it was good that this issue was being discussed by senior members of the council and they will be able to get things done.

Tim Bellamy reported that the children had decided on the play area that they wanted in the village but that work cannot start until the site has been signed over to KBC. The play equipment has been ordered and it is hoped that it will all be installed by Easter 2009.

Cllr. Littler asked about a SLA for the playing field. Tim Bellamy had spoken to the clerk about this. Tim Bellamy has been trying to find a draft lease but most other villages do not have SLA's/licenses. Julia Beckett said that they would eventually have to be produced for all villages. Tim Bellamy said initially KBC may write a letter to the Parish Council stating the terms of the lease . Tim Bellamy said the priority was to get the agreement with Wimpey so that the land could be transferred to KBC.

Cllr. Holland asked who would be liable for the play equipment insurance and maintenance. Cllr. Littler said that KBC would be responsible for maintenance and insurance.

12.08.9 Taylor-Wimpey

Nothing to report.

12.08.10. Accounts and Budgets

The following payments are to made this month

Mrs E Cawthorne	Chq 146	£326
Northants ACRE	Chq 147	£34
TCAM	Chq 148	£20
Mosaic Corp (windfarm leaflet)	Chq 149	£176.25

These payments were proposed by Cllr. King and seconded by Cllr. Cope.

The clerk distributed a statement of accounts to all councillors.

12.08.11. Correspondence and Clerks Update

1. A NCALC information leaflet had been received. The leaflet contains a S137 update. S137 payments are payments that the council would make for anything not defined as one of the its legal obligations. Payments to finance the wind farm group fall into this category and are limited to a certain amount per parishioner. The amount was to increase slightly in April 2009. It was decided that the Wind farm group would only need vast amounts if they needed a QC to fight an appeal.
2. TCAM's response to The Parish Council's landlords report had been received. There were no issues with this as any necessary work was underway.
3. Cllr. Littler reported that the bus company was in principle happy to extend the bus route to the far end of the village. They would be looking for suitable sites for the bus stops and would hope to have the new route running soon.

12.08.12. Planning matters

None received.

12.08.13 Mawsley Community Fund

Cllr. Littler presented a request for £6587 to go towards the play area. He said that the play area is a KBC project; they will install, insure and maintain the play area. The design has been chosen by the school children. The MVA was asking for funds to give KBC help to fund the area. The only potential issue is that the MVA said that there was no need for a dog fence as the cost of putting one in had been very high. This would mean that the playing field would be a dog free area but the eco meadow would be available by then for people to exercise their dogs. KBC is contributing the vast amount but asking for 12% from the village. Cllr. King asked how much given to the cricket club - £15,000. Cllr. King said that he would propose it as this would benefit a greater proportion of the village for less money.

Cllr. Moreton would object to the banning of dogs on the playing field. Cllr. King said he agreed with banning dogs as felt that they should not be off their leads in a public place. He agreed that £10,000 for a fence was a lot and agreed that if there was no fence then there should be no dogs..

Cllr. King proposed that the funding be granted, Cllr. Cope seconded. Cllr. Moreton said that he could not vote if it prevents dogs on the fields. Cllr. Littler said that it is an MVA decision to have no dog fence. If it

becomes apparent that this is a contentious issue then it can be revisited. He added that the voting for the provision of the money for the play area has nothing to do with the issue of the dog fence.

Cllr. Moreton and the other councillors voted unanimously for the money to be granted. Cllr. Moreton proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. Littler and Tim Bellamy for the vast amount of work done on this

12.08.14 TCAM

Cllr. Holland reported that a new boiler is to be fitted 2nd/3rd December. A local company was installing the boilers and they would have a five year parts and labour warranty.

Cllr. Cope mentioned the diabolical state of the TCAM tables. He said that when a person hires the hall they hire the tables. The table are coming out of the lockup with black mould on them. No tablecloths were available at an event Cllr. Cope had attended. Cllr. Cope said that he was happy to clean the tables but that he would only do it once, people who use them should be responsible for the tables.

Cllr. Littler said fireworks night was very successful in that the fireworks were better than last year and that the principle of making the light up time earlier, and having a barbeque and outside bar, worked well. The centre took a lot of money but attendance was only 50% of last years. Poor ticket sales could have been a result of the credit crunch, the weather and the fact that 80 of the village children away at scout/cub camp. The MVA lost money on the event because of poor attendance.

12.08.15 Items for inclusion in the newsletter

To be discussed at the January meeting

12.08.16 Any other business

Tim Bellamy said that he would be away from 11th December until 5th January.

The meeting was closed at 9:00pm.

05.08.19 Date of next meeting

Next PC meeting Monday January 5th 2008

Signed: **Date:**

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