

Mawsley Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 March 2010

Present: Cllr Littler (Chair); Cllr Holland; Cllr Moreton; Cllr. Cope; Cllr Barnwell; Diana MacCarthy (clerk);

Members of the public present: Tom Sanders; Yvette Den-drijver; Karl Sanders and Nick Williams

Others present: PCSO Breeze; PCSO Firth; Trish Dewar (Kettering Borough Council)

03.10.1 Apologies for Absence: Cllr King

03.10.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Littler declared his position as a Director of Mawsley Villagers Association Ltd. (MVA) and as a Director of The Centre at Mawsley CIC. Cllrs Cope and Holland in respect of Mawsley Amateur Dramatics and Cllr Barnwell as (possible) president of the Cricket Club.

03.10.3 Allotted time for members of the public

No items raised.

03.10.4 Police Issues

PCSO Firth discussed recent crime figures which showed 7 incidences in January, and 1 recorded so far for February.

PCSO Breeze also confirmed that there had been some parking issues raised but as the roads were unadopted all they could do was issue the cars with polite notices.

Cllr Holland raised issue of cars parked in lay-by close to main entrance which it is believed may be for sale.

PCSO Breeze confirmed that this was a trading standards issue.

Cllr Barnwell confirmed he had the same issue in Wisbech and that there was nothing you could do unless they were untaxed etc

Cllr Cope enquired about an incident in which a child was nearly hit, and confirmed that there were still incidences of bad driving in and around the school.

Cllr Moreton asked whether this means we are now getting back on top of crime.

PCSO Firth stated that someone had been arrested for 4 burglaries and some other people had been relocated.

Cllr Littler confirmed that this followed the meeting with BPHA, TW and the Police.

Cllr Barnwell confirmed that there was a new lady working on behalf of BPHA.

TS stated that he had been involved in a speed initiative within the village that would commence in April.

PCSO Breeze said that they were still doing Operation Guardian and telling people not to display valuables in car windows.

03.10.5 Presentation re GrantFinder by Trish Dewar

TD asked why we as a village require money.

Cllr Littler stated that there were no facilities for young people, the village lacks landscaping, bus shelters etc there is also a high level of post-natal depression that needed to be dealt with.

Cllr Moreton stated that due to the high levels of tax we should not need to justify our needs.

TD clarified by stating that to obtain the grants/money you need to show community spirit. There are provisions for youth you just need a specific project. There are three areas – Youth, community and voluntary.

Cllr Littler confirmed that we had a project running for the play area but no money at present. For the area (aimed at children 10 plus) we need approximately £35k.

TD stated that the youth projects will be stand alone projects. She then enquired as to what connection we had with Age Concern (55+) and Help the Aged (50+).

Cllr Littler confirmed that we did not really have any.

TD then enquired about the post natal depression issue.

Cllr Littler said the main problem was that many young people move to the village, and with a new house and a new baby are cut off slightly as they are away from friends and family and there is not much to do.

TD asked whether we can get confirmation from the doctors as to the level of post natal depression.

Cllr Littler said that we had 5 x the national average of under 5's in the village. ACTION Clerk to approach the surgery in relation to post natal depression figures.

TD said that MIND do lots of projects and are able to assist with post natal depression. It is easy to get groups started and KBC can fund between £500 and £10,000. Also Awards for All may also give grants for

this issue. All you must show is that the group is voluntary, they have a UK bank account and you need to send the application 3 months prior and explain the need for the project and the changes that will happen because of it. There is a program that she has access to called 'grant finder' that can help to locate funding and which is free to use.

She confirmed she was not sure about funding for bus shelters but would look in to it.

TS then explained the ongoing bus shelter issues he had encountered.

Cllr Cope explained that in respect of the elder members of the village, they had spoken to Age Concern but had not got anywhere.

TD confirmed she had a contact there and that the intergenerational skills project was a good scheme.

Cllr Cope then went on to explain that there was an issue in the Age Concern won't pick up from Mawsley and that CATS will only drop off in the centre of Kettering which meant that the elder members had the issue of getting from the drop off point to the Age Concern office.

Cllr Barnwell thought that some of these were Borough Council and not Parish Council issues.

Cllr Littler agreed but said that although Cllr Barnwell may be right to a point, the onus will still fall on to the Parish Council, and the play area was certainly a Parish issue.

TD said it would be easier for us as a Parish Council to raise funding.

Cllr Barnwell went on to explain that his concerns were in relation to maintenance etc.

Cllr Moreton suggested putting in writing exactly what we require.

TD confirmed this would be a good idea to get the project started.

ACTION Councillors to agree in writing what projects require grants.

03.10.6 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held February 1 2010 were proposed by Cllr. Holland and seconded by Cllr. Cope

03.10.7 Matters arising from the previous meeting

12.06.15	Tom Sanders	Meeting with developers re street lights/other issues	Ongoing
6.08.19	Cllr Barnwell	Old Poor's Gorse Badger fence installation	New hole following accident RB to chase
03.09.07.1	BL	Determine costs of path to play area	Sarah Hart awaiting cost detail – ongoing

04.09.3.3	Tim Bellamy	Produce potential agreement between KBC and MPC re eco-meadow	Await transfer to KBC
04.09.15	Cllr. Cope	Emergency planning	Ongoing
09.09.14.1	Cllr Littler/Holland	Speak to bank regarding interest rates on accounts	Changing to new NatWest account
11.09.8.4	VC & BH	To look at alternatives to the lighting at TCAM	Alan McDonald assisting
12.09.6.1	VC	To prepare list of properties which may have encroached on land outside their boundary	Estate layout plan to be obtained from HMLR/KBC
12.09.8.1	VC	Cost implications of insulating the small container and of installing mezzanine flooring in the storage room	Given ok to do away with the staircase and put ladder in. Fire officer requires smoke alarm and emergency lighting below mezzanine floor
2.10.3.2	Clerk	Obtain info from NALC on village signs	Clerk chased still awaiting info
2.10.13.1	Clerk	Request copy of S38 plan	Still awaited

03.10.8 Mawsley Interface to Kettering Borough Council

Nothing further to that covered in 03.10.10.

03.10.9 Mawsley Community Fund

03.10.9.1 Application for Grant - Mawsley Amateur Dramatics (MAD)

YDD confirmed she had more details relating to the request for funding from the Community Fund. She confirmed that they needed microphones and speakers, which were £260.00 to hire initially, then this could be deducted from the purchase price of £700.00.

Cllr Barnwell asked whether the lighting would stay up.

YDD confirmed that it would just be hired from Thursday to Monday.

Cllr Moreton felt it would be better use of money if it could be used by other groups within the village.

Cllr Barnwell asked how much MAD required.

YDD - £500.00.

Cllr Moreton asked whether £260 was towards the hire of the rooms.

YDD confirmed yes.

Cllr Littler asked whether it would be better if MPC gave them £700 for the whole thing instead.

Cllr Moreton said this would mean it can be used ongoing by other members of the community.

Cllr Cope then explained what the future intentions were for MAD in respect of performances etc

Cllr Barnwell thought it was better than the items were bought outright as opposed to hired.

Cllr Moreton confirmed Council policy in that we can not give the full amount and that MAD would have to provide 25%.

After a general discussion between all the Councillors Cllr Littler confirmed that this would be considered as a £1000 project and that MPC would give a grant of £750.00 provided that receipts to show £1000 has been spent is provided to MPC within 8 weeks.

Cllr Barnwell then added that if MAD dissolves all the items bought are to be returned to the ownership of MPC. ACTION Clerk to provide funding letter.

Cllr Barnwell went on to say he is anxious that other members of the community can use the sound system but that MAD would be ultimately responsible.

In favour – Cllrs Barnwell, Moreton and Littler.

03.10.9.2 Application for Grant – Cricket Club

Karl Sanders and Nick Williams both came on behalf of Loddington and Mawsley Cricket Club. The application was reviewed by the Councillors.

KS started by confirming that NW was in charge of the design of the building and that the main issue the club had was lack of space. The initial grant that had been given had been used for machinery which had inadvertently created the space issue. He went on to confirm that it would not be only the cricket club that would use the unit and that their application for planning had been accepted.

NW then went on to explain that TCAM is an excellent facility but that it was too far to go mid game.

KS said that the current container is making the machinery sweat and rust, and the secondary problem is that the football club need to use a lot of the storage.

NW said that the flood lights take up most of the room in the container and that the ride on mower was the width of the container. He had contacted several companies in respect of supply and erection and that the rough cost is £5,800 plus VAT for a 7.2m x 4.3m structure.

Cllr Cope enquired as to the difference in price for various roof types.

NW said that it was £788 extra for felted tiles instead of actual felt ones.

Cllr Barnwell then declared his possible interest as he was unsure whether he was still president of the cricket club. He then enquired as to whether any other grants had been given.

KS said that they had £3000 and that KBC will look in to giving a further grant after April.

Cllr Littler enquired whether permission had been granted by Kettering Council, as the landowners.

KS confirmed that they did have permission.

Cllr Barnwell said that they should not be stated as a village facility and should be used at the discretion of the cricket club.

Cllr Littler also confirmed that the cricket club should be responsible for maintenance

NW said that it could still be used by others for storage

Cllr Moreton asked who would insure.

KS confirmed that the cricket club would.

Cllr Littler confirmed that this would be a condition of the grant.

NW and KS then left the room whilst Councillors discussed the application.

Cllr Moreton said that the cricket club was an important feature of the village.

Cllr Holland asked whether this would mean we are subsidising the football club in respect of space used.

Cllr Barnwell asked whether they would still be liable for the container.

Cllr Littler said the containers are owned by TCAM.

Cllr Cope confirmed he was happy with the proposal and proposed a £3k grant this was seconded by Cllr Holland. All members were in favour save Cllr Barnwell who abstained due to presidential issue.

Cllr Littler stated that the conditions would be that upon liquidation the structure would stay on site. Also that an invoice must be provided to show that the grant does equate to 50% approx of the value and that it must be insured.

ACTION Clerk to prepare grant letter for MAD and cricket club.

03.10.10 Maintenance and Highways update

TS confirmed that Phase 1 of the adoption works will commence early March and that Paul Lord is dealing with the signage lighting.

In respect of the bus route Stagecoach has not finalised the timetable but TS has been assured that it is going through.

The bus stop position has been agreed by NCC and they now almost have enough money to purchase one bus stop, as the surgery has

contributed £200 and the One Stop shop has provided a cheque for £250.00.

Cllr Littler confirmed that the bus stops were not a Council project and therefore we could not accept or pay in to the Council account the cheque which TS had received. He went on to raise the issue of maintenance and insurance of the stops.

TS said he would write officially to MPC to ask whether they would insure.

Cllr Holland asked whether we had exhausted KBC in respect of funding from them.

Cllr Littler suggested persuading the County or Borough Council in respect of maintenance. Only after that time would it be advisable to approach MPC.

Cllr Holland suggested asking Borough or county for supply and maintenance and not just maintenance.

TS asked whether there was a process to transfer the shelter and land to KBC. He confirmed he would re-raise the issue of maintenance and insurance with them.

Cllr Barnwell said in respect of the bus route that it needs to be ensured that should Stagecoach change their route so that the shelter is no longer in the right place that we have a procedure as to who will be responsible for moving it. Also we need to ensure that the company will not change the stops for at least 5 years.

TS said he had drafted a consultation letter for the affected residents of the bus stops. He confirmed that there was also a note going in the newsletter regarding speed awareness and litter control.

Cllr Moreton left the meeting at 9.20pm

TS then started to speak about the village sign project

Cllr Barnwell wanted clarification that this was again something that TS was dealing with privately and not on behalf of MPC and Cllr Littler confirmed this and asked that TS speak about this at the next meeting due to time constraints.

03.10.11 The Centre at Mawsley

Cllr Littler confirmed that The Centre manager was no longer with The Centre. She has put in a disciplinary appeal and they were awaiting a decision from John Holton.

He went on to confirm there were lots of events coming up and that the kitchen/food project had been put off due to staff changes. Environmental Health were coming to The Centre on 2nd March to give advice on the kitchen for future use. Finally Cllr Littler showed the Councillors the new brochure that had been produced on behalf of The Centre.

Cllr Holland confirmed that in respect of the lights we were still awaiting parts from venture lighting.

Cllr Littler asked about the guttering?

Cllr Cope said he was awaiting confirmation to go ahead as sealant perishing

Cllr Holland felt it was best to write to TW first.

ACTION Cllr Cope to write to TW re insufficient mastic.

ACTION Clerk to obtain Land Registry plan of The Centre.

03.10.12 Items for the Newsletter

Clerk had received letter from Stockburn Memorial which offered to help to those on benefits, it was suggested a précis of this should be put in newsletter.

ACTION Clerk to prepare précis.

03.10.13 Village issues

Allotments: the issue of allotments was raised and Cllr Littler asked for confirmation from the Clerk as to the term of the Cordes lease and when the expiry date is for the tenanted plots.

ACTION Clerk to provide Lease details to all Councillors by email

03.10.14 Villager issues

Cllr Littler confirmed the issue of selling cars in the lay-by by the first entrance to Mawsley had been raised by a resident. He had advised the resident that the best action would be to write to Environmental Health.

03.10.15 Messrs Taylor Wimpey

Nothing further to that covered in 03.10.10

03.10.16 Accounts and Budgets

Clerk confirmed a letter had been received from BDO regarding the upcoming Audit. Cllr Holland agreed to assist in its preparation.

Clerk produced copy of budget sheet to Councillors.

03.10.17 Correspondence and Clerks update

Clerk confirmed that KBC had not received the 10 requests required to hold an election and therefore they would need to co-opt. Clerk is to arrange a suitable date in which the interviews can be held at TCAM. Cllr

Littler will confirm the information which the Clerk needs to provide to the candidates.

03.10.18 Planning

None

03.10.19 Any other business

03.10.19.1 Cllr Cope asked whether all clubs should submit their accounts to MPC once a year and whether this can be put on the Agenda for the future.

Cllr Littler said we can not ask them to do this unless we are making a grant to that specific club.

03.10.19.2 Cllr Littler asked the Clerk to write to KBC asking them to repair the damage to field that was caused when the ambulance had to enter to assist victim on 25/26 February.

ACTION Clerk to write to KBC

ACTION POINTS

03.10.5	Councillors	Prepare letter for TD re grant requirements	
03.10.9.1 & 2	Clerk	Prepare Grant letters	
03.10.11	VC	Write to TW re mastic	
03.10.11	Clerk	Clerk to obtain LR plan	
03.10.12	Clerk	Prepare précis for newsletter of Stockburn letter	
3.10.10.1	Clerk	Email Councillors re allotments lease details	
03.10.19.2	Clerk	Write to KBC re damage to field	

The meeting ended at 10.30

Signed:

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