

Mawsley Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Ordinary meeting of Mawsley Parish Council** held on Monday July 15th, 2024, at 7.15pm. The meeting took place at TCAM.

Present

In person – Councillors R Barnwell (Chairman), K White, A Moore, N Clode, S Kennedy and J Bullock
NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill
3 members of the public.

24/81 Apologies – It was **Resolved** to accept the apologies received from Cllr Wayne Bontoft and from NNC Cllr Cedwien Brown.

24/82 Public Session- The council will receive and process comments and questions from members of the public/press in accordance with the Standing Orders. Any comments are restricted to a maximum of 3 minutes per person and 15 minutes in total.

There were no comments in the public session.

24/83 Declaration of Interests and requests for dispensations for agenda items—members to declare any pecuniary or prejudicial interests in relation to items on the agenda, Clerk to consider dispensation requests.

The Chairman declared a personal interest in Planning application NK/2024/0370

24/84 Minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting on June 17th, 2024, The Clerk explained that the draft minutes required an amendment to section 24/78 d) Skate Ramp. A large amendment was needed to the above section because the clerk had misunderstood the relationship between the various parties involved with the skate ramp project. Cllr Clode explained the changes that were needed, and this was added to the draft minutes, it was **Resolved** to approve the amended minutes and they were signed as a true record.

24/85 Matters arising from previous meetings, no decisions made. Cllr Bullock asked for an update regarding the extra 20mph signs that had been requested from NNC, the Clerk was asked to chase them up.

24/86 North Northants Councillor update (for information) NNC Cllr Hakewill updated the council, the last full council meeting was cancelled and so it has been a quiet time at NNC. Cllr Hakewill asked that Cllr Clode contact him if there was anything that he could help with regard to the skate ramp project. The Chairman asked Cllr Hakewill to report the building site that is currently lying derelict in the village (known as the Pub site), children are able to access the site and it is very dangerous. The Clerk explained that she reported this to the owner of the site but Cllrs are still concerned because the site has not been secured. Cllr Hakewill agreed to chase this up with NNC.

Cllr Clode mentioned that the play surface underneath equipment in the children's play area is quite worn in places, the Clerk has reported this to NNC as the play equipment is owned and maintained by NNC. The Clerk was told that the equipment is inspected weekly and if there were any concerns repairs would be organised. Cllr Hakewill will also look into this, and the Clerk was asked to send him the email chain.

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24/87 To receive the Clerks report and reports from Councillors attending meetings or training on behalf of Mawsley PC.

The Clerk sent her report to Cllrs prior to the meeting, the Clerk mentioned in her report that she had received emails from several residents complaining about the level of grounds maintenance in various areas of the village. At the moment the Clerk sends a reply to the resident and also forwards on the details of the complaint to whoever is responsible for that particular area. This could be North Northants Council if the area is adopted or Taylor Wimpey, David Wilson Homes or Barratt Homes.

After some discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would produce a map that will show who is responsible for each area of the village plus the contact information. The Clerk will also explain to residents that the parish council does not have the authority to maintain any of the village itself and residents will need to send in their own complaints, whether this is to North Northants Council or to the other developers. The clerk will also do an article in the newsletter. Residents will also be reminded that everyone can use the fix My Street website to report any complaints to North Northants Council.

24/88 Planning

1. **New applications.** To discuss and resolve comments on the following applications, Councillors please view these applications online before the meeting.

NK/2024/0346 70 Old Gorse Way, Mawsley Single storey rear extension, replacement windows and side door.

<https://www.kettering.gov.uk/planningApplication/133798>

It was **Resolved** to submit no comments.

NK/2024/0370 3 Mawsley Lodge, Mawsley Replacement windows and doors, fascia and rainwater system

<https://www.kettering.gov.uk/planningApplication/133792>

It was **Resolved** to submit no comments.

2. Notification of the withdrawal of application NK/2024/0304 Creation of 4no. electric vehicle charging points, erection of substation and associated electrical infrastructure.

Noted.

24/89 Finance

1. To approve the following payments for July plus any that are received between the publication of the agenda and the meeting date.

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Payee	Detail	Amount £
F Young	Clerks' salary June	£826.64
Blossom and Bloom	Memorial Garden 025	54.00
Blossom and Bloom	Memorial Garden 024	47.00
<u>TCAM</u>	<u>Room hires</u>	<u>34.00</u>
F Young	Reimburse 2 x memorial wall plaques	16.90

It was **Resolved** to approve the payments listed above, Cllrs Bullock and White will approve the payments online.

2. To note receipt of the bank reconciliation statement for 30.06.2024
Opening balance 01.04.2024 £183,675.65 plus receipts £74,204.63 minus payments
£34,570.24 =
£223,310.04
Bank balance as of 30th June 2024 **£223,310.04**

Noted.

3. Confirmation that checks by the internal controls councillor have been completed. Cllr Moore confirmed that the internal controls checks have been completed and no issues have been reported.

4. Review of the budget against expenditure to date
The Clerk prepared and distributed a budget report for the financial year up to June 30th, please see Appendix A. Cllr Moore asked why the budget heading 'Admin and payroll' has already been largely spent, the clerk explained that the payroll provider is paid annually at the start of the financial year, this payment has already been made and there is therefore very little to pay for the rest of this year.

5. Resolution to make payments in August and to ratify those payments in the September meeting. Payments will include the Clerks salary plus any invoices due before September. Payments to be approved by Cllr Moore (ICC) plus 2 other signatories prior to payment.

It was **Resolved** to approve payments for August.

24/90 Community Items

a) Highways – to report any issues, the Clerk was asked to chase the extra 20mph speed signs.

b) The Centre at Mawsley, to include the following,

1. To receive an update from Tcam. The council received the following update from John Holton at TCAM.

Another good month at the Centre with income close to budget. Due to holidays the accounts are still to be reconciled but we expect to make a surplus for the month. Despite the weather FunDay was successful. The funfair and music were the highlights. The England football match after FunDay was well attended. Using hay bales to map the arena

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worked but proved to be a problem when the bails were not collected on the Sunday as arranged. Kids and dogs had a field day distributing the hay all over the field. Volunteers finally removed the hay on the Thursday with the help of Richard Barnwell. Family Fun days continue to be popular, particularly the music following the event. We have now requested 3 quotes for solar panels and the heat exchanger for comparison. The result of our grant application is awaited, it should be received within 40 days of application. The older grass cutting equipment will be disposed; the newer mower and trimmer will be retained.

The Chairman congratulated TCAM on the successful village fun day in spite of the weather.

c) Memorial Garden. The Clerk reported that the memorial garden was looking very nice, she had stuck the LED lights back on again. The Clerk also reported that she had sent out two application forms for new plaques but had not received any orders as yet.

d) Skate Ramp – Resolution to ringfence £15,000 as a contribution to the skate ramp project.

Cllr Clode sent out a report prior to the meeting. NNC have confirmed that they are prepared to be the secondary applicant and signatory for the grant application to the FCC Community Action Fund. FCC stands for 'Fomento de Construcciones y Contratas, this is the parent company to FCC Environment. The FCC Community Action Fund provides grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D and Object DA of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

One of the conditions of the grant application is that there is a confirmed third party contribution of 10.7% of the total project cost. It was **Resolved** that the parish council would ring fence this amount, it would be a total of £15,000 which will cover the 10.7% required and also provide a buffer.

e) Resolution to approve this years in water maintenance visit of the pond by the TCV. It was **Resolved** to approve this and book the TCV in for December, the cost will be £400.

24/91 Correspondence for information, action to be agreed.

- Residents email regarding the condition of the safety matting underneath the play equipment owned and maintained by NNC – Clerk reported to NNC.
- Residents email regarding the height of grass verges at road junctions
- Residents email regarding the weed control on the roads and pavement
- NNC Comms – Summer activities programme - Clerk put on the website

24/92 Next meeting September 16th 2024 (No August Meeting)