

Mawsley Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Ordinary meeting of Mawsley Parish Council** held on Monday October 21st, 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, W Bontoft and J Bullock
John Holton (TCAM)

24/105 Apologies - members to approve apologies for absence

It was **Resolved** to accept apologies from NNC Cllr Jim Hakewill.

24/106 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 from the public.

24/107 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.

No dispensations.

24/108 Minutes of the ordinary parish council meeting on September 16th, 2024,
Subject to approved amendments the minutes will be confirmed as a correct record

It was **Resolved** to approve the minutes, and they were signed as a true record.

24/109 Matters arising from previous meetings, no decisions made.

There were no matters arising.

24/110 North Northants Councillor update (for information)

No update received.

24/111 To receive the Clerks report and reports from Councillors attending meetings or training on behalf of Mawsley PC.

The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting, there were no queries.

24/112 Planning

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

NK/2024/0555 10 Loddington Way, Mawsley Partial garage conversion into an annexe for private family use.

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

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24/113 Finance

1. Resolution to approve a grant application from the MVA for £1000 to help with the costs of the fireworks display, the grant will be used to help fund insurance, fire and first aid provision.

It was **Resolved** to approve the grant application for £1000.

2. To approve the following payments for October.

Payee	Detail	Amount £
Clerk	Clerks' salary October	826.64
Blossom and Bloom	Memorial garden, including new planting	407.00
F Young	Reimburse MS365	59.99
TCAM	Room hire Inv 8868	25.50
Ncalc	Training	12.00
A Linnell	Works to memorial garden	150.00

It was **Resolved** to approve the payments listed above. The works to the memorial garden included repairs to the fixings on the stone wall and concreting in the solar panel post.

3. To note receipt of the bank reconciliation statement for 30th September 2024

Opening balance 01.04.2024 £183,675.65 plus receipts £75,132.48 minus payments £49,865.60 =

£208,942.53

Bank balances as at 30th September 2024

Unity Current Account £62,602.34

Unity Reserve Account (reserve funds) £68,616.31

Nationwide Savings Account (Emergency contingency repairs fund for TCAM) £77,723.88

Total = £208,942.53

The bank reconciliation was approved.

4. Confirmation that checks by the internal controls councillor have been completed. Cllr Moore reported that the internal controls checks were completed and there were no concerns.

24/114 Community Items

a) Highways – to report any issues

The Clerk was asked to chase up the extra 20mph signs from NNC and also to chase up the request for a drop curb for the Memorial Green which was last actioned in January. Cllr Clode reported that the shrubbery on Main Street is overgrown again and needs cutting back. This will be reported on Fix my Street again.

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It was also reported that there is some very dangerous parking on Hawthorn Avenue, cars are being parked on a blind bend. It was agreed that as Hawthorn Avenue is not yet adopted the council would need to contact the developer, the Clerk was asked to action this.

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

1. To receive an update from Tcam

Mr John Holton reported that *'the month of September was a very poor month for the Centre. Income was over £8,000 under budget. It seems that September was a wet month and people stayed at home, the hospitality sector generally had a poor month.'*

Good control kept expenditure under budget but overall, the Centre lost £1,975 against a budgeted surplus of £2,968, a £4,943 negative swing.

A new bar supervisor has been recruited and staff level are okay at the moment.

There was a bad leak in the boiler room that flooded the changing rooms. An emergency call out fixed the leak temporarily but the Centre had to be closed for a day as the water and heating were all turned off. The fault, a leaking pressure gauge is awaiting a new gauge which has been ordered.

The Centre ran two events for village groups - race night raised £750 for Skate Mawsley and the MacMillan coffee morning that raised £450 for the charity'

c) Memorial Garden

1. To report on the new additional planting. The Clerk reported that the gardener has planted lots of new plants both for winter colour and for Remembrance weekend.
2. To agree the arrangements for Remembrance Weekend. The Chairman explained that there will be a service on Memorial Green on Remembrance Sunday, November 10th. The service will be conducted by the local Vicar, the Chairman will provide one gazebo and Cllr Clode will provide a second one. The seating area will be under one gazebo and the other will protect the sound equipment. There will be a bugler and the Union Jack flag will be raised.
3. To agree a suitable memorial for Mr Vic Cope, Honorary Freeman of Mawsley. After some discussion it was **Resolved** that the council will look into creating a display to show the Honorary Freeman of Mawsley, this will be mounted inside Tcam. The Clerk also suggested placing a plaque on the bench in the Memorial Garden in memory of Mr Vic Cope. It was agreed to discuss this further in the next meeting.

d) Skate Ramp

Following additional information gained after the last PC meeting, Councillors to consider the following Resolutions; *Please note it is possible that not all resolutions will be needed.*

Cllr Clode sent all councillors a report prior to the meeting.

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1. Resolution to agree whether to spend further funds on a more thorough repair of the ramp that will hopefully ensure a further 12 months use. Cost of repairs is in the region of £3000.00.

This resolution was not carried forward.

2. Resolution to not repair the ramp any further in which case the ramp will be removed by NNC.

After a discussion, it was **Resolved** to not repair the wooden skate ramp any further. It was agreed that the condition of the ramp is such that more repairs may well be needed in the near future and this would mean the ramp is no longer economically viable. The council acknowledge that this will result in the removal of the skate ramp.

3. Resolve to investigate the possibility of a lease agreement with NNC for the land on which the skate ramp stands. This would possibly facilitate easier access to grant funding applications which is currently difficult due to land ownership issues.

This resolution was not carried forward.

4. Resolution to investigate the purchase a new wooden skate ramp, quotes to be sought.

This resolution was not carried forward.

5. Resolution to not purchase a new wooden ramp and instead to ring fence the equivalent amount as a contribution towards the cost of installing a new concrete skate ramp.

Following some discussion it was **Resolved** that the council would ring fence £25,000 in the financial year 2025/2026 to be used to help fund a new concrete skate facility. Cllr Clode will work with Dave Lane from North Northants Council to put in a pre- application for a large grant from the Big Lottery Community Fund. It was explained that North Northants Council have to be the main applicant for the grant as they own the land that the new concrete skate facility will be built on and will also insure it.

e) Parish Online – update from the Clerk . The Clerk reported that she has started using Paeish Online and is creating a map for residents to identify different areas of the parish and who is responsible for maintaining them.

24/115 Correspondence for information, action to be agreed.

- Request from a resident for assistance with grounds maintenance in the parish, Clerk responded. No further action needed.
- Ncalc Invoice – actioned.
- Resident enquiry about faulty lighting in Birch Spinney – Clerk referred to Bedford Pilgrims
- RBLI Remembrance Range

24/116 Next meeting November 18th 2024