

Mawsley Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Annual meeting of Mawsley Parish Council** held on Monday May 20th 2024, at 7.00pm. The meeting took place at TCAM.

Present

In person – Councillors R Barnwell (Chairman), A Moore, W Bontoft, N Clode, S Kennedy and J Bullock

A McDaid – Locum Clerk

NNC - Cllrs Jim Hakewill

Absent – Cllr K White

24/54 Election of chairman and signing of acceptance of Office form. Cllr Moore proposed that Cllr Barnwell is elected as Chairman for the coming year, Cllr Kennedy seconded the proposal and Cllr Barnwell accepted the position. It was **Resolved** that Cllr Barnwell is elected as Chairman and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

24/55 Election of Vice Chairman. The Chairman proposed that Cllr White in his absence is elected as Vice-Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Bullock and agreed by all. It will be put to Cllr White to accept the position next month.

24/56 Apologies. It was **Resolved** to approve apologies received from Cllr K White and NNC Cllr's Cedwein Brown and Joseph Smyth.

24/57 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.

The Chair proposed a minutes silence in memory of Paul to remember all the good he done for the community.

No public comments.

24/58 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.

Nothing received.

24/59 Minutes of the Ordinary parish council meeting April 15th 2024

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

24/60 Matters arising from previous meetings, no decisions made.

- The website design has now been updated.
- The clerk reported a response from NNC Highways about the extra 20mph signs, they may have some spare and if so they will be dropped off at TCAM over the next few days. It was confirmed they have now been received.

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24/61 North Northants Councillor update (for information) Cllr Hakewill has asked the planning department if permission was needed for the removal of trees on the flat sight. Cllr Barnwell had approached the resident and asked they to stop in which they did. There is concern wildlife may be affected because of the time of year. If it is, then it becomes a police matter.

Complaints have been made to NNC regarding the road surface at the entrance to the shops and the potholes in the area.

Cllr Hakewill spoke at Full Council on the Temporary travelling site stating how all decisions should be open and transparent. The petition against has reached 16k signatures.

NNC continues to overspend on children's services, school transport, and special needs provisions.

24/62 To receive brief reports from Councillors attending meetings or training on behalf of Mawsley PC. Cllr Kennedy attended NCALC "Off to a Flying start" training. He concluded Danny Moody had spoken about the devolution of services to parish councils such as the cost of replacing lamp posts. TCAM could offer advice and will keep the parish council updated.

Cllr Barnwell attended NCALC "Good employer training"

24/63 Planning

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

NK/2024/0220 Erection of replacement boundary fence 14 Old Gorse Way, Mawsley
NK/2024/0274 Replacement of doors and windows 80 Old Gorse Way, Mawsley
NK/2024/0254 Replacement of doors and windows 2 Mawsley Lodge, Mawsley

It was **Resolved** to submit No Comments.

24/64 Policy Adoption. Resolution to adopt the following policies, all were circulated to councillors for prior review.

Anti Bullying Policy	Code of Conduct	Complaints Policy	Data Breach Policy	Data Protection Policy
Disciplinary Policy	Equality and diversity	Expenses Policy	Financial Regulations	Financial Risk Assessment
Governance Risk Assessment	Grant funding	Grievance Procedure	Record Retention policy	Sickness Policy
Standing Orders	Subject Access Request Form	Vexatious Complaints Policy	Media Policy	Internal Controls Policy

It was unanimously **Resolved** to re-adopt all of the above policies. Proposed by Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Kennedy.

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24/65 Finance

1. It was **Resolved** to approve the annual grant payment of £24,000.00 to TCAM. It was clarified the money will be spent the whole building, not the bar. Proposed by Cllr Kennedy and seconded by Cllr Bullock. All in favour

Payee	Detail	Amount £
F Young	Clerks' salary	£826.64
Blossom and Bloom	Memorial Gardener	£364.70
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Meadows Accountancy	Payroll services (one year)	£352.80
TCAM	Annual Grant	£24,000.00
Rampchild	Refurbish and resurface large skate ramp	£4,050.00

It was **Resolved** to approve the above payments. Cllr Clode and Cllr Bullock to approve the payments online.

2. To note receipt of the bank reconciliation statement for 1st April 2024

Opening balance at 1st April 2024 £183,675.65

Plus Receipts £73,318.20
Less Payments £2506.94
= **£254,625.91**

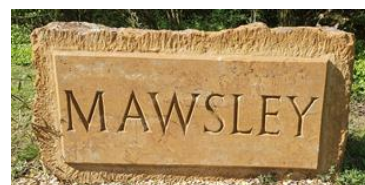
Standing agenda item – Skate park

24/66 Community Items

- a) Highways – Signs proposed to be fixed on the approach to the shops. Schools will look at getting a “Slow Down” banner.
- b) TCAM – April was a quiet month so financial controls were looked at. It was reported a small profit was made.
Still gathering quotes for energy project which are needed before a grant application can be submitted. Looking at the possibilities of changing all the lights to L.E.D, installing smart controls, a heat exchanger, fans in hall, infra red heating. Solar panels and batteries are expensive, maybe could be used just to control heat exchanger throughout the day and pay for lights as they are needed in evening. New energy contract is up for renewal.
- c) Memorial garden – **Cllr Barnwell reported the plaque on the human wall is good but confirmation of the pet wall needs clarification.** The gardener has purchased a lot of new shrubs for the garden. Plants need to be watered in hotter weather as gardener only comes every 3 weeks. A water butt maybe a solution. Lights need to be fixed.

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24/67 Correspondence for information, action to be agreed

- Resident query regarding land behind Hares Run – Clerk responded
- Resident query regarding mowing and grounds maintenance on Old Gorse Way – Clerk responded
- Grant application for road safety equipment – Mawsley School (to be discussed in June meeting) – Clerk responded
- NNC Highways , Sarah Barnwell – 20mph signs and white roundels, Clerk responded.

24/68 Next meeting June 17th 2024. Closed: 8:27pm