



# MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

Participants: Cllr M Worthington (Chair), Cllr L Causer (Vice Chair), Cllr G Worthington, Cllr G Green, Cllr J Hogg, Cllr S Boardman, Cllr M Henty, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), Peter Boardman (Lengthsman)

1. Apologies for Absence – none
2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – none.
3. To receive declarations of interest from Councillor's on items on the agenda – none.
4. To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any) - none
5. To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate - none
6. Mins of the Previous Meetings. It was resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13.12.22, these were duly signed by the Chairman.
7. The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation.

No items raised.

8. Clerk's Report. The Clerk provided a summary of her report (previously circulated).

The Clerk confirmed the 'critical' tree detailed in the tree report and tree overhanging the path in Moss fields had been taken down. The Clerk had contacted Finlay from the Village Hall regarding the Parish Council's offer to sell the empty container to MVH, a decision is awaited. The Village Champions plaque has been engraved with the 2020 and 2021 winners and is now displayed in the lounge of the village hall. The Clerk highlighted a new service from Scribe (accounts) to undertake a year end check of the accounts prior to submitting to the internal auditor at a cost of £39.00 plus VAT. It was ratified to book this service, proposed by Cllr Causer and seconded by Cllr M Worthington.

A thank you letter has been send to Brian for the kind donation of grounds maintenance equipment/sundries.

The Clerk has received an acknowledgement from CBC re the £15k grant application to the play and open spaces fund, a decision will be made at the end of January.

9. Lengthsman's Report.

The Lengthsman suggested adding topsoil to the area in front of the container and adding grass seed so it can be mowed. Ideas for this area will be placed on the next agenda.

The Lengthsman will speak to Steve to obtain quotations for additional signs, posts, and gates.

It was reported that there is a sign stating the footpath will be closed in 29 days behind Tarnbeck. Peter to investigate further.

10. To receive an update on the neighbourhood plan and anticipated costings. Cllr M Worthington reported this is ongoing.
11. To discuss the local plan consultation document (previously circulated) and agree an initial response. The closing date for responses is before 24/02/23. Cllr M Worthington requested any thoughts via e mail before 24.02.23. Individual responses can also be submitted.
12. To review a draft budget proposal for 2023/24 financial year and agree priorities. The draft budget was ratified incorporating a budget for 'Mawdesley in Bloom', an 'open day', a tree budget and war memorial bench/soldier project with some CIL money being put towards the grant applications.

Proposed by Cllr M Worthington and seconded by Cllr Causer and subsequently unanimously agreed by all.

Given the budget proposal it was ratified to increase the precept by 10% (£36,486), proposed by Cllr M Worthington, seconded by Cllr G Green and subsequently unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors.

- 13. To discuss the purchase of:- (a) a War Memorial bench for installing opposite the BL and (b) a 2D Metal cut out of a soldier to mount securely above our Memorial and to resolve a way forward. Cllr M Worthington proposed to go ahead with the idea of a bench and one soldier, . Cllr Causer seconded, with all Parish Councillor is favour. The cost of installation will need to be established together with agreement on the exact locations. Cllr Green to liaise with the British Legion.
- 14. To consider and resolve the grant applications received and resolve how to allocate the budget line for grants from the precept or CIL money. To formally agree that all grant applications from groups must comply with the Parish Council’s financial regulations and provide three quotes to demonstrate value for money.

**The Clerk had previously circulated grant applications including a summary document.** It was resolved:

To increase the Grant funding to £7,000 and to obtain this budget from the savings account which holds a combination of CIL and precept funds.

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| Mawdesley Cricket Club     | £1,000 (£1,400 also rolled over from 2021) |     |
| Mawdesley Millennium Green | £1,769.52                                  | CIL |
| Mawdesley Village Hall     | £3,000                                     | CIL |
| Red Admiral Music Academy  | £4,894                                     |     |
| Mawdesley Methodist Church | £1,000                                     |     |

The resolution was proposed by Cllr M Worthington, seconded by Cllr Causer and subsequently unanimously agreed by all.

It was resolved that all grant application groups must comply with the Parish Council’s financial regulations and provide 3 quotations to demonstrate value for money.

- 15. Planning Matters – no matters to report
- 16. To ratify the annual CIL report for the period YE 31.03.22. The CIL report (previously distributed) was ratified.
- 17. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - approved.
- 18. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.40

**Signed** ..... *M Worthington* .....

**Cllr M Worthington, Chair**

**Dated** ..... 14.02.23 .....

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