



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on

Tuesday 10th December 2024 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

Participants: Cllr L Causer (Chair), Cllr M Worthington (Vice Chair), Cllr G Worthington, Cllr J Hogg, Cllr M Henty, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), Cllr S Boardman, P 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. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting. To resolve to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12.11.24.** *It was resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 12.11.24.*
7. **Public Participation: To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation.**

Any member of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes within the overall time allocated. Please note that any representation or matter raised does not require any response from the Council and should not be debated since no decision can lawfully be made during this time. A member of the public is any person present other than a member or official of the Council. A member or official of the Council may (after the meeting) request a future agenda item be placed setting out what it is the Council is being asked to consider and decide upon.

Following the article in the newsletter regarding replacing the bench on Ridley Lane the Clerk reported of receiving one resident's feedback who would like to see a replacement bench which is at a higher level than the current one.

The Clerk highlighted an email from a resident concerning increased amount of advertising signs that appear on Hurst Green. This item is was discussed by Parish Councillors at agenda Item 8.

8. **To discuss advertisements signs that appear on Hurst Green and agree a way forward.** *It was resolved to write to organisations who advertise on the green to remind them of the required sizes as determined by Chorley Council and to request signs are displayed no more than 2 weeks prior to the event and taken down immediately after.*
9. **To discuss the request from a resident to move the SpID to Gales Lane and agree a way forward.** *It was resolved to move the SpID to Stocks Hall and consider the purchase of another SpID for the village. Cllr Henty and the Clerk to investigate further.*
10. **To acknowledge correspondence from Ludlow regarding their resignation as advisers of the Burt Moss Endowment Fund due to a reduction of advice which no longer justifies their 0.75% fee; the portfolio will now be being looked after by the Quilters team, Manchester.** *Parish Councillors acknowledged the correspondence.*
11. **To discuss ongoing concerns regarding the Black Bull ruin and agree a way forward.** *Cllr Southern confirmed this is not a planning or environmental issue and advised that the building has numerous owners. It is however a listed building; Cllr Green suggested writing to CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England) Countryside Charity for advice.*

12. **To receive and consider the quotations for the supply and installation of sleepers for Moss Fields Community Gardens.** *Peter provided a verbal quotation from Mayors giving 2 options 1) £677 for 24ft x 20 new sleepers and posts or 2) base panels and posts £480 Parish Councillors chose option 1). A price for fitting will be obtained for the next meeting.*
13. **To receive quotations for the supply of a timber cabin on Moss Fields and decide if any of the quotations are suitable (the project has been agreed in principle).** *Item to be moved to the next meeting.*
14. **To review the type of energy source supply to the timber cabin.** *Item to be moved to the next meeting.*
15. **To receive an update on the hazel wood fence posts project.** *Posts are now all in place ready to be filled. The Clerk to organise a date for volunteers to fill the fencing. The community gardening group will be invited to assist. The Clerk to contact Ian Wright from LCC to request assistance with the fruit tree pruning which will be incorporated in the event.*
16. **To receive an update on the Interpretation Board and design work for Moss Fields.** *The Clerk discussed the options of a glass or vinyl top for the showcase artwork; Parish Councillors chose the vinyl option as recommended by 'Make Me Something Special'. Olivia, the designer will visit Mawdesley over the Christmas period; Parish Councillors welcome to attend and on-site meeting.*
17. **To receive feedback from residents regarding the installation of a new bench on the land at the top of Dark Lane with the junction with Bradshaw Lane and decide if the Parish Council should proceed with this or not.** *Peter confirmed he has spoken to residents who have no issues if the bench is not placed directly facing any property. LCC Highways department will now be contacted for their input. Parish Councillors agreed the project in principle.*
18. **To receive an update on the footpath flooding reported on Bradshaw Lane (between Silverthorns and Trelawney).** *Following the Clerks e mail to the Environment Agency she was directed to Lancashire County Council 'suds team'. (suds@lancashire.gov.uk). John Taylor (Technical Support Officer) has responded to advise the report has been logged on their system under reference CRNo621160. As the flooding is to the footpath, it has been passed to the Highways Department to review. Meanwhile Peter has been in touch with the footpaths officer Steven Williams – this has highlighted that the width of the footpath is currently being determined.*
19. **Parish Clerk's Report (previously circulated).** *The report was noted. The Clerk reported she has started to receive grant applications, a summary of which will be circulated prior to the next meeting together with a copy of the grants policy.*
20. **Lengthsman's Report.** *The Lengthsman reported of Chorley council operatives planting bulbs near the planter on Hurst Green without prior notification or approval. Cllr Southern to be contacted to request that any future planting is highlighted in advance to the Parish Council. The wooden owls have been secured and the camera is back up and running; the oak sign will be treated as weather permits.*
21. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.** *Cllr M Worthington advised he has a telephone meeting in January to progress at which time a quotation will be sought to complete the project.*
22. **To receive an update on the tree installation and decoration.** *All went well with the installation and decoration.*
23. **To review the Christmas lights switch on and consider the requirement for a megaphone for Santa (ratified via e mail due to time constraints).** *The switch on went according to plan, consideration for a megaphone will be discussed at a future meeting.*

24. Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response to planning applications which can be viewed at planning.chorley.gov.uk including those received after the agenda is published.

Land Adjacent Lynric Farm Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley 24/01010/PDE

Mawdesley Parish Councillors objected to application 24/01010/PDE.

The application to build the extension was previously refused; it appears the new application is a very similar design which again is over 50% volume; hence clearly overdeveloped. The developer in this instance appears to be re-submitting a reconfigured plan which is still far too large at the rear of the building.

The Parish Council wished to express their concern over retrospective applications which are clearly a breach of planning control.

Mill Meadow – Three posts Green 24/00918/OUT

Outline application for the erection of a single detached property following demolition of an industrial building

Mill Meadows Three Post Green Mawdesley L40 3SU

Mawdesley Parish Councillors would ordinarily object however as this building is already trading as a business, the Parish Council decision is to take a neutral stance.

Should the application be approved, the Parish Council requested the new dwelling is designed in keeping with properties in the area.

25. To review a draft budget proposal for 2025/26 financial year and agree priorities.

Parish Councillors projects for 2025/26. *Parish Councillors suggested the following projects for 2025/26. – upgrade to the playground; nativity project; SpID purchase (Cllr Henty); memorial pointing; land registry ‘ownership of land’ project (Cllr Hogg). A 5% increase in the precept was agreed in principle but will be finalised once the 2025/26 budget is agreed.*

26. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment. *Approved*

27. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments. *Approved*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.01

Signed L Causer Cllr L Causer, Chair. Dated 14.01.25