



**Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall**

Participants: Cllr M Worthington (Chair), Cllr M Henty, Cllr G Green, Cllr G Worthington, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), and Peter Boardman (Lengthsman) and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** – Apologies were received from Cllr J Hogg, Cllr L Causer & Cllr S Boardman
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.** It was resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 14.11.23, these were duly signed by the Chairman.
7. **Public Participation** – A member of the public highlighted the problems with surface water on Sidbrook Lane which has been raised with the developer of the Robin Hood site. The developer has advised a redesign will be necessary with an amendment to the original application. This was noted.
8. **To receive an update on the Peter Lathom Charity** – Janine was pleased to report that most funds have been distributed for this year and will continue raising awareness of the charity.
9. **Clerks Report** (previously circulated) was noted. Following receipt of 2 e mails from LCC after the agenda had been published the Clerk highlighted the following:

The County Council is considering the above proposal, the effect of which will be to introduce the measures as set out in the attached Public Notices and plans.

Details of the proposal to be advertised on site and in the local press on 05 December 2023 and I would be grateful if you could let me have any comments you may have before 02.01.24.

1.RE: ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

(GORSEY LANE, HIGH STREET, NEW STREET AND SMITHY LANE, MAWDESLEY, CHORLEY BOROUGH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 202\*

2.RE: HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

(GORSEY LANE, HIGH STREET, NEW STREET AND SMITHY LANE, MAWDESLEY, CHORLEY BOROUGH) (ROAD HUMPS)

3.RE: PROPOSED BUS STOP CLEARWAYS AT

NEW STREET, MAWDESLEY, CHORLEY BOROUGH

4.RE: ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

(NEW STREET, MAWDESLEY, CHORLEY BOROUGH) (ZEBRA CROSSING)

Following discussion, the Chairman to compose a draft response to Parish Councillors prior to submitting to LCC.

## **Feedback required to Lancashire County Council**

### **Proposed Footpath Diversions – Little Bluestone Cottage, Mawdesley, grid reference SD 5044 15**

Lancashire County Council has received an application to divert parts of the network of public rights of way, in the vicinity of Little Bluestone Cottage, Bluestone Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk, L40 2RH grid reference SD 5044 1537.

Please find attached a letter outlining the proposal and procedure, and a detailed map of the proposed diversion. If you have any comments, please inform me accordingly. **Deadline is 10.01.24.**

Following discussion there were no objections to this amendment, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Green. The Clerk to advise LCC of the decision.

**Playground Path** – the Clerk circulated a sample of the proposed material to be used on the play area path. Parish Councillors present felt this was a good contrast, however this will be circulated again at the January meeting for a final decision.

**Woodland Trust Application** - the Clerk was delighted to report her application to the woodland trust for the community tree pack was successful and will be delivered in March. It was ratified a community planting day will be held with assistance from LCC Treescapes.

**10. Lengthsman's Report** – Peter confirmed the winter newsletter had been delivered. Peter met with Gareth Coburn who has advised the ground is too wet for planting honeysuckle on the fencing at Moss Fields; he is however fitting a membrane on the mound which will need to be left for a period of 12 months. He has suggested planting plugs on the mound which will be revisited in the spring. The risk assessment for moving the SPID has been completed which will enable it to be moved in the new year. Peter to obtain a quotation to upgrade the footpath near the stables of Richard Ainscough's. Peter requested an agenda item re any progress on the camera for Moss Fields.

**11. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan** – work is progressing on populating the various policies. A meeting with the subcommittee will be held in early January.

**12. To receive an update on the Moss Fields Masterplan** – as already noted the application to the woodland trust has been successful. In addition, an order for the purchase of heritage variety fruit trees for the community orchard is being finalised. A community planting day will be held to plant the trees. Parish Councillors agreed to the hiring of the village hall or bowling club hall for tea and coffee for volunteers taking part in the planting morning. A date will be set for the next meeting of the subcommittee in the new year.

**13. To receive feedback following the freshers' open day held in November and consider if this should be an annual event** – the event was very well attended and provided good networking opportunities. Groups who took part received positive feedback and gained new members. Parish Councillors ratified to hold the event annually. Improvements for next year could be a sign on the corner of Hurst Green to highlight the event.

**14. To receive an update from Cllr Henty following the meeting with Janet Buller, Animal Welfare Officer and officers from Chorley Borough Council and discuss a way forward to reduce dog fouling and dogs off leads on Moss Fields; including the possibility of Public Space Protection Orders** [Public spaces protection orders: guidance for councils \(local.gov.uk\)](https://www.local.gov.uk/public-spaces-protection-orders-guidance-for-councils) -

Following the meeting with CBC Cllr Henty confirmed that open spaces do not qualify for public protection orders. However, it was highlighted that signage could be improved; CBC will add additional signage at each entrance of Moss Fields in addition to the dog wardens making more frequent visits to the area.

- 15. To review the winter newsletter and discuss the content of the current newsletter with suggestions for new ideas and articles.** Parish Councillors were very pleased with the new design of winter newsletter. Future articles suggested were a crossword; a colouring page, a local history page; memories of Mawdesley.
- 16. To agree the provision of a small prize budget for the newsletter Christmas quiz and ongoing budget for future publications.** A budget of up to £20.00 each quarter was ratified with the Christmas prize-winner to receive a tray bake box from Hannahs bakes.
- 17. To discuss options for planting a suitable Christmas tree and consider the continuation of engaging a contractor to dress the Christmas tree with lights.** It was ratified to continue with the engagement of a contractor with next year being booked for 28.11.24 as soon as possible, proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Green. It was ratified to continue with the kind donation of a tree and consider adding a built-in stand or sleeve to steam line the process of erecting the tree.
- 18. To consider the e mail from CBC (forwarded to Parish Councillors 29.11.23) regarding neighbourhood priority project ideas for delivery between April 2024 and March 2025.** Parish Councillors agreed there are currently no further projects.
- 19. To receive an update from Road Safety Services following concerns raised regarding the road closure.** There has been no response from RSS following the Clerks request for a reduction in the invoice, hence the invoice is still outstanding.
- 20. To discuss the ivy growing around the War Memorial and consider repointing in appropriate lime mortar with appropriate colour.** Parish Councillors were in favour of investigating this further. Peter to contact Steve and a stone mason for their views.
- 21. To discuss the schedule for planting the area around the Oak tree outside the Royal British Legion.** Cllr Green confirmed he has spoken to Dave Taylor who is clear on the boundary, wildflower poppies will be planted at the appropriate time.
- 22. To consider protective bollards, or similar around the area and to replace and match those on the opposite side, at the edge of the grass, to protect the area.** It was ratified to obtain further information, costs, and ideas to provide a suitable solution.
- 23. To receive a draft grants awards policy (previously circulated) for final comments and approval.** Parish Councillors approved the new policy and application form. The Clerk advised she will circulate to all those who have declared an interest in submitting a grant with an extended deadline from 15/12/23 to 2/1/24. The Clerk advised of the spending limit under S137; (2023-24 was £15,292.20 maximum spend for the year).
- 24. Planning Matters - to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.**

**Proposal:** Erection of detached garage

**Location:** Mariden Smithy Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QQ

**Reference:** 23/00985/FULHH

We have received the above application which can be viewed at [planning.chorley.gov.uk](http://planning.chorley.gov.uk).

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **13 December 2023**.

**Decision: No objection** (Cllr Green abstained from vote)

**Proposal:** Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission ref:21/00232/OUT (Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling including details of access and layout, with matters of appearance, landscaping and scale reserved) seeking approval of appearance, landscaping and scale in addition to details reserved by conditions 4 (dwelling emission rate details), 6 (surface water drainage scheme) and 8 (Construction Management Plan) attached to outline planning permission 21/00232/OUT

**Location:** Land West Of 1The Owls Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley

**Reference:** 23/00284/REM

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**Decision: Objection** (*Chairman and Cllr G Worthington abstained from vote*)

**Proposal:** rear extension (retrospective)

**Location:** Land Adjacent Lynric Farm Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley

**Reference:** 23/00962/FUL

We have received the above application which can be viewed at [planning.chorley.gov.uk](http://planning.chorley.gov.uk).

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **21 December 2023**.

**Decision: Objection**

**Proposal:** Single storey side/rear extension

**Location:** 34 Brookfield Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QJ

**Reference:** 23/00995/FULHH

We have received the above application which can be viewed at [planning.chorley.gov.uk](http://planning.chorley.gov.uk).

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **21 December 2023**.

**Decision: No Objection**

**25. To review a draft budget proposal for 2024/25 financial year and agree priorities.**

Additions to the draft proposal were the Christmas tree lights set up (£600); the sleeve base for the Christmas tree (from CIL funds); a service for the site on mower (£150); the trailer building/shelter (amount tbc); the Memorial project (amount tbc); Remembrance Sunday village poppies (amount tbc; contact will be made with the poppy appeal organiser to investigate prior incorporating into the budget) and camera options for Moss Fields (amount tbc); monthly charge will apply. The draft proposal will be updated.

**26. To 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 21.22.

**Signed** .....*Cllr M Worthington*..... **Chair.** Dated..... **09.01.24.**

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