



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on

Wednesday 9th February 2022, 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

Participants: Cllr M Worthington (Vice Chairman), Cllr G Worthington, Cllr M Henty, Cllr G Green, Cllr R Mallows, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), Peter Boardman (Lengthsman) and 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr C Freeman, Cllr L Causer

2. To receive of Interest and Dispensations

None

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 12th January 2022

These were approved as a correct record; proposed by Cllr M Worthington and seconded by Cllr Greene and were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Public Participation:

The meeting was adjourned for an appropriate time (5 minutes maximum per speech) for members of the public to raise matters of concern or interest as notified to the Chairman.

Maria Casstles raised concerns regarding the high kerb stones at the entrance to the new drive at Old Rectory High Street. Maria had e mailed the Parish Council as she was aware of vehicles hitting the kerb stones whilst trying to avoid large vehicles coming in the opposite direction. A response is detailed in the agenda item 5.

A member of the public enquired if the Mawdesley Welcome packs were available. The Chairman confirmed the folders had been sought but they required up to date content. It was resolved to progress this as soon as possible.

A member of the public enquired about the programme of maintenance for footpaths in Mawdesley. The Chairman suggested e mailing the Clerk so this could be brought as an agenda item to next month's meeting.

Grahame Green reported that the bridge at Meadow Lane being hit twice in the last month, Grahame agreed to check if this had been highlighted to Chorley BC or LCC.

Mike Henty reported of a near miss collision of deer on Blackmoor Road. It was resolved to write to LCC to see if a 'Caution deer' sign could be placed in this area.

5. To discuss the e mail (previously circulated) received from a resident regarding concerns of high kerbstones placed at the entrance to Old Rectory, High Street and resolve a way forward. It was confirmed that a site visit had been undertaken by the Lengthsman and Cllr Henty; initial inspection appeared to suggest the kerbs are on private

land. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the highways authority and planning to pass on Maria's concerns. Cllr Henty also suggested Maria do this directly.

6. **To receive an update on the removal of the outdated signatories and subsequently forward to the Coop Bank.** The Clerk confirmed the bank had now updated the bank account with the correct signatories.
7. **To receive an update from Cllr Causer re the number of 'kill your speed' signs.** Cllr Causer had circulated an e mail to confirm no further progress re the speed sign and PC Kierney has moved so we are awaiting a new PC.
8. **Parish Clerk's report.** The Clerk provided an overview of her report which had been previously circulated. Points to note not already on the agenda were as follows: The Clerk received a telephone call today from Roland Jones regarding the tree survey. Roland explained the best time to undertake an inspection is around May/June. It was resolved to contact Roland later in the year to progress. Meanwhile it was resolved the Clerk to obtain quotations for the overhanging tree work.

The Clerk advised of a phone call she had received from the current website host and domain provider. There is an ongoing cost of £20 per year which is due in April to host the site. The Clerk confirmed there was no formal contract with the provider.

The Clerk requested a resolution to transfer £5,000 from the savings account to the current account. This was unanimously agreed.

9. **To consider arranging a 'Mawdesley clean-up day' for a weekend date in the summer and set a provisional date in the diary subject to availability of Chorley Council operatives, skip and village hall bookings.** It was resolved to organise the next clean-up day in September. The Clerk to co-ordinate the date with all MVH and Chorley Council.
10. **To discuss the recent communication from the Queens Platinum Jubilee Office which provides guidance on taking part in the lighting of beacons event on 2nd June and to consider supporting this type of event as part of the Jubilee celebrations.** It was resolved to roll over this item to the next meeting when the Chairman is present.
11. **To further consider the grant application from Mawdesley Preschool following confirmation of the group's charitable status.** Unfortunately, since writing the agenda the preschool has permanently closed.
12. **To receive an update on the obtaining a zero hours/casual contract from NALC.** The Clerk reported that NALC do not have any zero hours/casual contract templates, the Clerk will explore other avenues to obtain a contract.
13. **To advise Parish Councillors of the Planning in Practice Event on 2/3/22 at 5.30pm (until approx. 7.45pm) in the Lancastrian, Chorley Town Hall and confirm attendees (max 2).** Cllr Greene resolved to attend.
14. **To advise Parish Councillors of the Parish and Town Council Conference 'The Highways Special' to take place on Saturday 19/3/22 in The Exchange at County Hall Preston (hybrid meeting) and confirm attendees.** Cllr Green resolved to attend.
15. **To consider the quotations received from 3 website providers and select a suitable provider.** Following discussions, it was resolved to appoint Easy Websites to design and build a website for Mawdesley Parish Council. This was proposed by Cllr M Worthington and unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors.
16. **To request items for the Spring newsletter and confirm deadline for submission of articles.** The Clerk advised of the deadline for articles being 14/02/22.
17. **To discuss Neighbourhood Priorities 2022/23 (previously circulated) and agree projects for funding from Chorley Borough Council.** Following discussion Cllr M

Worthington agreed to submit a proposal for a cycle path. This was unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors.

18. To discuss arrangements for the Elections and agree any actions necessary. Cllr Green had previously circulated timescales for the election process. Cllr Green requested a facility being available for all prospective candidates to have access to in order to promote themselves. It was resolved to include an article on Facebook to raise awareness of the elections; the Clerk agreed to obtain further guidance from democratic services.

19. Cllr Green to provide an update report on Goodyear vehicles entering from New Street. Cllr Green reported of the dangers of large vehicles turning left. It was resolved the Clerk write to the highways department to investigate further.

20. To consider entering the Lancashire Best Kept Village Completion 2022 and agree any actions necessary. It was resolved to enter the competition; the Clerk to progress application forms and payment

21. To seek approval to obtain quotations for (a) Four padstones on Moss Field prior to delivery of the Container (b) supply and erection of post, rail fence and gate when the hard surface has been finished. It was resolved to obtain quotations for (a) and (b); Peter agreed to request quotations from Steve Ashton and Bob Mawdesley.

22. Lengthsman's Report (verbal update)

Peter requested the Parish Council contact CBC re obtaining bedding plants for the village planters; it was resolved the Clerk will write to CBC.

The white railings located on the entrance to the village require maintenance – Peter to look at the extent of this and report back to the next meeting.

Peter suggested taking the damaged noticeboard in the van to be repaired by the supplier – it was resolved that Peter should do ahead with this.

Peter to obtain prices from Steve for the stoning of footpaths i.e., Tarnbeck to Back Lane.

23. Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to the following applications together with other planning applications received after the agenda is published:

Proposal: Reserved matters application pursuant to outline planning permission 19/00564/OUT (Outline application for the erection of 4no. dwellings and associated garages and parking following demolition of the existing commercial building (with all matters reserved save for access)

Location: 20 New Street Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QP **Reference:** 22/00034/REM .

It was resolved the Clerk to respond to the application as follows: The Parish Council wished to express their ongoing concern regarding the adverse impact this development will have on drainage and sewers which are already overwhelmed and will therefore create further pressure on an already stretched infrastructure. The proposed development is inappropriate as it is in flood risk area.

24. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - approved

25. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - approved

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.11

SignedC Freeman.....

Cllr C Freeman, Chairman

Dated08/03/22.....

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