



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Mawdesley Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th May 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

Participants: Cllr C Freeman (Retiring Chairman), Cllr M Worthington (Chairman), Cllr G Worthington, Cllr L Causer, (Vice Chairman) Cllr M Henty, Cllr G Green, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), Peter Boardman (Lengthsman) and 1 member of the public

1. Retiring Chairman Summary of the Year

Cllr Freeman provided a verbal summary of the year (attached) adding that he had chosen not to restand for re-election in the recent May elections. Cllr M Worthington thanked Cllr Freeman for all his hard work and contribution to the village. Cllr Freeman was offered the opportunity to have a tree planted in recognition of his 10-year service which he gratefully accepted.

4. Item 4 was brought forward, the Clerk received completed acceptance of office forms from Cllr M Worthington, Cllr G Worthington, Cllr L Causer (Rutter), Cllr M Henty and Cllr G Green.

2. Election of a Council Chairman – Cllr Henty proposed Cllr Worthington, seconded by Cllr Causer and subsequently unanimously agreed. The Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of office was signed.

3. Election of Vice Chairman – Cllr Henty proposed Cllr Causer, seconded by Cllr G Worthington, and subsequently unanimously agreed.

5. To appoint a representative to Mawdesley Village Hall – Cllr M Worthington proposed Cllr M Henty, seconded by Cllr G Green, and subsequently unanimously agreed.

6. To appoint a representative to the Millennium Green – Cllr L Causer proposed Cllr M Worthington, seconded by Cllr G Green, and subsequently unanimously agreed.

Following the Parish Council meeting on 12/04/22 (minute 4) Cllr G Green was proposed for the Trustee vacancy of the Peter Lathom charity, proposed by Cllr M Worthington, seconded by Cllr L Causer, and subsequently unanimously agreed.

The annual meeting of the parish closed at 19.46 hours.

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7. Apologies for absence - none

8. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations – none

9. Minutes of the Previous meeting 12/04/22. These were approved as a correct record; proposed by Cllr M Worthington and seconded by Cllr L Causer and were duly signed by the Chairman.

10. Public Participation: The meeting was adjourned for members of the public to raise matters. Dave Taylor (Secretary Mawdesley Bowling Club) attended the meeting regarding clarification in respect of the grant amount the parish council had formally agreed to upgrade the car park. The Clerk processed a payment of £2,000 in April 2022 as per minute 11 of the March 2021 meeting. Dave explained a further site meeting with Parish Councillors and a previous e mail from the former Clerk had given the go ahead for the higher amount of £3180 which incorporated the access road and link to the public footpath on Hursts Green. The Chairman confirmed the monies would come from CIL and proposed an additional payment of £1180 to be paid to the Bowling Green, this was seconded by Cllr G Green with all Parish Councillors in favour.

Mike raised issues with the lack of parking in the village and requested an agenda item at a future meeting to discuss parking to include considering the use of the land diagonal to the Spar.

Issues were also raised regarding the poor state of repair of the bus stop/ shelter opposite the Red Lion and a request was made to add this as an agenda item at a future meeting.

It was reported that areas of the play area surface at Hurst Green needs attention, particularly underneath the swings. The Clerk to liaise with a play contractor and obtain estimates for repair.

Lisa provided an update regarding crime in the area. Only 2 calls have been made regarding crimes – a garage burglary and access made to an unlocked car. The lack of reporting to 101 is resulting in these low figures. Lisa reported that the new Police sergeant confirmed a police presence in the village at the weekend. A future agenda item will be placed on the agenda in relation to providing advice on the process of reporting incidents.

Colin commented on the high volume of traffic at the bottom of Dark Lane at around 5pm on the previous Friday. Whilst roadworks were present on Bluestone Lane and Bentley Lane was closed the weight of traffic was still quite excessive. Colin asked if the Parish Council could investigate options for a traffic survey.

Grahame suggested a future agenda item to discuss the plan for Moss fields, including budgetary provision and ideas for replacing dead trees, building up the hedgerow etc.

It was suggested that the newly re-elected Councillor for Mawdesley (Alan Platt) is invited to the next Parish Council meeting and in future a public meeting with all 3 Borough Councillors who represent all members of the ward.

A query was raised concerning MP surgeries and the lack of publication of these. It would be useful to have the dates of the next surgeries – the Clerk to make enquiries.

11. Parish Clerk's Report.

The Clerk gave a verbal update following of her report (previously circulated). The Clerk received an e mail today from South Ribble Borough Council responding to the query regarding maintenance of footpaths on private land. It read *'The Council cannot provide legal advice to the PC but I can pass on what my understanding is. If the paths are public paths even if they cross private land, they are maintainable by Lancashire County Council (LCC) although only to the standard appropriate to its purpose/location – so a muddy footpath crossing agricultural land would not necessarily be in disrepair.*

If the paths cross private land and are not part of the public path network and the landowner is allowing permissive access, then the PC would need express consent of the landowner to undertake any works. It's better to explore this with the Public Rights of Way Team at LCC who manage public footpaths.

Alex Jackson

Legal Services Team Leader

The Clerk reminded all the deadline for the next newsletter – Friday 13th May.

12. Lenghtsman Report

Peter confirmed the new oak bench had been securely bolted in place.

Peter advised of the need to remove the fruit from the new trees on their first year, it was resolved Peter should go ahead and do this.

Planters are being filled next month with the stone circle hopefully completed prior to the jubilee. The Best kept village plaque will be reinstated on completion of the structure.

13. To receive an update on the purchase of the container for Moss Fields. The Clerk confirmed the chosen colour of the container as green, and Peter confirmed doors would need to be placed on the small end of the container with delivery being arranged at a future date.

14. To receive an update on the Zurich Municipal insurance long term agreement. The Clerk confirmed she had paid the premium following the resolution to purchase the long-term agreement.

15. To receive an update on the SPID. The Clerk reported she had spoken to the company who supplied the SPID and the software has been sent electronically to enable Mike and Peter to update the speed setting.

16. To respond to a request from Karl Baker at Ludco to update the records of the Robert Moss Endowment fund to remove Angela Nicholls as the main correspondent on the account to be replaced by Trish Grimshaw, as authorised by the Endowment Fund signatory list. The Clerk had drafted a letter to update the main correspondent. It was resolved the Chairman and Vice Chairman sign the letter.

17. Planning Matters

Proposal: Erection of 3no. detached dwellinghouses, following the demolition of the existing dwelling and associated outbuildings

Location: Wilbrook Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2RG

Reference: 22/00164/FUL Comments by 19 May 2022. It was resolved to object to the application on the grounds of greenbelt

Proposal: Changes to nos. 1 and 2 School Lane to enable their conversion into one detached dwelling, including a first-floor rear extension with Juliette balcony, changes to the front porch and demolition of a single storey rear extension.

Location: Nos. 1 And 2 School Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 3TG

Reference: 22/00430/FUL Comments by 13 May 2022

It was resolved to support the application bringing 2 dwellings back to one.

18. To accept the internal auditors report (circulated in advance of the meeting). It was resolved that the report should be approved. The Clerk addressed the areas within the report for addressing immediately i.e., items 19 and 20 below with quarterly budget figures being incorporated to future meetings.

19. To resolve to amend Financial Regulations Section 6.1 to enable payments to be made through the council's bankers' online banking system – financial regulations had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. It was resolved unanimously to approve the amendments.

20. To resolve to approve the Annual Governance Statement for Year Ending 31.03.22 and once approved to be signed by the Clerk and Chairman. It was resolved that the Council should approve the documentation referred to above and authorise that the Chairman, Clerk should sign the same. The Clerk confirmed the accounts will be available for public inspection for a period of 30 working days (Monday to Friday) for the period 6 June to 15 July. It was resolved to approve the public inspection period as detailed above.

21. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - Approved.

22. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - Approved

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10

Signed*M Worthington*.....

Chairman

Dated12/07/22.....

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