



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on

Tuesday 12th July 2022, 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

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

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Worthington

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. To receive of Interest and Dispensations

None

3. To co-op a Councillor from applications received

It was resolved to transfer this item to the next meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 10th May 2022

These were approved as a correct record; proposed by Cllr M Worthington and seconded by Cllr L Causer and were duly signed by the Chair.

5. 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.

Janine provided an update on the Peter Lathom charity fund advising that 6 individuals and their families in the Bispham and Mawdesley areas have received financial support to the value of £1,265; the remaining balance of £735 is still available to distribute until October. Nominations can be suggested in the strictest confidence to Janine or Cllr G Green.

A member of the public reported issues around safely accessing the road from the pavement (with a mobility scooter) as there are no dropped kerbs in Tarnbeck. It was confirmed that this is the responsibility of the highways section (LCC) and should be reported online.

Additionally, concerns were expressed regarding the condition of roads and pavements particularly around Smith Lane making journeys via mobility scooters hazardous. It was suggested this was reported to LCC (Charles Edwards) and CBC Councillors for Mawdesley and raised with Social Services.

Martin Trengove from the Cricket Club advised of solar panels which have been recently installed on the pavilion and welcomed anyone interested in viewing the system. Martin highlighted the grant funding which is available to support families in getting involved in cricket.

The Parish inspection identified barbed wire fencing running along part of the moss – the landowner needs to be contacted with a view to removing/replacing with an appropriate material.

Concerns were raised re the poor condition of the former Robin Hood pub which is currently for sale with Regan and Hallworth Estate Agents. The Clerk was requested to write to the agent.

6. Parish Clerks Report

The Clerk highlighted several items within the report (previously circulated).

Best Kept village competition – a reminder that this continues throughout August.

Roland Jones has been contacted via telephone on 2 occasions re a follow up tree survey – no response to date. It was resolved to source an alternative tree surveyor should we receive no response.

The Clerk requested a resolution on the estimate to repair the wet pour rubber surface of the play area as this is a health and safety issue which needs resolving asap. The estimate has been previously circulated to all Parish Councillors. It was unanimously resolved by all Parish Councillors to go ahead with the repair as per the estimate of £460.00 plus VAT. The Clerk to advise the contractor.

The first quarter of financial figures will be available for the next Parish Council meeting.

The Clerk thanked Peter for the speedy temporary repair of the faulty stile on Nook Lane.

The Clerk highlighted a recent e mail from LCC regarding the local delivery scheme and biodiversity small grant scheme, deadline 31.07.22. It was resolved to apply for both grants.

The Clerk confirmed the recent communication from Karl Baker (Ludlow) regarding Trusts registering with HMRC is not relevant for the Burt Moss funds.

7. Lengthsman Report

Peter gave a verbal update.

It was resolved to hire a mower for a couple of days at £50 per day

The removal of the sleeves from the dogwood and trees has encouraged better plant growth.

Peter and Mike have marked up a couple of dead trees in Moss fields which will need to be felled in due course.

The strimmer is in for repair.

The groundwork for the container is anticipated to take place in August, to make way for the container, Peter advised that a few branches would need to be trimmed to accommodate the container.

Peter to undertake some minor sanding work to the new bench which has splintered.

8. To discuss and resolve a suitable replacement of a multi-purpose tool for the Lengthsman.

It was resolved to set a budget of £250.00 for a multi-purpose power tool, proposed by Cllr M Worthington and seconded by Cllr L Causer and subsequently unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors.

9. To receive an update on the status of the container for Moss fields and the charges for storage from July onwards.

The container groundwork should be commencing in August, it was resolved to pay the storage charge of £25.00 per week.

10. To receive an update on the proposed cycle route to Croston (Simon Forster, Open Spaces Team)

Following an initial meeting on 12/07/22 with Simon Forster (CBC), Parish Councillors M Worthington, G Worthington, M Henty, G Green, and CBC Cllr M Boardman suggested routes were discussed and work will now commence on sourcing land ownership.

11. To update the Banking Mandate to remove retiring Councillor Colin Freeman

It was resolved to remove Cllr Colin Freeman from the banking mandate.

12. To receive an update on the Clean-up/skip day scheduled for Saturday 3rd September; 9.30am to 12 noon (nominations for collections by 29/08/22) funded by Chorley Council neighbourhood funding for Western Parishes. To agree a budget of £30.00 for refreshments on the day.

The Clerk has received confirmation from CBC that there will be no charge this year for the skip, operatives, or van. It was resolved a budget of £30.00 for refreshments on the day. Advance apologies received from Cllr M Worthington and Cllr G Worthington.

13. To discuss the Heras fencing currently stored at the side of the container on The Green. To resolve to either sell the fencing to Martin Boardman or agree that Martin incorporates it within his own stocks to enable the Parish Council to use whenever needed.

Following discussion, it was resolved that Martin incorporates the Heras fencing in his own stock which will enable the Parish Council to use as and when required.

14. To discuss the correspondence from Martin Trengrove at Mawdesley Cricket Club requesting the Parish Council consider an increase of the grant (£600 agreed for 2 new gates and gate posts) to cover costs for additional work of replacing surrounding fencing up to a maximum of £945.39 (breakdown of costings attached). To resolve to either keep to the original grant offer or increase by an appropriate sum to be determined at the meeting.

It was resolved to pay the cricket club the additional £345.39 for the surrounding fencing. Proposed by Cllr G Green, seconded by Cllr M Worthington and subsequently unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors.

15. To consider replacing the bus shelter opposite the red lion pub with a new wooden shelter incorporating a bench seat such as the Newstead supplied by Littlethorpe and receive costings and funding options.

Following discussion, it was resolved to replace the bus shelter. Three estimates had been obtained to replace (Lincoln £3,500; Rail Shelter £17,250 and Newstead £7,950). Cllr M Worthington reported of his discussions with CBC who have agreed to fund 50% of the purchase and installation which will be undertaken by CBC street scene team.

It was resolved to replace with the 'Newstead' shelter which will have a bespoke roof to accommodate its slim size, proposed by the Cllr M Worthington and seconded by Cllr L Causer with all parish councillors unanimously agreeing.

The shelter will transfer from a CBC asset to an asset of the Parish Council. It is proposed the shelter is placed towards the back of the fence; Peter agreed to discuss with the resident whose property is behind the shelter.

16. To discuss the Village Gateway in relation to the main arterial routes into the village.

Following discussion all Parish Councillors were in favour of reducing the speed of traffic entering the village, suggestions such as placing a strip of cobbles and pinch points were made. It was resolved to place a future item agenda to consider further.

17. To decide the recipients for the 2020 and 2021 Village Champion awards and agree the date for the presentation of the awards.

It was unanimously resolved by all Parish Councillors that Winifrid Thompson should receive the 2020 award, Chris Charlton the 2021 award for their outstanding work in the village. The Clerk to advise Winifrid and Chris inviting them to be presented with their award at the September meeting.

18. To resolve that the 2022 Village Champion awards and beyond, will be decided in December with the award being made in the January of the New Year to enable the whole year to be considered.

It was resolved that the 2022 awards will be decided in December; nominations to be sent to the Clerk prior to this with future recipients being invited to the January Parish Council meeting. It was proposed that the 'young persons' award is also re-introduced.

19. Following the delivery of the speed management pack from LCC road safety unit to resolve the location of the large banner and distribution of 'slow down' stickers.

It was resolved to offer the large banner to the local primary school.

20. To resolve the dates that the Parish Council wish to book Red Admiral Band for 2022

It was resolved to book the band for Remembrance Sunday 13/11/22, Christmas Tree lighting 02/12/22 and provisionally Santa's visit 16/12/22.

21. To discuss the census results for population changes in the NW and resolve a way forward

It was resolved to transfer this item to the next meeting.

22. 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:

Application no: 22/00569/CLPUD Case Officer: Eleanor McCleary - 01257 515176
Ward: Croston, Mawdesley And Euxton South
Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for 2no. single storey side extensions
Location: 53A Gorse Lane, Mawdesley, Ormskirk, L40 3TE
Determination Deadline: Monday 18.07.22
Resolved: No objection; neutral

Proposal: Single storey front extension
Location: Morningtown Dark Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QU
Reference: 22/00615/FULHH
Comments by 19.07.22
Resolved: No objection; neutral

Proposal: Section 73 application to remove condition 2 (restricting occupancy to agricultural workers) of planning permission ref. 9/76/489 (Outline application for bungalow)

Location: Nook Farm Black Moor Road Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QD
Reference: 22/00672/FUL
Comments by 26.07.22
Resolved: No objection; neutral

Received after agenda published

Proposal: Conversion of existing rear flat room to first floor balcony off main bedroom with privacy screening and balustrade. **Location:** The Old Corn Mill, Smithy Lane
Reference:22/00642/FULHH **Comments by 26.07.22**
Resolved: Parish Councillors agreed to e mail comment after the meeting

23.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 21.13

Signed **M Worthington**

Cllr M Worthington, Chair

Dated27/09/22.....

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