



Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on

Tuesday 9th July 2024 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

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

1. **Apologies** – *Cllr S Boardman & Cllr Whittaker*
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** - *none*
3. **To receive declarations of interest from Councillors 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 14.05.24 and 11.06.24.*
7. **Public Participation:** *To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation.*
8. **To receive feedback on the allotment meeting (minutes previously circulated) and discuss a way forward.** *Following the allotment meeting interested residents requested a community garden rather than allotment. Following discussion Parish Councillors agreed this was a good way forward and ratified to hold a separate meeting to ascertain who would wish to form a group to manage the proposed gardens.*
9. **To receive the Woodland Management Plan report (previously circulated 07/06/24) from Ian Wright (LCC) and raise any queries prior to adopting the report.** *Ian provided an overview of the report which was gratefully received by the Parish Councillors. It was ratified to approve the report which will form part of the Moss Fields Masterplan.*
10. **To receive an e mail from a resident (previously circulated) regarding a breach of planning permission at Mayfield Bluestone Lane (22/0315/ FUL 23/00424/FUL) and agree any relevant action.** *It was ratified to highlight the residents concern to Chorley Council to establish if there is a breach.*
11. **Parish Clerk's Report.** *The Clerks report had been previously circulated for all to note.*
12. **Lengthsman's Report.** *The Lengthsman has discussed the size of the base for the new bench near the container with Steve and Cllr Henty; the bench it will be put together on site. Following the forthcoming tree work, branches from the cut trees on Moss fields will be used as fencing. A quotation to erect the new timber cabin will be obtained from Tony. The Lengthsman highlighted the need for a new light weight hedge cutter – a selection of prices was put forward. It was ratified to choose the £399 STIL hedge cutter, proposed by Cllr Causer, seconded by Cllr M Worthington with all in favour.*
13. **To receive an update on the Moss Fields Masterplan and meeting with Ian Wright.** *Following a site visit of Moss Fields with Parish Councillors, the woodland trees, blossom circle an orchard are all thriving. Several trees require pruning; a quotation obtained (item 26) for consideration. Ian suggested a woodland trust grant application to thicken the hedgerow along the Smithy Lane side of Moss Fields; the Clerk to investigate grant funding.*

14. **To receive an update on the 'willow' project.** Gill provided an update on the project; a willow arch and dome was suggested (quotations to be obtained) with a willow making day for residents being arranged before the end of the year. Ian confirmed willow thrives in wet conditions, Gill to undertake a site visit to find the best locations.
15. **To receive an update on the camera for Moss Fields.** Cllr Henty confirmed this is now up and running.
16. **To receive an update on the second quotation for solar power on Moss Fields.** The Clerk has sought 2 further quotations, unfortunately neither company are able to quote for off grid systems. It was ratified the Parish Council wished to go ahead with the solar option proposed by the Chair with all Parish Councillors in favour.
17. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.** No further progress to report.
18. **To receive an update on the bollards order.** These should be ready by the end of July. The village hall and bowling club will be advised of the installation.
19. **To discuss the irreparable bench on Moody Lane and agree a way forward.** It was ratified to obtain an estimate for a new similar bench.
20. **To receive feedback on the quarterly summer magazine printing.** Positive feedback was received, it was ratified to continue with the new printing company.
21. **To confirm the revised planning training date.** It was ratified to hold the training at 6pm on Tuesday 10th September.
22. **To establish who can assist at the next 'Clean-up Day' in Mawdesley on Saturday 7th September 9.30am to noon (skip to be positioned on the car park of the village hall) and any progress in the Clerk's grant application.** The Chair, Peter and Trish can assist at the event. A decision regarding the grant application is expected by the end of July.
23. **To discuss a request from Martin Trengove (Cricket Club) to provide a grant for 3 x bases (£67.71) retrospectively, following the Parish Councils grant for the 3 x parasols.** It was ratified to provide the grant due to savings from the bench purchase.
24. **To discuss the numerous large advertising banners that are displayed on the grass verge at the end of Hurst Green and agree a way forward.** The Clerk has written to Chorley Council for advice on sizes and periods of display; It was ratified to write to organisations once a response is received.
25. **To receive the report on the village inspection (previously circulated) and discuss actions.** The report was approved with Cllr Green providing a drawing of suggested drainage work for the Smithy Lane Shortbutts entrance. It was ratified to obtain a quotation for stoning up the area.
26. **To receive a quotation for the tree work on Moss Fields and agree a way forward.** It was ratified to go ahead with the quotation for £600 from Laurence Davis. Proposed by Cllr Causer, seconded by Cllr G Worthington with all in favour.
27. **Planning Matters - to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.**

24/00558/FUL South View, Back Lane, Mawdesley – Decision: No objections

28. **To receive an update on the external audit.** No response from the external auditor to date.
29. **To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - approved.**
30. **Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - approved.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.30

SignedL Causer..... Cllr L Causer, Chair. Dated 10.09.24