



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on

Tuesday 8th October 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), Cllr S Boardman, P Boardman (Lengthsman) and 4 members of the public

1. **Apologies** – *None*
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 10.09.24.*
7. **Public Participation:** *To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation.*

Concerns were raised by a member of the public (Nicola) regarding speeding traffic and a request was made to place the SpID at the end of Gales Lane which may act as a deterrent. Nicola confirmed she had reported to LCC. It was suggested to report to Maria Fetherstone (PCSO 7932 (Wildlife and Rural Crime Officer) Chorley Rural West, Tel 01257 246103 and Shaun Canning from Lancashire Police shaun.canning@lancashire.police.uk. It was resolved to consider the request to move the SpID as an agenda item at the next meeting, which if agreed by Parish Councillors would be subject to permission from Lancashire County Council who are the highways authority.

A member of the public (Pauline) raised concern regarding difficulty in gaining wheelchair access to the bench on Ridley Lane. A further offer of funding a new bench, planters and installation at the top of Dark Lane was made. Resolution in item 9.

A member of the public attended to highlight the poor condition of the footpath from Bradshaw Lane to the village. Resolution in item 8.

8. **To discuss correspondence from a resident regarding the condition of the footpath from Bradshaw Lane to the village that goes past the alpaca field and agree a way forward.** *It was resolved to write to the Environment Agency to request they inspect the area in the first instance and test the water in order to establish the type/source.*
9. **To discuss correspondence received regarding access to sit by and on the bench on Ridley Lane, at the junction with Salt Pit Lane (near Catholic Church) and consider a request for the bench to be moved or an additional bench placed the top of Dark Lane with the junction with Bradshaw Lane (up from where the Chorley bin / MPC Notice Board).** *It was resolved: In terms of the bench located on Ridley Lane, the Parish Councillors wish to seek the opinions of residents via the Parish Council newsletter as to the use and location of the bench before making any decision. Regarding placing a new bench at the top of Dark Lane (with the junction of Bradshaw Lane) the Parish Councillors took the decision to identify the landowner in the first instance and will revisit*

the request once this is known. The Parish Councillors expressed their gratitude for the kind offer from the gentleman who has offered to purchase a bench in this area.

10. **Parish Clerk's Report.** *The Clerk's report (previously circulated) was noted.*
11. **Lengthsman's Report.** *The Lengthsman reported – he has taken delivery of the new bench for Moody Lane which is now with Steve waiting to be installed; the village planters have been emptied and will be refilled in the next few weeks; a new fruit tree will be ordered for Moss Fields to replace the dead one; no progress from CBC regarding the reported street signs that are damaged or missing; volunteers will be needed to fill the proposed hazel fence on Moss Fields; number of posts to be confirmed with Grahame and Peter; no progress with Jigsaw regarding footpath improvements on Moss Fields following their site meeting held in June.*
12. **To select the winner of the wordsearch competition.** *The winner of a box of tray bakes was randomly selected – Jennifer from High Street.*
13. **To receive feedback on the Mawdesley in Bloom awards.** *The awards went well, Cllr Boardman and Hogg presented the winners with their trophies at the village show.*
14. **To receive an update on the Community Gardens meeting held on 08.10.24.** *Three people attended the meeting who agreed to form a committee and meet separately to move the project forward. It was suggested that it would be helpful for a member of the group to attend the Parish Council meeting on 12.11.24.*
15. **To receive an update on the Moss Fields Masterplan.** *The Clerk reported she had contacted Olivia Brotheridge a designer who has been used by Cedar Farm – a quotation a design for the interpretation board will be e mailed to Parish Councillors to consider asap. An additional quotation for the interpretation board has been requested from 'Make me something special'. The 2 wooden owls for Moss Fields have been ordered.*
16. **To discuss the arrangements for Freshers Fayre on 26.10.24 and receive a quotation for the provision of signage.** *The Clerk reported that 11 stalls are already booked with the possibility of further being added. Parish Councillors approved the quotation for a banner subject to agreeing the wording (Cllr M Worthington to circulate) and size (Cllr Henty to check sizes).*
17. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.** *Ongoing.*
18. **To receive an update on the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday.** *The Clerk confirmed she has completed the documents for the road closure with South Ribble Council legal services and has booked the road safety company. The Chair to place the Parish Council wreath, kindly provided by Heidi, on the cenotaph.*
19. **To discuss the arrangements for the erecting and decorating of the Christmas tree and ratify a budget and provider (quotations previously circulated).** *The quotation for £1476.00 from Illumidex was approved, proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Hogg with all Parish Councillors in agreement.*
20. **To receive a quotation for a permanent stand/sleeve to secure the Christmas tree and agree a way forward.** *Illumidex no longer offer this service. Hence it was ratified to order a suitable pipe for the tree to slot into which would be securely concreted several feet underground. A budget of up to £500 was agreed for the project, proposed by Cllr M Worthington, seconded by the Chair with all Parish Councillors in agreement.*
21. **To discuss arrangements and dates for other Christmas activities in the village (light switch on; Santa trail).** *It was resolved: light switch on 29 November; Red Admiral will be contacted to attend the light switch on; Santa trail 20 December.*
22. **Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.**

Proposal: Erection of a building to be used for storage of equestrian equipment

(retrospective)

Location: Salt Pit Farm Salt Pit Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QX

Reference: 24/00789/FUL

We have received the above application which can be viewed at planning.chorley.gov.uk. Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **10 October 2024**.

Decision: No objections

Proposal: Change of use of domestic outbuilding to 1 no. residential property, incorporating a single storey side extension and external alterations.

Location: Brook Farmhouse Hall Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QY

Reference: 24/00575/FUL

We have received the above application which can be viewed at planning.chorley.gov.uk. Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **22 October 2024**.

Parish Councillor S Boardman raised a declaration of interest – did not vote

Decision: No objections

Proposal: Demolition of 6 no. outbuildings and the erection of 2 no. detached two storey dwellings.

Location: Land 134M South West Of Hand Lane End Farm Hand Lane Mawdesley

Reference: 24/00576/FUL

We have received the above application which can be viewed at planning.chorley.gov.uk. Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **23 October 2024**.

Decision: Objection since this is on protected Greenbelt land which must be preserved for local biodiversity and natural resources. Should the application be approved, the Parish Council would wish the designs of the dwellings to be modified to be in keeping with the local area.

23. **To receive an update on the external audit.** *The Clerk advised of a successful external audit which was previously circulated and has been published on the Council's website.*
24. **To receive the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary to the end of quarter one (2024/25 April to June) for members to note.** *Approved*
25. **To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment.** *Approved*
26. **Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments.** *Approved*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10

SignedL Causer..... Cllr L Causer, Chair. Dated 12.11.24