



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on

Tuesday 12th November 2024 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

Participants: Cllr L Causer (Chair), Cllr M Worthington (Vice Chair), Cllr G Worthington, Cllr J Hogg, Cllr M Henty, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), Cllr S Boardman, P Boardman (Lengthsman) and 6 members of the public

1. **Apologies** – Cllr G Green
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** - None
3. **To receive declarations of interest from Councillor's on items on the agenda** – Cllr S Boardman, Cllr M Worthington and Cllr G Worthington item 23 planning application 24/00841/FUL, Springfields Sandy Lane; Cllr M Worthington and Cllr G Worthington item 23 planning application 24/00911/FULHH Land West side of 1 The Owls, Blue Stone Lane ; Chair item 23 planning application 24/00931/FUL Home Farm House, Black Moor Lane.
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 08.10.24.*
7. **Public Participation:** *To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation.*

A member of the public attended to highlight concerns regarding planning permission at Mill Meadows, Andertons Mill for a 5-bed dwelling, this was noted.

Aaron attended the meeting to provide an overview of the proposals for the community garden which had been circulated to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting. Aaron confirmed there are 4 members on the community garden committee.

Martin and Daniel (Mawdesley Cricket Club) attended the meeting to discuss the proposed purchase of the Rectory Field from the Diocese of Blackburn to enable it to remain protected as a green recreational space. Discussions are underway with solicitors who have suggested the creation of a community interest company with broad representation of 4 or 5 individuals who will become Trustees. To purchase the field a crowdfunding page will be set up together with donations and fund-raising activities, £35,000 is required to buy the land and cover legal costs. The Club is proposing to buy the land and then pass ownership of the field over for safe keeping to a Trust in the form of a Community Interest Company (CIC) called the 'Mawdesley Playing Field Trust CIC'. The Trust will then own the land on behalf of the village and safeguard it from ever being built. Martin requested the opinion of the Parish Council on 1) purchasing the land for community ownership; 2) a nomination from the Parish Council to act as a Trustee for the CIC; 3) assistance with advertising 4) a donation from the Parish Council. See agenda item 13.

A member of the public requested an update on the flooding on Bradshaw Lane (that goes past the alpaca field). See agenda item 16.

Two members of the public attended to raise their concern regarding the LCC part of footpath diversion FP0919005 at the Old Rectory (item 19 on the agenda)- this was noted.

The Chair requested an agenda item is added to the December meeting regarding the Black Bull.

- 8. To receive correspondence from Janine Clayton and family.** *The Clerk read out the thank you e mail from Janine and family following the sad loss of Ian.*
- 9. To discuss the e mail from the Community Gardens Volunteer Committee (previously circulated) and agree a way forward.** *It was ratified that the proposals sent by Aaron on behalf of the Community Garden group be accepted, proposed by the Chair, seconded by the Vice Chair and unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors. Concern was raised regarding insurance arrangements for the volunteers working on site. An option to purchase insurance from the allotment society was discussed (£3 per individual with a minimum of 10 members). It was ratified the group should investigate this further, the Parish Council agreed to reimburse once purchased. The Parish Council will now go ahead and obtain a quotation for creating the raised beds.*
- 10. To receive quotations for the supply of a timber cabin on Moss Fields and decide if any of the quotations are suitable (the project has been agreed in principle).** *The item to be carried forward to next month's meeting. An additional agenda item will be added regarding solar v electricity.*
- 11. To receive an update on the hazel wood fence posts; consider the quotation received to install the posts and agree a date to invite volunteers to 'fill' the brushwood fencing.** *It was ratified to accept the quotation; Community Garden Volunteers will be asked to assist (once insurance arrangements are in place)*
- 12. To receive an update on the Interpretation Board for Moss Fields.** *The Clerk provided an update on all the quotations, it was ratified to appoint Olivia to design the trail and purchase the oak A1 board from 'Make Me Something Special'. (Quotations previously circulated).*
- 13. To discuss the potential options to work with Mawdesley Cricket Club to secure the land at Rectory Field for the benefit of the wider community.** *Following discussion, Parish Councillors were extremely supportive of the purchase of the Rectory field for community ownership and happy to promote via the newsletter. Councillor M Worthington offered to act as a Trustee and proposed the Parish Council donate £7,000 to the fund with the option of a further donation being made for any shortfall. This was seconded by the Chair and unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors.*
- 14. To confirm ownership of the land at the top of Dark Lane with the junction with Bradshaw Lane following the request to install a bench in this area and decide if the request should be approved.** *The nearby residents will be contacted for their views prior to any decision being made.*
- 15. To receive the response from Chorley Council following a request for a waste bin on Hall Green Lane (previously circulated).** *Chorley Council responded 'the area of Hall Green Lane has been inspected for suitability and this area would not be suitable due to safety concerns, single track road for our HGV vehicle to attend. Unfortunately, we avoid any new bin request installs that come the potential health and safety concerns'. Parish Councillors were curious how the general weekly refuse is collected given this statement. The Clerk to investigate further.*
- 16. To receive an update on the footpath flooding reported on Bradshaw Lane (between Silverthorns and Trelawney).** *The Clerk has written to the Environment Agency to request an inspection of the area and test the water to establish the type/source of flooding. The Clerk reported she has received an acknowledgement e mail*

which states the matter will be passed to the customer team who will deal with the request.

17. **Parish Clerk's Report (previously circulated).** *The report was noted. The Clerk raised an additional e mail from LCC regarding the part of footpath FP09190555 at Little Bluestone Cottage, the public notice order being displayed on noticeboards. Following discussion, the Parish Councillors had no objections with the path being re-routed.*
18. **Lengthsman's Report.** *Peter reported that the Blossom Circle benches on Moss Fields are now in place; Moody Lane bench is completed and a new shelter for the logs is almost finished; regarding the stoning of Bradshaw Lane, if agreed there is a possibility that a mini digger may be able to access the site.*
19. **To acknowledge and note the correspondence received from Lancashire County Council (previously distributed) regarding the following footpath diversion.**

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 S.119

WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PART OF FOOTPATH FP0919005 AT THE OLD RECTORY, MAWDESLEY PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2024

I am writing to inform you that the County Council made the above-mentioned Order on the 21 August 2024 and enclose a copy of a Notice of the making of the Order and relevant plan. Please ensure the Public Notice, this is displayed on the parish noticeboard for the duration of the notice period. (Simon Morre, Paralegal Officer)

Following discussion, the Parish Councillors had no objections with the path being re-routed. The Clerk to check if the new route will be fenced and maintained.

20. **To receive feedback regarding the Freshers Fayre held on 26.10.24.** *The Clerk advised the event was not as busy as last year which could be due to holding it during the October half term. Nevertheless, positive feedback was received from stall holder and attendees. It was ratified pause for next year with a view to revisiting in 2026.*
21. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.** *Cllr M Worthington advised he has a phone meeting next week to progress.*
22. **To receive feedback on the Remembrance Sunday parade.** *Cllr S Boardman remarked on how well the 'last post' was played by the young man from Red Admiral. Concern was raised regarding the RSS vehicle which travelled down High Street and had to do an about turn as the parade had started already started. The Clerk to feedback to RSS and research other road closure companies. The Clerk was also asked to 1) make contact with the poppy organiser to see if we can have some poppies in the village next year 2) add an agenda item regarding the possibility of horses being permitted in the parade.*
23. **To receive an update on the permanent stand/sleeve to secure the Christmas tree.** *The sleeve has been generously supplied free of charge by Sam Ainscough and will be secured by Steve Ashton. The tree will go up on Wednesday 27th November at 10am.*
24. **To receive an update on highways improvements on Smithy Lane and Blackmoor.** *The Clerk has written to LCC for a schedule of road improvements in Mawdesley and awaits a response. A request to add 'speed indicator devices' on the agenda was made.*
25. **Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response to planning applications which can be viewed at planning.chorley.gov.uk including those received after the agenda is published.**

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref. 21/00793/FUL (1) Erection of 5no. detached dwellinghouses,

including associated new accesses to Sandy Lane 2) Demolition of existing buildings) to change the house types of plots 1, 2 and 3

Location: Springfields Sandy Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QB

Reference: 24/00841/FUL

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **12 November 2024**.

Decision: No objections

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition no.3 (approved plans) of planning permission ref. 22/00850/FUL (Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings and erection of a replacement dwelling to change the dwelling design, site layout and access arrangement.

Location: Laburnums High Street Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 3TD

Reference: 24/00857/FUL

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **15 November 2024**.

Decision: No objections

Proposal: Detached double garage to front/side

Location: Mediterranean At Robin Hood Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2RG

Reference: 24/00818/FULHH

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **26 November 2024**.

Decision: No objections

Proposal: Erection of 2no. dwellings (following demolition of agricultural building)

Location: Home Farm House Black Moor Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2PA

Reference: 24/00931/FUL

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **26 November 2024**.

Decision: No objections

Proposal: Two storey side extension

Location: Land West Of 1The Owls Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley

Reference: 24/00911/FULHH

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **26 November 2024**.

Decision: No objections

26. To authorise payment of the Clerks and Lengthsman's backdated pay following the NALC pay award. *Approved.*

27. To receive the budget monitoring report/receipts and payments summary to the end of quarter two (2024/25 July to September) for members to note. *Approved.*

28. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment. *Approved.*

29. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments. *Approved.*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.20

Signed ... L Causer Cllr L Causer, Chair. Dated 10.12.24