



Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on

Tuesday 9th January 2024, 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

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

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
3. **To receive declarations of interest from Councillor's on items on the agenda** – The Chairman advised he is a trustee for the Millennium Green, who have submitted a grant application (item 9) however he has not been involved in submitting the grant application. Equally Cllr L Causer advised she attends the tea party committee but has also been part of the team putting together the grant request.
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 12.12.23, these were duly signed by the Chairman.
7. **Public Participation** – Councillor Whittaker attended the meeting and provided information on
1) planning applicants being able to submit their requests directly to the government or via Chorley Council (NB for developments of 10+ properties). 2) The Lancashire devolution deal.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding site lines at 4 lane ends. The Chairman advised a meeting is planned with the highways officer at noon on 10.01.24.

Mark Cobham, Tom Poole, and Rebecca Scarisbrick all attended the meeting to provide an overview of their grant applications (item 10). The Chairman thanked all for the detailed information.

8. **To receive nominations for the 2023 Mawdesley Village Champion award and to decide on a recipient.** Cllr G Worthington nominated Steve Blakemoor who volunteers each year to undertake the role of Father Christmas. All Parish Councillors were in favour of the nomination.
9. **To discuss arranging a CCTV survey of the culvert under New Street and Hurst Green playground and agree the frequency of future surveys.** It was ratified to undertake a bi-annual survey, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Causer and subsequently agreed by all Parish Councillors.
10. **To consider and resolve the grant applications received and resolve how to allocate the budget line for grants from the precept or CIL money. To formally agree that all grant applications from groups must comply with the Parish Council's financial regulations and provide three quotes to demonstrate value for money.**

It was resolved to approve the following applications using a combination of CIL and precept funds; the proportions of these will be finalised at the next meeting.

Mawdesley Cricket Club Preparing, providing, and laying hard core to High St Pedestrian Entrance £100.00
Preparing, providing and laying hard core to High St Vehicle Entrance £450.00
Extending hard core and road 'planeings' to spectator area adjacent to pavilion £975.00
Purchase of three recycled plastic picnic bench sets £1500.00*.

Total requested £3025.00

**The Parish Council resolved to purchase the picnic benches in April 2024 and gift these to the Cricket Club.*

The remaining £1525.00 being approved in the form of a grant.

Mawdesley Millennium Green To upgrade the electric supply. **Total requested £3,584.15**

The Parish Council resolved to approve the grant application.

Red Admiral Music Academy Music Stands, The Music Cellar Preston £750.00; Marching Bass Drum £539.99; 10th Anniversary Commission £300.00; Music scores and parts £1200.00 **Total requested £2,790.00**

The Parish Council resolved to approve the grant application.

Mawdesley Juniors Football Club To provide a space for the club to train and play matches.

Total requested £5,000.00

It was noted this application had been previously submitted and approved at the Parish Council meeting on 10/07/19, Minute 5, with the funds being obtained from the Burt Moss account, hence the Parish Council resolved to approve the grant application. The Clerk to request a withdrawal of £5,000.00 from the Burt Moss account.

Mawdesley & St Peters PTA To fund blinds for the school following the installation of new windows. **Total requested £1,273.00**

Councillor Craig Southern to investigate grant funding from Chorley Council

Mawdesley Tea Party and Mawdesley Amateur Dramatic Society applications did not provide sufficient detail for the Parish Councillors to decide. It was ratified to allow an additional 2 weeks for each organisation to provide a full and detailed application, these will be submitted to the next Parish Council meeting.

The resolution was proposed by Cllr M Worthington, seconded by Cllr Causer and subsequently unanimously agreed by all.

It was resolved that all grant application groups must comply with the Parish Council's financial regulations and provide 3 quotations to demonstrate value for money.

11. To receive a suggestion from Cllr Causer regarding a 2024 'dates for your diary' for notice boards. Parish Councillors agreed this was a good idea and this information could also be placed on the website. It was resolved everyone should forward events and dates to the Parish Clerk.

12. Parish Clerk's Report. The Clerks report (previously circulated) was noted. The Clerk reported she has received a credit from the 2023 invoice following issues raised with Road Safety Services.

- 13. Lengthsman's Report.** Peter confirmed the blossom tree has been purchased and will be planted between the 2 benches on Moss Fields. The SpID has been moved to Blackmoor. For the next meeting agenda items requested; moss fields drainage project; the purchase of a table and bench for the area clearing on Moss Fields; resurfacing of Tarnbeck to Bradshaw Lane; to identify the owner of the land at the entrance off New Street.
- 14. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.** A further meeting is in the diary for Monday at which the planning policies will be clarified, and residents survey agreed.
- 15. To receive an update on the Moss Fields Masterplan.** The next stage is a tree planting morning to extend the community orchard with heritage variety fruit trees. The Clerk is liaising with LCC who are placing the order. We await the management plans from LCC at which time a further meeting of the subgroup will be held.
- 16. To select the winner of the Christmas quiz from entries received.** The entries were placed in a hat, the winner being 'Susan' from Gorse Lane. The Clerk to advise and organise the prize – a selection of tray bakes from Hannah's bakes.
- 17. To discuss options for the 2024 Christmas tree and agree the way forward.** The dressing of the lights has been previously ratified by Parish Councillors. An embedded socket with a sleeve fit for purpose was agreed in principle, estimates will be obtained. A suggestion of a nativity for the village was acknowledged and will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 18. To receive the quotation and sample for the upgrade of the play area path and agree the way forward.** The Clerk re-circulated the path sample and estimate received from Playsound. Further estimates will be obtained for the Parish Councillors to consider.
- 19. To receive the quotation for the resurfacing of the footpath from High Street - Back Lane.** This item was deferred.
- 20. To receive an update from Cllr Henty on the camera for Moss Fields and agree a way forward including budget provision.** Cllr Henty circulated an estimate for a camera and memory card. It was ratified to purchase a 4k camera (which will provide better night vision picture quality) and memory card together with a monthly £15.00 contract to enable surveillance via a mobile. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Causer and unanimously agreed by all. Cllr Henty to draft a CCTV policy.
- 21. To receive ideas and estimates for the cover for the trailer and agree a way forward.** It was agreed that some type of storage is required for the trailer and further investigation into whether a wooden cabin could be erected to provide a better working environment and work space for the lengthsman.
- 22. To discuss the potential for installing an electricity supply to the container on Moss Fields.** This will be investigated further.
- 23. Planning Matters - to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.**

Proposal: Demolition of outbuildings and construction of 2 no detached dwellings

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

Reference: 23/01005/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 **12 January 2024**.

Decision – Parish Councillors objected to the application.

- 24. To ratify the annual CIL report for the period YE 31.03.23 (previously circulated).** The CIL report (previously circulated) was ratified.
- 25. To review and finalise the second draft budget proposal for 2023/24 financial year and agree priorities.** The draft budget proposal was considered by Parish Councillor and approved, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Causer and unanimously agreed by all.

26. To confirm the precept for 2024/25 financial year. The precept for 2024/25 was agreed as included in the budget proposal (£40,134), proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Causer and unanimously agreed by all.

27. To approve the schedule of accounts for payment - Approved.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.47.

Signed *M Worthington* Cllr M Worthington, Chair. Dated..... 13.02.24.

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