



MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on

Tuesday 11th February 2025 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

Participants: Cllr L Causer (Chair), Cllr M Worthington (Vice Chair), Cllr J Hogg, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), Cllr S Boardman, P Boardman (Lengthsman) and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr G Worthington, Cllr M Henty
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. To resolve to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14.01.25.** It was resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 14.01.25.
7. **Public Participation: To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation.**

An update was provided by a resident regarding the oak tree at 4a New Street which has now been granted a temporary tree preservation order. A 28-day consultation period will now take place with feedback required to Chorley Council by Wednesday 5th March. The Parish Council was thanked for providing guidance on the TPO process. The resident requested the Parish Council to consider a small donation to the Bat Conservation Trust who had also been very helpful.

A resident from High Street raised concerns regarding speeding traffic on High Street. Some years ago, LCC were requested to lower the speed however feedback was that the density of housing did not warrant this. A request was made for the Parish Council to request LCC revisit this as the housing has grown significantly in the past few years.

8. **To discuss the concerns raised by a resident regarding the oak tree at 4a New Street and agree a way forward.** Following discussion, it was ratified to support a permanent TPO being made on the oak tree, proposed by Cllr G Green, seconded by the Chair and subsequently agreed by all Parish Councillors.
9. **To present the 2024 Mawdesley Village Champion award.** The Chair was delighted to present the award to Hilary and Peter Boardman who have given their time over the past 20 years to ensure the village flower planters look spectacular year after year.
10. **To receive feedback from residents concerning the bespoke timber cabin on Moss Fields.** The Clerk reported she has received positive feedback.
11. **To review the type of energy source supply to the timber cabin.** The Clerk provided the updated quotation from electricity northwest (previously circulated), we await the updated solar quotation. Councillors noted the quotation.
12. **To receive an update on the design work for the Interpretation Board on Moss Fields.** The Clerk previously circulated a choice of map layouts for the Interpretation Board; it was ratified to choose 'Option 2'.
13. **To receive feedback from grant applicants.** The Clerk advised she had contacted all applicants giving feedback of the Parish Councils decisions.

14. **Parish Clerk's Report.** The Clerks report (previously circulated) was noted. The Clerk requested the Parish Council's accounts have the annual check from Scribe together with a bespoke session to finalise the accounts prior to submission to the internal and external auditors. It was ratified to go ahead with this, proposed by the Chair and seconded by the Vice Chair.
15. **Lengthsman's Report.** The Lengthsman reported of the poor condition of the oak Hurst Green sign – the Clerk to contact the manufacturer for advice and check the warranty. The hazel hedge filling event went well with the fruit tree pruning being completed yesterday by the Lengthsman and Clerk. The Lengthsman requested that users of Moss Fields leave the area as they have found it. Parish Councillors suggested a sign providing a positive message is considered. The Lengthsman now has a log splitter and requested an agenda item for the next meeting to consider if a donation should be made to Parish Council for the supply of cut logs.
16. **To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.** A meeting of the steering committee is scheduled for next Tuesday at the village hall to populate the NP document.
17. **To consider the purchase of a timber dragon fly seat for children on Moss Fields and agree a way forward.** Following discussion, it was ratified that a children's seat for the area would complement the existing picnic bench and would be set on grass, funding from the Moss Fields grant budget.
18. **To consider the purchase of additional woodcraft purchases for Moss Fields and agree a way forward.** Following discussion, a budget of up to £500 was proposed by the Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr Hogg with all Parish Councillors in agreement.
19. **To discuss the Lancashire Best Kept Village and Mawdesley In Bloom competitions and decide which (if any) to enter/hold in 2025.** Following discussion, it was ratified to continue with the Mawdesley In Bloom only, proposed by the Vice Chairman, seconded by the Chair with all Parish Councillors in agreement.
20. **To discuss options for a 'nativity' for Christmas 2025 and resolve whether to move forward with this project agreeing a budget.** It was ratified to set up a small sub committee to investigate further and report back with proposals to the full Council meeting. Councillors J Hogg, S Boardman and the Chair to take forward.
21. **To discuss and agree dates for the Christmas light switch on and Santa trail and to book relevant parties.** It was ratified; 26th November to put up the tree; 27th November – to dress the tree; 28th November – lights switch on and Friday 19th December the Santa trail.
22. **To receive costings for the use of barriers at the Christmas light switch on and agree a way forward.** The Chair circulated sample 'belt' and 'expanding' barriers for Parish Councillors to consider. Following discussion it was ratified the Chair contact Maria Featherstone (Community Police) for advice.
23. **To agree a date for the village clean-up day and obtain costings.** It was ratified to secure a date in September – the Clerk to check the village hall availability and to investigate funding opportunities.
24. **To consider other road closure companies for Remembrance Sunday and obtain quotations.** It was ratified the Clerk investigate other road closure companies.
25. **To consider whether to run a scarecrow competition 2025 and agree a way forward.** It was ratified to include an article in the Parish Council newsletter to judge interest and support with a view to a village subcommittee taking the project forward.
26. **To consider and ratify (if appropriate) financial support to the objection to the Ulnes Walton third prison (NB, payable in the event of 'default').** It was ratified to provide support of £1,000 (if required) proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr Green with all Parish Councillors in agreement.

27. Planning Matters - to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.

Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 24/00258/FUL (Demolition of an existing dwelling and garage and the construction of a single detached dwelling with a new access from the highway) to amend the location of the dwelling within the site and to widen the site access

Location: Bluestone House Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2RJ

Reference: 25/00043/FUL

Comments online by **13 February 2025**. Decision: No Objections

Proposal: Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 5.45m in depth, with eaves height of 2.85m, and a maximum height of 3.55m

Location: 3 Robin Hood Close Mawdesley Chorley Lancashire L40 2RG

Reference: 25/00075/PDE

Comments online by **21 February 2025**. Decision: No Objections

Proposal: Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 7.95m in depth, with eaves height of 2.85m, and a maximum height of 3.55m

Location: 1 Robin Hood Close Mawdesley Chorley Lancashire L40 2RG

Reference: 25/00076/PDE

Comments online by **21 February 2025**. Decision: No Objections

Proposal: Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 7.95m in depth, with eaves height of 2.85m, and a maximum height of 3.55m

Location: 4 Robin Hood Close Mawdesley Chorley Lancashire L40 2RG

Reference: 25/00077/PDE

Comments online by **21 February 2025**. Decision: No Objections

Proposal: Notification of a proposed single storey rear extension measuring 4.85m in depth, with eaves height of 2.85m, and a maximum height of 3.55m

Location: 2 Robin Hood Close Mawdesley Chorley Lancashire L40 2RG

Reference: 25/00078/PDE

Comments online by **21 February 2025** Decision: No Objections

28. To receive the budget monitoring reports/receipts and payments summary up to the end of quarter 3 (2024/25 – April to December). Members noted the summary report with no queries raised.

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

30. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments. Approved

In view of the confidential nature of the following items members of the public are excluded at this point.

A separate note of the resolution is contained in a confidential minute.

31. To discuss utility fees and agree a way forward

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.54

Signed Cllr L Causer, Chair. Dated 11.03.25.