



## **Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on**

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall**

Participants: Cllr M Worthington (Chair), Cllr L Causer (Vice Chair), Cllr G Worthington, Cllr G Green, Cllr J Hogg, Cllr S Boardman, Cllr M Henty, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), Peter Boardman (Lengthsman) and 7 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence – 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. Mins of the Previous Meetings. It was resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13.12.22, these were duly signed by the Chairman.
7. The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding illegal parking of a van at the village hall which is parked across several bays whilst maintenance work is undertaken on the vehicle. Despite raising with the owner this continues. The Chairman suggested this is brought to the attention of Maria Featherstone who is the PCSO for Mawdesley.

A member of the public requested to purchase land at the rear of his property (47 Hurst Green) this area currently being maintained by the Parish Council to be able to grow fruit and vegetables for his family. An agenda item (8) follows.

The Parish Council were provided with an update from Rainbow Hub regarding their wish to extend the building to accommodate more children. Planning application has not yet been submitted although communications with neighbours have already commenced.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their input.

8. To discuss a request made from a resident to purchase an area of land behind 47 Hurst Green and to agree a way forward. The Chairman confirmed the land has been maintained by the Parish council for 20 years plus, however from a legal perspective it is unregistered. Following discussions, it was ratified to park the item for now. A further agenda item (16) addresses the potential for allotment opportunities in Moss Fields.
9. Clerk's Report. The Clerk provided a summary of her report (previously circulated).

The Clerk enquired if the Parish Council wished to become a member of the CPRE (£36.00 per year). The Chairman proposed, Cllr L Causer seconded with all Parish Councillors unanimously in favour.

Cllr Henty confirmed the village hall do not want the empty small container.

10. Lengthsman's Report.

The Lengthsman requested that the sign at the end of Hurst Green is added as an agenda item to the next meeting.

The Lengthsman advised that the SPID will be moved to a new location in the forthcoming weeks.

It was reported that a significant number of logs have been removed from Moss Fields which has created numerous queries being raised by the public to the Lengthsman; it was agreed that this needs to be highlighted on social media/newsletter as permission needs to be sought before removing.

The donated mower unfortunately cannot be repaired.

The Lengthsman confirmed he has collected 2 new gates which will be installed by Steve asap.

11. To consider levelling the ground in front of the container with soil, planting with grass seed or turf and climbers such as clematis which will attach to the new fencing and resolve a way forward. This was ratified, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr L Causer with unanimous agreement by all Parish Councillors.
12. To consider replacing the plastic plant containers at the sides of the oak bench and resolve to replace with two small wooden type barrels. This was ratified, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr L Causer with unanimous agreement by all Parish Councillors. Peter to select the appropriately sized 'rustic' barrels.
13. To consider purchasing additional laurels to plant in Hurst Green play area to fill in between the gaps of existing hedges. This was ratified up to a budget of £250.00, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr L Causer with unanimous agreement by all Parish Councillors. An estimate will be sought to undertake the planting of the laurels and will be agreed via e mail.
14. To consider the purchase of hedging & trees in addition to Laurels. A mixed hedge to join with the existing hedge along Smithy Lane was ratified up to a budget of £125.00, proposed by Cllr G Green, seconded by the Chairman with unanimous agreement by all Parish Councillors.
15. To consider the formulation of a sub-committee for the Moss Plan Masterplan following the successful grant application. Cllr M Henty, Cllr G Green and Cllr Sara Boardman put their names forward for the sub-committee with an advert being placed in the next newsletter to invite 2/3 residents to join the group.
16. To discuss the potential for establishing several allotments on Moss Fields, including the agreement of an overall budget for this project (if applicable) and to resolve a way forward. It was ratified that an article to gauge interest should be placed in the next newsletter. Cllr J Hogg suggested contacting Chorley Council to establish if there are any funding streams for allotments.
17. To discuss the Play Inspection report (previously circulated) and resolve to identify and prioritise tasks. The Lengthsman and Cllr M Henty held a site visit to discuss the report and will undertake the repairs, a price will be obtained for replacing the baby cradles.
18. To provide an update on the recent meeting regarding the Neighbourhood plan. The Chairman provided an update on the meeting with the second planning consultant. A grant of £10k is available towards the cost of the producing the plan. The next stage is to form a working group consisting of Parish Councillors and residents.
19. To receive any further responses re the Local Plan consultation document to formulate a Parish Council response. The Chairman reminded everyone of the deadline (24/02/23) for both individuals and the Parish Council's response.
20. To consider the Clerk submits a grant application to the Champions Fund towards the cost of the purchase of a War Memorial bench and 2D metal cut out of a soldier and resolve a way forward. It was ratified the Clerk should apply for £200 proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr G Green with unanimous agreement by all Parish Councillors.
21. To provide an update following grant applications approved at the last meeting. The Clerk confirmed she had contacted all grant applicants who were delighted. The Clerk advised there was still an outstanding grant from last year for the Village Hall lights which ideally needs to be completed by 31.03.23. Cllr M Henty confirmed they were aware of this.
22. To request items for the spring newsletter and confirm deadline for submission of articles. The Clerk advised the deadline for submission of articles is 3<sup>rd</sup> March with a view to the newsletter being printed towards the end of March.
23. Following receipt of nominations for the 'Village Champion' to select a candidate for 2022. Following discussion, it was ratified that the award should go to Ian and Sarah Hewitt, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr L Causer with unanimous agreement by all Parish Councillors.
24. Planning Matters - to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.

**Proposal:** Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a single storey side extension and

outbuilding (garage) (following demolition of existing garage)

**Location:** Garrig 1 Coronation Villas Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2RH

**Reference:** 23/00076/CLPUD

The above application can be viewed at [planning.chorley.gov.uk](http://planning.chorley.gov.uk).

Please view the documents and submit your comments online **by 21 February 2023**

**No objections raised.**

**Proposal:** Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the erection of a greenhouse

**Location:** Laburnums High Street Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 3TD

**Reference:** 23/00089/CLPUD comments online **by 27 February 2023**

**No objections raised.**

25. To receive the budget monitoring reports/receipts and payments summary up to the end of quarter 3 (2022/23 – April to December) for members to note. Parish Councillors noted the content of the report (previously circulated) with no questions raised.
26. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - approved.
27. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments – approved.
28. **In view of the confidential nature of item 28, members of the public are excluded at this point.**  
A separate note of the resolution is contained in a confidential minute.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.22.

**Signed** ..... **M Worthington** .....

**Cllr M Worthington, Chair**

**Dated** ..... **14.03.23** .....

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