



**Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall**

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

1. Apologies for Absence – Cllr J Hogg
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 14.02.23, these were duly signed by the Chairman.
7. The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation.

3 members of the public raised concerns regarding The Hillocks Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2RJ retrospective planning applications (as detailed in agenda item 17). It was highlighted that a business is running from the premises which has considerably expanded since 2018 creating many vehicles on site and significantly differs from original planning applications.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding: -

- Traffic congestion on Blue Stone Lane which when blocked causes access problems for emergency vehicles.
- The parking of 2 cars outside St Peters Church which the resident contends are blocking access to the field and footpath causing dangerous visibility limitations on exiting the church.

Both items will be added to the next agenda.

Concerns were raised regarding speeding; it was suggested any signs of speeding should be reported directly to the PCSO Maria Featherstone.

8. To present the Champions Award 2022 to Sarah and Ian Hewitt in recognition of their work in transforming the Red Lion into a welcoming facility for all the community. Sarah and Ian attended the meeting were thanked for their input into the village and presented with the Champions Plaque duly engraved.
9. Clerk's Report. The Clerk provided a summary of her report (previously circulated).

Following previously circulated proposals and costs to engage a contractor for Mawdesley Neighbourhood plan the Clerk reported she is awaiting feedback from Bretherton Parish Council on one of the contractors. However, given significant range of costs and CPRE expertise of one of the contractors it was proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by the Chairman to appoint Jackie Copley with all Parish Councillors in favour. This will be formally ratified at the April meeting.

Steve Ashton Landscaping has provided a quotation (0523) for 3 areas of work. Item 1 - remove and replace 2 metal footpath gates. Item 2 - to apply weedkiller, rotavate and level are in front of the container. Item 3 - Footpath resurfacing from Blackmore Road to Gales Lane. Parish Councillors unanimously resolved to accept the quotation for all 3 areas of work.

An e mail was received from a resident concerning the re-location of the 'Mawdelsey Blue Stone'. It was resolved in principle to support the relocation to an appropriate location installing a plaque detailing the history of the stone. Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Causer and unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors.

At a previous meeting it was resolved to install a dog bin ideally set on a concrete flag at the junction of Tannersmith Lane/ Hall Green Lane/ Half Penny Lane , however the exact location has not been identified. It was resolved the Clerk and Lengthsman should identify the precise location and subsequently progress with LCC/Chorley CC. It was resolved unanimously this will not include a dog bag dispenser.

#### 10. Lengthsman's Report.

The Lengthsman reported the latch had broken off the gate from Sandy Lane to Church Farm which he has repaired.

Following the play inspection report work has commenced on the action points including painting, repairs to the rope walkway and wooden frame. Given the ongoing logistics of getting water to the park for cleaning the surface with the jet spray it was resolved to add this to the next agenda with a view to obtaining an external standpipe water supply.

The Lengthsman requested an item for the next agenda 'to consider adding bark chippings around the trees and shrubs to maintain the moisture and suppress the weeds.

The Lengthsman confirmed the 2 new gates for the back of Jigsaw and Tarnbeck to Bradshaw Lane will be installed shortly.

11. To consider the purchase of a sit on mower to help maintain grassed areas on Moss Fields and to agree and set a budget if approved. It was resolved to look in more detail at this with examples and costings at a future meeting.
12. To discuss the sign at the end of Hurst Green and agree proposals and a budget for a new sign. It was resolved in principle to look at options for the replacement, Cllr G Worthington, and Cllr L Causer to investigate further.
13. To receive an update on the draft agreement in relation to the grant in respect of Moss Fields. The Clerk confirmed she has signed the agreement; the funds should be forwarded to the Parish Council bank account imminently.
14. To receive an update on the 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. The Clerk confirmed she has submitted a grant application for part funding of £200 and awaits a response.
15. To discuss proposals for this years 'in bloom' competition and decide if the Parish Council should enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition or hold a local competition. Following discussion, most of the Parish Councillors voted to enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition with Cllr S Boardman agreeing to be the main contact. In addition, following the Clerks briefing note on a local 'in bloom' competition it was ratified to go ahead with a view to incorporating it with the Village Show. The Chairman to liaise with the village show organisers to arrange a joint meeting.
16. To consider an upgrade of the Parish Council e mail box from 2GB to 50GB at a cost of £5.00 per month (plus VAT) from Easy Websites. The Clerk explained that despite tidying up the in box the Parish Council in box was reaching its capacity. It was proposed to upgrade the e mail box, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Causer, and unanimously agreed by all.
17. Planning Matters - to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.

**Proposal:** First floor front extension; boundary fence with brick piers (maximum height 1.6m) (following removal of existing close boarded boundary fencing)

**Location:** 27 Tarnbeck Drive Mawdesley L40 2RU

**Reference:** 23/00131/FULHH

We have received the above application which can be viewed at [planning.chorley.gov.uk](http://planning.chorley.gov.uk).

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **16 March 2023**. **No objections.**

**Proposal:** Section 73 application to vary the approved plans listed within condition no.3 attached to planning permission ref. 18/00137/FUL (Demolition of existing stable block and sheds and erection of 1no. bungalow) to move the location of the approved dwelling

**Location:** The Hillocks Blue Stone Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2RJ

**Reference:** 23/00171/FUL

We have received the above application which can be viewed at [planning.chorley.gov.uk](http://planning.chorley.gov.uk).

Please view the documents and submit your comments online by **23 March 2023**.

To discuss the appeal against the refusal of a certificate of lawfulness application - 19/00065/CLEUD, Bluestone Lane (Parish Council previously objected to the original certificate of lawfulness application).  
Deadline for comments **21 March 2023**.

***Following discussion, it was ratified that the Parish Council should reiterate previous comments by strongly objecting to the Hillocks planning application, this was unanimously agreed by all Parish Councillors.***

- 18.To pass a resolution to agree the Parish Council standing orders - approved.
- 19.To pass a resolution to agree financial regulations - approved
- 20.To pass a resolution to agree risk management policy statement - approved.
- 21.To pass a resolution to agree the internal auditor, fee, and terms of reference - approved.
- 22.To pass a resolution to agree the risk management register - approved.
- 23.To pass a resolution to agree the parish council asset register - approved.
- 24. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - approved.
- 25. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - approved.

**Clerk: Trish Grimshaw E mail: [clerk@mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk) Date: 11/04/23**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.10.

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

**Cllr M Worthington, Chair**

**Dated ..... 11.04.23 .....**

**Clerk/RFO: Trish Grimshaw, E mail: [clerk@mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@mawdesleyparishcouncil.org.uk)**