



Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on

Tuesday 12th March 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 S Boardman, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), and Peter Boardman (Lengthsman) and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr L Causer
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations**
3. **To receive declarations of interest from Councillor's on items on the agenda** – Cllr G Green advised he would need to abstain from agenda item 23, Rose Villa
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 13.02.24, these were duly signed by the Chairman.
7. **Public Participation** – the Clerk read out an e mail from Elaine (Warden at St Peters Church) regarding the Blackburn Diocese proposal to join of the 3 churches, namely Croston Parish Church, Bretherton Parish Church, and Mawdesley St. Peter's Parish Church. The closing date for anyone wishing to express their opinion on this matter is 19.03.24.

Cllr Henty advised of a complaint made by a member of the public regarding the tennis club floodlights – he advised the individual to write directly to the club who are responsible for the floodlights.

Martin Boardman attended the meeting to advise the Parish Council that he has recently submitted a 'Planning in Principle' Application to Chorley Borough Council for 5 x 2-bedroom bungalow dwellings on land to the rear of 36 New Street, Mawdesley. The application has not been electronically sent out to statutory consultees due to a system upgrade.

Parish Councillors thanked Martin for the information acknowledging that this is the type of housing that Mawdesley needs.

8. **To discuss concerns raised by a resident of Ashtrees regarding the flooding of rear gardens which back onto Moss Fields and resolve a way forward.** Parish Councillors acknowledged that it has been a particularly wet winter but also raised the issues concerning the occasional appearance of an unknown liquid substance (scum/soap suds) which appears to be draining onto moss fields; this will be investigated further should it re-occur.
9. **To receive an update on the CCTV survey of the culvert under New Street and Hurst Green playground.** The Chairman confirmed he had spoken to Cllr Craig Southern who advised the CCTV survey went as far as Brookfield (so not all the way through the play area) hence the Parish Council will undertake a full survey in 2 years' time.
10. **Parish Clerk's Report.** The Clerk fed back the options in relation to planning training. Parish Councillors agreed a group session in the village hall would be preferable, the Clerk to source a suitable date.
11. **Lengthsman's Report.** Peter reported –

- the area at Smithy Lane end (near the gate) is holding water – enquiries will be made with Steve to establish if this can be rectified.
 - 2 styles require replacing near Rocky River – Peter has identified the field owners (Dobsons from Wrightington) who have asked him to contact them again to authorise access when required.
 - the hedges on the play area have now been pruned back and chipping will be used as mulch.
 - the resurfacing of the play area path has been completed successfully.
 - the newsletter had been received and is currently out for delivery.
- 12. To discuss the Play Inspection report (previously circulated) and resolve to identify and prioritise tasks.** The report was circulated to all Parish Councillors, it was agreed the report identified no high risks or areas of concern.
- 13. To receive an estimate from Steve Blakemore for making a bench for the clearing area on Moss Fields (in front of the container) and agree a way forward.** The quotation of £300 received from Steve to purchase the materials to build the bench (previously circulated) was ratified. The Parish Council will purchase the materials. A discussion took place regarding the base for the bench, it was ratified to use Indian stone in a square shape – a quotation will be obtained from Steve Ashton for this work.
- 14. To receive an update on resurfacing of paths that are privately owned.** The Clerk did not have a current update hence this agenda item to be revisited at the next meeting.
- 15. To receive an update on the spring newsletter.** The Parish Councillors all agreed the newsletter was much improved with a good selection of articles and adverts.
- 16. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.** The Chairman reported good progress with the first draft imminent. An initial invoice will be submitted before the end of March however it is likely this is not for the full grant hence an element will need to be repaid and a further application made.
- 17. To receive an update on the Moss Fields Masterplan, fruit tree and the woodland sapling planting event.** The Clerk advised that both the fruit trees and woodland saplings have all been planted; thanks to everyone who helped including Ian from LCC who attended providing some expert help in how to plant and prune the trees.
- 18. To receive an update on the play area path.** The work to resurface the play area footpath has been successfully completed.
- 19. To receive an update on the camera for Moss Fields.** The camera has been received and an order placed for a pre-loaded sim card. Councillor Henty to adapt the draft policy relating to the use of CCTV prior to installation of the camera.
- 20. To receive an update on the potential for a temporary structure for the trailer and electricity supply to the container on Moss Fields.** Estimates were obtained for (a) a timber structure £5,300 plus VAT; (b) concrete slab 8 x 6 metres £4,100 plus VAT; (c) local installation of the structure £1800 incl VAT and (d) Electricity to the container £6,751. Parish Councillors agreed to the Clerk should make enquiries with planning regarding any permissions required.
- 21. To receive feedback from Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition.** Parish Councillors acknowledged the response from LBKVC regarding offer of a 'top report writer'.
- 22. To discuss adding the 'Mawdesley Parish Council logo to all benches to raise the profile of the Parish Council and demonstrate how money is spent and agree a way forward.** Following discussion Parish Councillor voted not to pursue the proposal.
- 23. Planning Matters - to discuss and decide a response (if applicable) to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.**
- Proposal:** First floor side/rear extension including roof alterations and 2no. chimneys, single storey rear extension, side porch, and elevational alterations (following removal of front porch)

Location: Rose Villa Smithy Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QQ

Reference: 24/00136/FULHH

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 **21 March 2024**.

Parish Councillors had no objections

Proposal: new storage shed (in lieu of stables previously approved as part of planning application 21/00380/FUL)

Location: South View Back Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 3SY

Reference: 24/00143/FULHH

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 **22 March 2024**.

Parish Councillors objected to the application with concerns regarding future change of use.

Application received after the agenda had been published:

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural building

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

Reference: 24/00117/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 **26 March 2024**.

Parish Councillors objected to the application with concerns this was not for agricultural purposes; and that the applicant will seek to develop in the future.

24. To pass a resolution to agree the Parish Council standing orders - approved.

25. To pass a resolution to agree financial regulations - approved.

26. To pass a resolution to agree risk management policy statement - approved.

27. To pass a resolution to agree the internal auditor, fee, and terms of reference – approved to appoint Heelis and Lodge.

28. To pass a resolution to agree the risk management register - approved.

29. To pass a resolution to agree the parish council asset register - approved.

30. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment - approved.

31. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments - approved.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.04.

Signed *M Worthington* **Cllr M Worthington, Chair. Dated....09.04.24.**

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