



Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on

Tuesday 10th September 2024 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

Participants: Cllr L Causer (Chair), Cllr M Worthington (Vice Chair), Cllr G Green, Cllr J Hogg, Cllr S Boardman, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), P Boardman (Lengthsman)

1. **Apologies** – *Cllr G Worthington, Cllr M Henty & Cllr Whittaker*
2. **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations** - *none*
3. **To receive declarations of interest from Councillors 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.** *It was resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 09.07.24.*
7. **Public Participation:** *To adjourn the meeting for a period of public participation. Cllr Green suggested the Parish Council invite the new MP to a public meeting to introduce himself and be made aware of local issues; proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by the Chair with all Parish Councillors in agreement.*
8. **To receive feedback on the Tea party vintage bus and decide if this should be booked for 2025 tea party.** *The vintage bus was greatly received by residents and Parish Councillors agreed it was good use of CIL monies. It was ratified to book the bus for 2025, proposed by Cllr M Worthington, seconded by the Chair with all Parish Councillors in favour.*
9. **To highlight the public consultation received from Chorley Council (previously circulated) on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) the purpose of which is to provide the community with clarity on the levels of involvement and engagement that they should expect in the planning process about plan-making and development management. The SCI sets out the procedures and standards that the Council will follow when undertaking consultation with sectors of the community.** *The Clerk confirmed the deadline for replies had been extended to 30.09.24*
10. **Parish Clerk's Report.** *The Clerks report had been previously circulated for all to note. The Clerk displayed the engraved Mawdesley in Bloom trophies and Parish Councillors voted for the best garden, basket and container. Cllrs Boardman and Hogg offered to present the trophies at the Village Fair. The Clerk circulated a thank you card from the children at St Peters school in respect of their grant towards new blinds.*
11. **Lengthsman's Report.** *The Lengthsman reported - there has been no weed spraying to date in the village this year; Jigsaw to be contacted regarding cutting the blackthorn in the field; new gates have been fitted by Steve (Nook Lane); following the tree work on Moss fields the woodchip was moved by Laurence onto the mound on Moss Fields; the climbers have been planted against the fencing supported by wires; the bench on Hall Green Lane has been repaired; the parish vehicle now has a logo on the rear window; newsletters have been delivered; winter flowers will be ordered soon for the planters and baskets throughout the village.*

- 12. To receive an update on the Moss Fields Masterplan and consider suggestions put forward including quotation for interpretation board (previously circulated).** *It was ratified to order the x 3 benches for the blossom circle (quotation previously circulated) with 2 Parish Councillors being present with Peter to agree location and fixing method – the preference being the benches are placed in a circle (not linked together); to order x 2 wooden owls; to select an A1 size oak lectern – the Clerk to obtain another quotation for comparison after which an order will be placed and a contractor approached for a quotation to design the map.*
- 13. To discuss the quotation from R H Mawdsley for excavation, subbase, laying of land drainage and stone (previously circulated) to improve ground conditions/access at the bottom entrance of Moss Fields and agree a way forward.** *It was ratified to accept the quotation to improve access to Moss Fields. proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr M Worthington with all Parish Councillors in agreement. This cost to be met via Moss Fields grant.*
- 14. To receive an update on the Community Gardens meeting and consider suggestions put forward (previously circulated).** *It was ratified to go ahead with 2 raised beds, one flowers, one vegetable as the first stage of the community gardens. The raised beds will be located to the left of the container (looking from the roadside) which is an area which has not been developed. The suggestions of pathways, box bushes and a rockery were not approved but may be considered in the future as the project progresses. The next key element of the community garden will be the formation of a volunteer led committee; a meeting will be held in the coming weeks to identify volunteers in the group to take this forward.*
- 15. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.** *Ongoing, Cllr M Worthington to discuss with Dave tomorrow.*
- 16. To receive an update on the bollards project.** *The project is now complete with positive feedback being received.*
- 17. To receive a quotation to replace the bench on Moody Lane and agree a way forward.** *It was ratified to purchase a brown bench as per the quotation from 'Marmex' the Clerk and Lengthsman to arrange installation with Steve Ashton, proposed by the Chair, seconded by Cllr M Worthington with all Parish Councillors in favour.*
- 18. To receive feedback on the quarterly summer magazine printing.** *Positive feedback was received regarding the new printer who produced a good quality magazine.*
- 19. To receive feedback on the 'Clean-up Day' in Mawdesley held on Saturday 7th September and the Clerk's grant application.** *The morning went well with 2 large containers being filled and numerous local collections. The Clerk's grant application (£400) to Chorley Council for part funding was successful.*
- 20. To discuss the feedback from Chorley Council regarding the large advertising banners that are displayed on the grass verge at the end of Hurst Green.** *It was recognised that signage is helpful if it is kept to appropriate sizes and taken down immediately after an event.*
- 21. To consider the quotation (previously circulated) from RSS Events for the road closure on Remembrance Sunday and agree a way forward.** *It was ratified to agree the quotation, proposed by Cllr M Worthington, seconded by the Chair with all in agreement.*
- 22. To consider ideas of a nativity scene for the village and agree a way forward.** *It was ratified to agree in principle, further research will be undertaken to identify costs/location etc.*
- 23. Planning Matters – to discuss and decide a response to planning applications including those received after the agenda is published.**

Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and outbuildings and erection of a replacement dwelling (resubmission of 23/00978/FUL)

Location: Laburnums High Street Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 3TD

Reference: 24/00716/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 **11 September 2024**.

Decision: No Objections

Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed outbuilding

Location: Land 130M North Of Barretts Farm Salt Pit Lane Mawdesley

Reference: 24/00722/CLPUD

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 **19 September 2024**.

Decision: No Objections

- 24. To receive an update on the external audit.** *The Clerk has responded to some initial queries regarding salaries and awaits a decision.*
- 25. To consider and approve the schedule of accounts for payment.** *Approved.*
- 26. Financial reports – to ratify accounts and authorise payments.** *Approved.*
- 27. To receive feedback on the allotment meeting (minutes previously circulated) and discuss a way forward.** *Following the allotment meeting interested residents requested a community garden rather than allotment. Following discussion Parish Councillors agreed this was a good way forward and ratified to hold a separate meeting to ascertain who would wish to form a group to manage the proposed gardens.*

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.04

SignedL Causer..... Cllr L Causer, Chair. Dated 08.10.24