



Minutes of the Meeting of a meeting held on

Tuesday 11th September 2023 7.30pm at Mawdesley Village Hall

Participants: Cllr M Worthington (Chair), Cllr G Worthington, Cllr G Green, Cllr S Boardman, Cllr L Causer, Cllr J Hogg, Trish Grimshaw (Clerk/RFO), Peter Boardman (Lengthsman) and 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies** – Apologies were received from 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.** It was resolved to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Council Meetings held on 11.07.23, these were duly signed by the Chairman.
7. **To receive an update from Ian Wright from Lancashire County Council on the Treescapes project.** This will be carried over to the next meeting.
8. **Public Participation.** The meeting was adjourned for a period of public participation. 2 members of the public raised concerns regarding the planning application to Chorley Council in respect of the removal of condition 2 agricultural occupancy at Mill Meadows (reference 23/00618/FUL. The Chairman thanked the residents for the background information.
9. **Parish Clerk’s Report** - the Clerks report (previously circulated) was noted.
10. **Lengthsman’s Report.** The Lengthsman advised the blossom circle has been rotivated and will be seeded as soon as possible. The recent tree work has enabled 5 large bags of wood chippings to be produced which will used on Moss Fields as and when required. The new cradle swings and chains have been delivered and installed.
11. **To discuss the Lancashire County Council local delivery scheme and biodiversity small grant scheme, deadline 15.09.23 and to resolve if the Parish Council should apply for the grants.** It was resolved the Clerk should apply for both grants, proposed by Cllr Green and seconded by the Chairman.
12. **To receive a quotation from Playsound for a) Playground gate repairs b). The playground pathway which is deteriorating c) A fabricated devise to cover the ‘pinch points’ on the large climbing frame/slide at the top of the slide and decide on each item.**
It was resolved to accept the quotation for:
 - a) The ramp at the playground gate (£100 plus VAT), proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Causer, and unanimously agreed by all.
 - c) The fabricated devise to cover the pinch points (£490 plus VAT), proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by Cllr Causer, and unanimously agreed by all with the proviso that this would meet ROSPA inspection requirements.
 - b) The playground pathway quotation has not been received for the meeting.

- 13. To receive and agree the quotation (previously circulated) from Gareth Coburn to seed the banking with wildflowers and honeysuckle, winter flowering clematis for the trellis.** Following discussion, it was resolved to accept the quotation (£320) subject to doubling up on the amount of climbers, proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr L Causer and unanimously agreed by all acknowledging that an additional amount for the climbers (£75.00) will be required.
- 14. To receive an update on the installation of the WW1 bench and silent soldier.** Following enquiries with LCC Engineer and Traffic Safety Department (Kevin Parkinson) the Parish Council are required to produce a drawing and precise location to enable a Section 144 licence to allow installation; example of which was circulated to Parish Councillors. It was ratified to appoint an Architect to produce suitable drawings up to a maximum budget of £1,000. Proposed by Cllr Green, seconded by the Chairman with all Parish Councillors unanimously agreeing. It was recognised this was an unexpected expense due to the location of the silent soldier on the highway and that future projects need to be fully costed.
- 15. To receive an update on the installation of the post to secure the trailer on Moss Fields.** The Lengthsman confirmed the post has been re-secured. The Clerk has spoken to the Parish Councils insurance company who cannot insure as the trailer is stored outside.
- 16. To receive an update on the proposed external standpipe at Hurst Green play area to facilitate cleaning of the play surface.** It was ratified to park this project due to the cost; alternative options will be considered.
- 17. To receive an update on the Best Kept Village competition.** Mawdesley Cricket Club and Stocks Hall have been invited to the awards ceremony to receive outstanding feature awards.
- 18. To receive an update on Mawdesley in Bloom competition.** The Clerk advised entries have been received for all categories and will be circulated to Parish Councillors. The trophies are on order and will be inscribed ready for the Village show.
- 19. To receive an update on the contract in respect of the rental of the small container belonging to Mawdesley Parish Council to Mawdesley Millenium Green Trust.** Councillor Hogg was thanked for her assistance with the contract. The Clerk confirmed the first annual rental fee has been paid into the Parish Council account.
- 20. To receive an update on the signage project at Hurst Green.** Gill confirmed the signage is on its way and the litter bin is on track to be relocated. A quotation will be sought from Steve for installation of the sign.
- 21. To discuss the Scarecrow Festival following the decision to go ahead subject to the appointment of a volunteer committee which should include residents.** Councillor Causer offered to act as Chair for the Scarecrow Festival, it was suggested the festival could run from a Thursday to Sunday, dates to be confirmed.
- 22. To discuss and review the quarterly magazine.** Suggestions to improve the design of the newsletter from the existing provider included a producing a newsletter type text document on coloured paper. Councillor Causer suggested adding a competition into each edition, it was agreed this was a great idea.
- 23. To receive an update on the open day (18/11/23) for Mawdesley organisations to promote themselves to residents of the village.** Feedback has been positive with several organisations declaring their wish to attend, the Clerk has booked the village hall.
- 24. 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 remove condition no.2 (agricultural occupancy) of planning permission ref. 5/5/05733 (bungalow)

Location: Mill Meadows Three Post Green Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 3SU

Reference: 23/00618/FUL **Decision:** *Objection*

Proposal: Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed detached garage

Location: Mariden Smithy Lane Mawdesley Ormskirk L40 2QQ

Reference: 23/00657/CLPUD **Decision:** *No objection*

Proposal: Proposed Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Construction of New Dwelling

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

Reference: 23/00677/FUL **Decision:** *Objection (as precious objection)*

25. To review the list of potential Parish Council projects and to discuss any new ideas to be added to the list. The list of projects for 2023/24 were discussed. It was ratified to include the following projects subject to further information and costs: a) a schedule to incrementally replace play area equipment b) A more secure compound for the trailer c) a heritage/history trail of Mawdesley d) replacement of parish map located at the Spar d) a shepherd's hut on Moss Fields

26. To receive the budget monitoring report/receipts and payment summary to the end of quarter one (2023/24) – April to June. Parish Councillors noted the budget monitoring reports for quarter one with no areas of concern being raised.

27. To receive an update on the progress in relation to the Annual Governance Accountability Return. The Clerk has received some initial queries from the external auditor in relation to the AGAR which she has responded to.

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

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:12

Signed *M. Worthington* **..... Cllr M Worthington, Chair. Dated..... 10.10.23.....**

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