

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday 8th October 2003 at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

1. **Present**

Chairman James Halsall, Vice Chairman Jill Cavan, Councillors Grahame Green, Frank Culshaw, David Rawcliffe, Diane Hepplestone, the Clerk C Brodie and eleven members of the public.

2. **Apologies**

Councillor Pauline Collins

3. **Minutes of meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2003, previously circulated, were approved.

4. **Matters Arising**

Councillor Grahame Green reported that a more positive response had been generated from his meeting with surveyors re the footpath at Dark Lane corner but cost was still the prohibitive factor. The Clerk was asked to write to County Councillor Alan Whitaker and MP Lindsay Hoyle for their continued support and ideas for funding.

The Parish Plan would be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Council meet outside of the regular meeting in order to discuss the basics of the Parish Plan and the issue of Quality Parish Councils in order to provide briefer, more accurate detail for the public at the meeting.

The matter of the gate across Sandy Lane was still status quo.

The clerk had been in touch with Rawcliffes at Chorley re the War Memorial and illegible names. Mr. Rawcliffe had agreed to visit the site and send a quote and hoped to be able to do this, plus the work, by Remembrance Day.

The Clerk confirmed that letter had been sent re road safety and that Cllrs Collins and Green were to attend seminars on Road Safety in the near future.

Councillor Grahame Green asked that letters be sent to County Councillor Alan Whitaker and MP Lindsay Hoyle for their support in the fact that speed cameras are effective and would they help to ensure that the revenue from speeding fines be used for road safety issues. This item was proposed, seconded and agreed upon.

It was reported that 5 or 6 sheds/outbuildings have been broken into in the area recently – the message is “lock up your outbuildings”!.

5. **Playground**

The Equipment installation has been completed. The planting of bulbs and the placing of nesting boxes will take place at the appropriate time. A minor problem was that the grass had been churned up. This has been re-seeded but, if the seeds did not take, turfing would take place. Bert has mended and repainted the broken seat in the playground.

6. **Parish Plan**

To be discussed at the next meeting.

7. **Quality Parish Council**

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J Halsall Chairman

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8. Correspondence from County and other bodies

Various correspondence was read out and distributed including a letter from Chorley Borough Council re any requirements for street furniture. Cllrs Green and Cavan would be discussing this in the near future.

9. Open Forum

Rod Collins..... Bluestone Lane

The hedges, which the Parish Council planted on Bluestone Lane, are now overgrown. Chairman James Halsall agreed to deal with the problem.

There was to be a volunteer day on Saturday at the Green.

Ray Scully..... Brookfield

Commented that a new footpath had been laid along Leyland Lane from Roe Moor Garage at Ulnes Walton. He felt that Mawdesley's need at dark Lane corner was greater than this.

Councillor Grahame Green indicated that the Ulnes Walton project may be from a different budget.

James Sexton... Hurst Green

Workmen resurfacing footpaths in the village had left open holes without bollards etc. The clerk was asked to notify Mr. Fredericks at Bamber Bridge.

Ray Scully..... Brookfield

Commented on the recent power failures in the village. The clerk was asked to write to United Utilities requesting reasons why.

Robert Armstrong... Sycamore Close

The standard of the resurfacing at Jaybank is very poor. The Clerk was asked to write to highways for comment.

Bert Hughes... Smithy Lane

Asked if the ginnell between New Street and Brookfield could be resurfaced – it always gets forgotten. The Clerk was asked to write re the matter.

James Sexton... Hurst Green

Commented that flooding occurred at the front of the flats on Hurst Green – it was pointed out that this was a Chorley Borough Council problem and the tenants should bring the matter up with the Council.

Ray Scully..... Brookfield

There is some confusion as to the ownership of the land upon which the parking bays at the village hall car park stand. This appears to be ongoing so watch this space!

10. Planning Applications

			Comments
9/03/00915/COU	Nook Farm Nook Lane	Conversion of barn to a live work unit	No objection
9/03/00834/FUL	Sandy Lane Farm Sandy Lane	Erection of farm buildings	No objection
9/03/00977/FUL	Church Farm High Street	Erection of building for show office/store	No objection

11. Planning Decisions

Details of all planning permissions recently received were read out.

12. Any Other Business

Councillor Grahame Green

The work on electric cables on Gorsey Lane is not now going to finish until Nov/Dec, weather permitting.

PC Smith is now back on duty after his sickness leave – not specifically covering the Mawdesley

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area and still only part-time.

Chairman James Halsall

Welcomed Martyn back and said that although he was not covering Mawdesley he was doing a desk bound job which was positive and relieved another officer to attend to outside matters.

The Clerk was asked to send him a best wishes card

Councillor Grahame Green

Commented on the unpleasant smell which appeared to be coming from the Hoscar Moss Sewage Treatment works – Councillor David Rawcliffe said that the plant was being modernised and the problem would probably be sorted soon.

Vice Chairman Jill Cavan

There were overhanging hedges/trees between the Black Bull and the Mawdsley Eating House. Chairman James Halsall offered to deal with the matter.

13. Accounts for payment

565	Mawdesley Village Hall	Rent - youth	130.30
566	Chorley Borough Council	Dog bin emptying	135.20
567	Bert Hughes	Village caretaker	225.33
568	P Bleasdale	Grass cutting	80.00
569	Dixons	Laptop computer & printer & Microsoft Office software	1224.98
570	C Brodie	Clerk Salary and expenses	126.42

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

Next meeting - Wednesday 12th November 2003 Mawdesley Village Hall 7.30pm

Signed

J Halsall Chairman

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