

MINUTES OF MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 8th December 2004 at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

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| 1. | <p><u>Present</u></p> <p>Chairman D Rawcliffe, Vice Chairman G Green, Councillors James Halsall, Jill Cavan, Pauline Collins, Ian Paterson, Frank Culshaw, C Brodie Clerk and 10 members of the public.</p> |
| 2. | <p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>None</p> |
| 3. | <p><u>Minutes of last Meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, held on 10th November, were proposed and accepted as a true record.</p> |
| 4. | <p><u>Matters arising therefrom</u></p> <p>Christmas Tree – Now erected – Clerk to write and thank the Pardoes and the Pooles
War memorial – work needs to be done on flagstones, levelling and re-pointing also perhaps a post needs some maintenance – Clerk to ask for quotes.
Lancashire County Council are to provide three light standards on Hall Lane.
Uneven pavement at Hurst Green – not uneven enough for the council to repair it was decided to push for Lancashire County Council to have another look at the site. Clerk to write to J Taylor – head of Engineering to ask for another look – giving reasons – vulnerable residents, winter time, walking in the road etc.
Andrea the warden at Sheltered Accommodation will speak to residents and ask them to request another look.
Mr Telford< Gorsey Lane thanked the Parish Council for supporting himself and other residents trying to stop unwelcome development at 21 Gorsey Lane.
Problems with lights being out on Bluestone and Tarnbeck – Clerk to write/telephone.- Councillor Culshaw to attempt to get some action.
Electronic Bus stop – Lancashire County Council is not ‘online’ for electronic bus stops.
Open drain on Bluestone has been repaired.
Footpath near play area – Chorley Borough Council have cut down the trees, which were causing problems with roots coming through pavements. Roots are still there, a local firm had been asked for a quote but to date no response it was proposed and seconded that Lancashire County Council be asked to do this work as it was felt that Lancashire County Council had the knowledge and expertise of this type of work.</p> |
| 5. | <p><u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u></p> <p>Road safety and Traffic
Cllr Pauline Collins reported on the progress and plans of the Road Safety and Traffic Group. The 20 mph speed limit on side roads application was rejected because of too much demand – only £180,000 was available in Lancashire for three projects 12 had been put forward from Chorley Borough Council. Suggestion that it be put on the Business Plan.</p> |

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The 30 mph speed limit on New Street – Lancashire County Council not happy about this speed limit on through routes. Mobile speed cameras were requested – Councillor Paterson dealing with this.

Extended speed limits – it has now been confirmed as an Lancashire County Council responsibility as opposed to awaiting Parliamentary legislation this item to be put in Business Plan. Drink Driving awareness leaflet has been distribute with the Newsletter. Various activity leaflets re road safety have been requested for distribution into schools etc. have been requested for distribution by Community Beat Officer working with Police Committee.

Hiviz jackets – funding application now completed – Ian Paterson.

Pedestrian Crossing – suggested this be put in Business Plan.

Next meeting 21/1/2005.

Building and planning meeting Nothing to report.

Environment - Nothing to report – next meeting 13/1/2005

Village Services

Next meeting 27/1/2005 – by then will have received full report on Community Cars. Received full response to Adult Education Classes – rolling classes appeared to be the answer – this is where classes with different subjects are rolled out throughout the term. Popular demand is showing Arts and Crafts and Gardening as the favourites..

Policing

Next meeting in February – The attendance of the Community Beat Officer at various organisations meeting is proving popular.

Business – nothing to report. Queries re this should be encouraged.

6.

Bus Shelter

County Councillor Jean Yates has confirmed that Mawdesley is firmly on the list for a bus shelter- she is prepared to come out and talk to the meeting sometime.

7.

Grit Bins

Complaints have been received about a lack of Grit Bins – Councillor Collins has spoken to LCC who have indicated that if it is decided where they are to be place they will provide them. It was proposed and seconded that three bins would be requested to be sited at:-
Corner of Tarnbeck Drive/New Street.

Seat on Church Brow and corner of Gorsey Lane/Church Brow..

8.

Bus Shelter on agenda twice – see above.

9.

Parish Partnership Business Plan

Ideas are needed for putting on to our Parish Partnership Plan in March/April this year. Up to four projects can be on. It was proposed and accepted that the following four projects be put forward:-

Speed – restrictions – 20mph in residential areas of New Street and side streets off New Street and extension of speed limits into other areas. (2 projects)

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| | Pedestrian crossing on New Street
Footpath outside Catholic School (SS Peter and Paul Ridley Lane) |
| 10. | <u>Accounts</u>
It was proposed and seconded that the 2003/2004 internally audited accounts were accepted and accordingly submitted to the external auditors as required. |
| 11. | <u>Correspondence</u>
The Clerk read out various pieces of correspondence, which was accordingly dealt with. A letter from Bert Hughes, the Parish Caretaker, informing the meting of his resignation was read out. A letter to be sent thanking Bert, the caretaker, for the tremendous job he had done and wishing him and Dorothy well was suggested - to be sent by the Clerk – also a small gift to be given to show them of the Councils appreciation. The Chairman said that Bert’s keenness and enthusiasm for tidiness in the Village had bred tidiness and enthusiasm into the residents as well!
The Chairman received a letter from the Clerk, tendering her resignation. This was due to pressure work at her full time job but also due to more demands being made on Clerks and councils attempting to comply with new rules and regulations and ‘Quality’ issues. The Clerk indicated she would like to re-assess the position of Clerk before she was replaced. |
| 12. | <u>Open Forum</u>
<u>Culvert Situation</u>
Once again there was a good presence of residents who wished to discuss the problems appertaining to the culvert under New Street.
Councillor Grahame Green reported that the culvert was now clear and that a Lancashire County Council team would be coming out with a camera to check that this is so.
Matters discussed during lengthy debate were – should a grid be put over the entrance/ should a different style of grid be used so there would be an overflow/ what maintenance plans were being put in place/will reports be available from the camera team/were reports available from the ‘crawling team’/are riparian owners aware of their responsibilities and various other questions and ideas for rectification and prevention of the problems.
It was generally felt by the Parish Council that when the engineers report has been received and reviewed then recommendations and advice could be followed up by the Parish Council (and Lancashire County Council and Chorley Borough Council) to ensure that this did not happen again.
Councillor Grahame Green felt that the Parish Council had tried as much as they could to remedy the situation and would also try in exactly the same way to ensure that this did not happen again.
Paul Ainscough – Gorsey Lane - Dog Fouling on Gorsey Lane was disgraceful. It was explained that residents must be prepared to identify any body whose dog was seen to be fouling the area and to report this to PC Martin Smith, whereby then the owner could be prosecuted. The Dog Wardens from Chorley Borough Council can be called out by any resident if an area became too much of a problem. They too can become legal witnesses if they see any dog fouling. It was suggested that laminated posters be made to put up in the worst areas warning people that it is illegal. Councillor Jill Cavan to inform Clerk of wording required. |

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Mr Gormley – New Street- complained of footpaths being muddy and churned up by horses – it was explained that this was to be expected in the winter months in rural areas.

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Planning applications

Ref. No.	Address	Proposal	Comments
04/01244/FUL	Gorsey Lane Stables	Formation of Ménage and erection of stable block	No objection – private use only
04/01273/FUL	Salt Pit Cottage Salt Pit Lane	Erection of conservatory to corner of dwelling	No objection
04/01319/FUL	Pear Tree House Bluestone Lane	Erection of two storey side and rear extensions	No objection
04/01333/FUL	Trie Cassyn Ridley Lane	Raising of roof ridge and formation of dormers to rear.	No objection

The Chairman, Councillor David Rawcliffe declared an interest in the following and Councillor Grahame Green took the chair.

04/01322/OUT	Transport Depot Rufford Road	Outline application for mixed re-development of the site for residential purposes (5 dwellings) and commercial purposes.	No objection – the Parish Council supported the application.
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The chairman returned to the meeting and took the chair.

Councillor Frank Culshaw did not vote on any of the above planning decisions.

The Clerk then read out various planning decisions.

13.

A.O.B

Councillor Pauline Collins suggested that a raffle prize be donated to the Sheltered Accommodation fundraising as a payment in lieu of hire fees for the occasions when the Parish Council has used the premises free of charge. This was agreed and seconded – Councillor Pauline Collins to organise.

Councillor Grahame Green indicated that Mrs Jean Parker of Brookfield may have felt that comments about residents being responsible for their ‘section of the culvert’ from New Street to the Millennium Green were directed at herself – this obviously was not the case – it was a general comment reminding residents to be aware of their responsibilities – contrary to this Mrs Parker has always looked after and been responsible for her property and has been most kind and helpful to the Councillor and contractors working on the culvert. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mrs Parker.

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Councillor Frank Culshaw spoke of the issue of the government's proposal to transfer all Council Houses to Housing Associations. Chorley Borough Council have agreed to this in principle but residents will be asked to vote on the issue, probably in 2006. Chairman David Rawcliffe suggested a letter of thanks should be sent to Barbara Nichols who acted as Clerk at the last meeting. He also reported that the damage to the bridge on Rufford Road has been reported. The Village Hall committee is having some problems with Council Tax billings from Chorley Borough Council – Ray Scully, Village Hall Chairman is trying to sort out to the matter.

14.

Accounts for Payment

<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>
648	J Eaves	Winter Flowers	15.00
649	Planned Maintenance (Pennine) Ltd.	Culvert	3725.00
650	C Brodie (replacing personal cheque to Auditor J Bigland)	Internal Audit	85.00
651	Bert Hughes	Caretaker Nov salary	232.09
652	Bert Hughes	Caretaker – holiday pay	174.07
653	C Brodie	Clerk	130.09

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45

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