

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 14th December 2005
at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

	<p><u>Present</u> Chairman – Grahame Green, Vice-Chairman Ian Paterson Councillors Jill Cavan, James Halsall, Frank Culshaw, David Rawcliffe Clerk - Gurby Woods, 10 members of the public</p>
1.	<p><u>Apologies</u> Councillor Pauline Collins</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 9th November 2005 were proposed and accepted as a true record.</p>
3.	<p><u>Matters arising there from</u> The rumours that Councillor Frank Culshaw has resigned as Borough Councillor or is a connected in any way whatsoever with Harvest Housing are totally unfounded. No decision will be made until March regarding the low cost housing – no money has been allocated to the shared cost housing project. Bert has distributed the Newsletter. Several organisations have been contacted regarding the footpath on Hurst Green. ROSPA are asking over £1000 +Vat to do a survey. Other organisations have not yet responded. Lindsay Hoyle MP and Alan Whittaker are looking into the matter. Gales Lane has been looked at. The manhole on New Street opposite the footpath to Brookfield has been fixed. Late planning items will be put on the agenda every month as item 2 or 3. The Highways engineer is to look at the bank on Dark Lane. (It belongs to Lancashire County Council). It is supposed to be landscaped. It is unstable, better planting may remedy this.</p>
4.	<p><u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u></p> <p><u>Road safety and Traffic</u> There are some posters available, but they need laminating.</p> <p><u>Building and planning</u> There have been two meetings of the committee. The first was to gain interest, and the second to appoint a chairman. Ian Clayton was appointed Chairman, Carol Dale the Secretary. They will follow the guidelines in the Parish Plan.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> The Villages in Partnership Organisation are doing a funding report for the new Mawdesley footpath map that will incorporate information for the new Tree Report compiled earlier this year. The grant of £10,500 applied for is looking feasible. Saturday 21st January 3-4pm in the Village Hall. Chorley Borough Council’s Tree Officer will be giving a presentation on the Tree Warden scheme and Tree Preservation orders. It is hoped that 2 community walks will take place next year on Sat. April 1st and Sat October 28th. Details in forthcoming newsletters.</p> <p><u>Village Services</u> Hoping to get the Gardening Club up and running soon. They would like a speaker at the inaugural meeting. It is estimated that the cost of the gardening club will be in the region of £50. The Parish Council has been asked to underwrite the cost. This will go forward to the next agenda</p> <p><u>Policing</u> A new policeman has been appointed to start in January. He is a local man. He will live in the police house and will use a bicycle to get around the village. A new Post box will replace the one stolen in Bluestone Lane.</p> <p><u>Business</u> Nothing to report.</p>
5.	<p><u>The Presentation of Accounts for the approval by the Council</u> The Accounts have been approved and will be presented to the auditors. The Parish Council are in discussion with the Royal Bank of Scotland regarding the refund of bank charges that have been charged the Parish Council account for many years.</p>
6.	<p><u>Parish Council Notice boards.</u> Cllr Jill Cavan is in the process of purchasing a new notice board to go outside the Post Office and a replacement one on Dark Lane. The metal notice boards cost in the region of £1100 to £1400. They will have toughened glass but it is not guaranteed vandal proof. It thought a plain hardwood notice board may be the best option cost wise. The notice</p>

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	board will have be policed better.			
7.	<u>Millennium Green Funding</u> The Parish Council agreed to pay the £1000 grant and contribute the grass cutting. Money came from Chorley Borough Council late. They were late paying it. We will sort out the payment after the next meeting, as we will have to sort out the Precept for 2006. Chairman Grahame Green and Vice Chairman Ian Paterson are meeting with the Director of Finance, Chorley Borough Council to discuss Precept commitment on 5 th January. We will have to do a budget forecast for next year, taking into account it is an election year and any subsequent extra cost. Clerk to provide up to date accounts for the next meeting.			
8.	<u>Correspondence</u> Various items of correspondence were read out and distributed. The clerk to write to United Utilities again regarding the lack of information provided to residents during the recent power cuts.			
9.	<u>Open Forum</u> Ray Scully, 4 Brookfield – The Village Hall have had a capital expenditure of £35,000, maybe the Parish Council would like to assist them. Work has been completed. The netting around the tennis court needs replacing. They want to put up sturdy durable netting that will cost around £15,000. They will be writing to the Parish Council for assistance. The tennis courts are used by young people, particularly for coaching. There is grant money available, e.g. Sports Aid Foundation. This is being explored. Vice Chairman Ian Paterson – It may be worth talking to Ann Bennett; she is very knowledgeable about funding and where it is available. Rod Collins, Bluestone Lane – He would like to thank the Parish Council for honouring its commitment to the Millennium Green. The work is ongoing and will require similar support next year. TRIX skateboard facility has more work to be done, and would like the support of the Parish Council. James Sexton, Hurst Green – There was a mistake in the minutes. The water was running from the Millennium Green to the footpath on Hurst Green and not the other way round. The drainage problem is the responsibility of the Millennium Green and not the Bowling Club. Clerk to write to the Millennium Green regarding the run off water. Rod Collins, Bluestone Lane- The Millennium Green Trust will take a look at the ditch. Chairman Grahame Green – Offered apologies for the mistake. The Parish Council will be addressing the problem. It welcomes comments, etc from the residents. James Sexton – The planning details are not regularly updated on the Chorley Borough Council website. Clerk to write to Chorley Borough Council to find out what timescales they work to. The Mawdesley website is very good and the minutes are up to date. Brian Gormley, New Street – Which is the land on which the appeal is ongoing? Chairman Grahame Green – Crows Nest, Tarnbeck. It is thought this could open the site to further development. Maureen Barker, Hurst Green – There were 12 cars parked on the grass verge opposite Blackmore Garage this afternoon. The number of cars is slowly creeping up. Clerk to write to Blackmoor Garage.			
10.	<u>Planning</u>			
a.	<u>Applications</u>			
	Ref. No.	Address	Proposal	Comments
	05/01117/FUL	Mawdesley Village Hall, Hurst Green	Demolition of existing timber building and erection of new timber building to be used as tennis clubhouse	No objection
11.	<u>Decisions</u> The Clerk then read out various planning decisions			
c.	<u>Planning Appeals</u> Site at Crows Nest Cottage, Tarnbeck Drive – 10am 17 th January 2006 at The Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley.			
12.	<u>Any other business</u> Cllr Jill Cavan – Could we have open forum earlier in the meeting.			

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	<p>Chairman Grahame Green - If there is a problem residents can contact the councillors. Vice Chairman – We could have a second open forum for a ten-minute time limit. Chairman Grahame Green – We need to think about this for the next meeting. We could trial it. Cllr Jill Cavan – Regarding funding projects such as TRIX and the Millennium Green, we need to look at a copy of their accounts before offering any financial assistance. Cllr David Rawcliffe- Large amounts are supported by accounts. Vice Chairman Ian Paterson – We need to look at accounts for larger funding. Cllr Jill Cavan – The light is still out opposite Sid’s house. Its been fixed but not switched on. The light is out near the War Memorial. Clerk to write to United Utilities. Cllr Frank Culshaw – The drains are causing considerable problems outside Sid’s house. Clerk to write to United Utilities. The drains do not need cleaning they need surveying. Vice Chairman Ian Paterson – Has anything happened regarding the Christmas tree? Cllr David Rawcliffe – The Christmas tree has been booked and will go outside the village shop. The quality of the newsletter was very good. The leaves have built up near Gales Lane; Bert cleared them up despite the very large build up and hard work involved. Chairman Grahame Green – If the leaves are against a fixed vertical surface, Chorley Borough Council will clear them up. Some land on Sandy Lane has been used for the storage of building site equipment. A motorway contractor (Gest) has been storing pipes, etc. Chorley Borough Council has written to them.</p>		
13.	<u>Accounts for payment</u>		
	<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>
	000737	Bert Hughes	Village Caretaker Salary
	000738	G.Woods	Clerk Salary
	000739	Inland Revenue	PAYE for Dec
	000740	G.Woods	Postage, printer cartridges, etc
			<u>£</u>
			£202.02
			£204.86
			£57.64
			£115.60
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55pm		

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