

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2007
at Mawdesley Village Hall

	Present Chairwoman Pauline Collins, Vice Chairman Martyn Dale, Cllrs Ian Paterson, Keith Iddon, James Halsall, Grahame Green, Clerk – Gurby Woods, 7 Members of the public
1.	Apologies - None
2.	No declaration of interest were made
3.	Minutes of Meeting held on 12 th September 2007 as a true record
4.	<p><u>Open Forum (Adjournment to allow public participation).</u></p> <p>Rod Collins, Bluestone Lane – Thank you for the support from the Parish Council. The Millennium Green Trust would like a councilor nominated to be trustee on their committee to liaise between the Parish Council and the trust.</p> <p>Ray Scully, Chairman, Mawdesley Village Hall – Thank you for the support from the Parish Council.</p> <p>Informed the Parish Council the Youth Club is no longer using the Village Hall due to the lack of staffing. Should really try to keep the youth club going as it a facility for the young in the village.</p> <p>Also the Village Hall Committee has organized a Black and White Ball for New Years Eve.</p> <p>Betty Crook, Tarnbeck Drive – Could a sign be put up on Tarnbeck Drive stating ‘Beware children playing’</p> <p>Clerk to write to Chorley Borough Council.</p> <p>Chairwoman Pauline Collins – Youth Club has not been very active for a while, clerk to write letter to Chorley Borough Council to try and re-establish youth club.</p>
5.	<p><u>Clerk’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play Area, Hurst Green – Still waiting for the bolts, etc., for the climbing frame. • The street signs will be repaired or replaced hopefully the end of October. • Missing duck sign on Hall Lane has been reported. • All arrangements for Remembrance Day are in hand. • The 2008/2009 Precept will be discussed at the November meeting in order for it to be agreed in the January meeting. Could any request for financial assistance from the Parish Council be sent to the clerk by 31/10/07.
6.	<p><u>Parish Plan working party reports</u></p> <p>Road & Traffic Nothing to report. Village Design Statement was sent to Cllr Tony Martin. There was a supportive response from him regarding highways matters.</p> <p>Building & Planning Draft of Village Design Statement has been sent to the printer.</p> <p>Environment Community Walk, 13th October – 1.30 from Mawdesley Village Hall. All welcome. Next meeting on 22 October at 7.30 to discuss next year’s Best Kept Village Competition</p> <p>Village Services Nothing to report. Welcome pack to be discussed as agenda item.</p> <p>Policing Mawdesley still has the lowest crime rate in Lancashire. New policeman has started working in the village. His name in PC Lawrence Elphick. Lives in Heskin. Very enthusiastic, keen to visit schools, churches, etc. New sergeant is Chris Roberts and Inspector Jo Keay.</p> <p>Business Nothing to report</p> <p>Youth Nothing to report.</p>
7.	<p><u>Culvert</u></p> <p>The Mawdesley Flood Group is still trying to get the previous contractor to clear the culvert. Two quotes received for clearing the culvert under the Parish land. One is for £300+ VAT for a half-day or £1000 + VAT for a full day. Chris Lyon has quoted £450 +VAT to clear roots.</p> <p>It was agreed Chris Lyon would be contacted and asked to carry out the work.</p>
8.	<p><u>Speed Indicating Device (SPID)</u></p> <p>The Highways Dept have looked at the suggest locations for the SPID and have made comments regarding the resiting of one or two of them.</p> <p>Problem with Ridley Lane.</p> <p>Will need to nominate someone to move them, will need to go on a training course.</p>

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9.	<u>The Code of Conduct</u> It was agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct and to include paragraph 12 of the model code.			
10.	<u>Welcome Pack</u> A few changes to be made which means the inclusion of local tradesmen. It was agreed to print 250 copies at a cost of £297.25			
11.	<u>Sycamore Tree, Brookfield</u> Mr Giles is willing to contribute £150 towards the cost of cutting down the tree. The council agreed to accept this offer. Only one quote received so far. More quotes required. To put forward to the next agenda.			
12.	<u>Financial Records</u> The Financial records were accepted as being correct. The Chairwoman Pauline Collins and Vice Chairman Martyn Dale checked these.			
13.	<u>Parish Newsletter</u> It was agreed to change the format of the newsletter. It will have a hard cover and two A4 sheets insert. Will be printed professionally at a cost of £110 for 800 copies			
14.	<u>Breakfast with Santa</u> It was agreed no financial help would be forthcoming from the Parish Council.			
14a	<u>Planning applications -</u>			
	07/00864/TPO	35 Tarnbeck Drive	Removal of oak tree to rear of property covered by Tree Preservation Order No 14 (Mawdesley) 1992	Suggest pruning rather than cutting down the oak tree
	07/00968/FUL	Pavilion House, School Lane	Proposed erection of a shed	No objection
	07/00995/FUL	Wallflower Cottage, Sandy Lane	Conversion of one dwelling into two dwellings with associated alterations and erection of two storey rear extension, and demolition of rear outriggers and formation of new vehicular access	No objection
	07/01032/FUL	Brook Farmhouse, Hall Lane	Proposed single storey rear extension and a detached double garage	No objection
b.	<u>Notification of planning decisions</u> The clerk read out details of planning decisions both granted and refused.			
15.	<u>Items for future consideration (for information only)</u> Cllr Maggie Bell tendered her resignation earlier in the week.			
16.	Accounts for payment			
	000084	G Hickman	Grasscutting	£255.00
	000085	G.Woods	Rent home as office (6 Months)	£156.00
	000086	G.Woods	Postage + Stationary	£23.91
	000087	P. Collins	Flowers for tubs	£18.00
	000088	G Woods	Clerk Salary	£252.09
	000089	J Woodhouse	Caretaker Salary	£236.80
	000090	J Woodhouse	Mileage	£24.52
	000091	Inland Revenue	PAYE	£71.11

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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