

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 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.	Vice Chairman Martyn Dale declared an interest in planning application 07/01178/FUL Cllr Grahame Green declared an interest in planning application 07/01172/FUL And Item 17 St Peters C of E
3.	Minutes of Meeting held on 10 th October 2007 as a true record
4.	<u>Open Forum (Adjournment to allow public participation).</u>
5.	<u>Clerk's Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The light on the footpath between New Street and Brookfield has been repaired. • The missing duck sign from Hall Lane has been ordered and will be replaced shortly • The damage length sight fencing on Meadow Lane/Blackmoor Road will be replaced or repaired shortly. • A traffic engineer is looking into placing a 'Beware children playing sign' on Tarnbeck Drive. • Wickstead have finally supplied the bolts required for the activity centre on Hurst Green. • Articles are required for the Parish newsletter by 25 November at the latest. Please send to my address whilst phone lines are down, (11 Brookfield, L40 2QJ)
6.	<u>Parish Plan working party reports</u> Road & Traffic Number of complaints about speeding tractors. New policeman is investigating. Building & Planning Draft of Village Design Statement has been sent to the printer. The Building and Planning Committee need to hand in statement of finances in order to complete the terms of the grant. It is proposed that permitted planning in greenbelt will be reduced to 50%. Environment Community Walk was very successful with 18 people joining the walk. Village Services Welcome pack is at the printers. Will look at proof next week Policing Mawdesley still has the lowest crime rate in Lancashire. New policeman has started working in the village. His name is PC Lawrence Elphick. Lives in Heskin. Very enthusiastic, already visited schools, churches, etc. Business Nothing to report Youth Nothing to report.
7.	<u>Article in Vision – Devolvement of powers to Parish Councils</u> The Parish Council believed this would be an extra burden on them. Questions need to be answered, who will bear the cost of the extra services e.g. graffiti removal, gully cleaning, etc. Who would manage the services? Clerk to write to Albert Atkinson.
8.	<u>Speed Indicating Device (SPID)</u> The Highways Dept identified some problems with locations but these have been rectified. Two the sites were recommended. Will need to nominate someone to move them, have spoke to Jo Woodhouse and Neil Thompson who are both happy to help out. Whoever is chosen will need to go on a training course for health and safety reasons. Will need to find out about cost of installation and recharging the batteries.
9.	<u>Launch of Anti Litter and Dog Fouling Campaign</u> Will place an article in the newsletter about the problems created by litter and dog fouling and the penalties. We need to consider buying more dog bins and think of suitable locations. Some suggestions are; Hurst Green end of the footpath from Brookfield, Far end of Gorse Lane. Will put up more posters.
10.	<u>Best Kept Village</u> Thanks to all the volunteers who helped clean up the village and helped us towards winning the competition. Working on next years Best Kept Village Competition already. Need to decide where to put the new plaque and how

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	to spend the £75.00 garden center vouchers.			
11.	<u>Employment Policy</u> Agreed the Parish Council need to adopt an employment policy to protect the Parish Council employees. Cllr Ian Paterson will look into this for the next meeting.			
12.	<u>Co-opt of Parish Councillor</u> No volunteers yet. The councillors will need to think of someone to join them and hopefully have them in place for the next meeting.			
13.	<u>LAPTC feedback</u> Youth and Community Services are restructuring. Youth Manager is Fiona Hilton. The Parish Council needs to pursue youth activities such as the youth club for the village. On 15 June 2005 LAPTC wrote to Chorley Borough Council regarding the setting up a fund for casual elections. A reply was received on 12 th October 2007. No help would be forthcoming. There will be no fencing. The residents are happy with the gates. The Parish Council has agreed to contribute £400 towards the cost of £880 +VAT.. (£200 was a nominal contribution from the Millennium Green.			
14.	<u>Hurst Green Residents</u> Craig Bradshaw has agreed to put traffic calming gates on the footpaths in Hurst Green. No signs will be put up asking children not to cycle or skateboard on the footpaths as Craig believes they are ineffective.			
15.	<u>Grass cutting in November</u> The Parish Council agreed the grass should be cut one more time before the end of November. They agreed to the extra cost incurred doing this of approximately £80.00.			
16.	<u>Village Christmas Tree</u> Cllr Keith Iddon agreed to supply the tree and have it in place on 8 December. Clerk to Write To John & Joan Poole at Londis.			
17.	<u>Precept 2008/09</u> It was agreed £500 per annum would be paid annually on a rota basis to the three churches in the village, starting with St Peters C Of E. The money is to be spent on the maintenance of the grounds and locally. It was agreed to donate £2000 to Mawdesley Village Hall in the precept. It was agreed to donate £3200 to the Millennium Green Trust with £200 of it to be spent on the gates for Hurst Green			
14a	<u>Planning applications -</u>			
	07/01115/FUL	Ferndale, Bradshaw Lane	Demolition of existing attached garage and erection of attached double garage with rear lounge and rear dormer	No comment
	07/01172/FUL	Mawdesley C of E School, Hurst Green	Installation of canopy to rear of school creating external play area	No objection
	07/01178/FUL	Oak House, 54 New Street	Alterations to roof at rear	No objection
	07/01061/FUL	Cliffs Farm, Wood Lane	Change of use of part of former agricultural buildings to toilets, showers and changing rooms for use by outdoor pursuit centre	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> War Memorial – names need repainting The Parish Union Jack needs replacing 30mph sign on Blackmoor Road needs replacing Clerk to write to BT to thank them for there hard work trying to get the village phones lines up and running			
16.	Accounts for payment			
	000092	G Hickman	Grasscutting	£255.00
	000093	P.Collins	Plants & Flowers for baskets	£24.49
	000094	J. Woodhouse	Caretaker Oct Salary	£236.80
	000095	G.Woods	Clerk Nov Salary	£220.73
	000096	Inland Revenue	PAYE	£62.25
	000097	J Woodhouse	Mileage	£38.40

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	000098	John Bean	Building Committee	£63.31
	000099	Ian Clayton	Building Committee	£41.87
	000100	John Bean	Building Committee	£800.00
	000101	Mawdesley Village Hall	Building Committee	£99.02
	000102	Ian Clayton	Building Committee	£34.70
	000103	Ian Clayton	Building Committee	£20.00

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

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