

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2008
at Mawdesley Village Hall

	Present Chairwoman Pauline Collins, Vice Chairman Martyn Dale, Cllrs Ian Paterson, James Halsall, Grahame Green, James Morris, Clerk – Gurby Woods, PC Lawrence Elphick, 7 members of the public
1.	Apologies Cllr Keith Iddon
2.	Declaration of interest - None
3.	Minutes of Meeting held on 12 th December 2007 as a true record
4.	<u>To officially welcome James Morris as the new Parish Councillor.</u> James Morris officially accepted the role of Parish Councillor
5.	<u>Open Forum</u> (Adjournment to allow public participation). PC Lawrence Elphick introduced himself to the Parish Council the public. Interviews for the job of policing Mawdesley to be carried out sometime in January. PC Elphick explained it is a job he would like. Mawdesley has very little crime. A few problems have arisen and he has dealt with them e.g.; speeding tractors and vandalism of the phone box. He has noticed cyclists without lights or helmets, which he is handling. James Sexton, Hurst Green – The fencing on Hurst Green is ludicrous, encouraging cyclists rather than discouraging them. Also there are dangerous dead overhanging branches and hedges. A dangerous dead branch opposite the Eating House and overgrown bush on Smithy Lane. Chairwoman Pauline Collins to make enquiries regarding the overhanging branch and clerk to write to the Highways department regarding the overgrown hedgerow trees on Smithy Lane. Jill Cavan, Tarnbeck Drive – The Santa is an integral part of Mawdesley Christmases. It would be a shame to lose it. She would like to volunteer for anything that might help. Rod Collins, Bluestone Lane – The fence opposite the Black Bull has fallen over. Cllr James Halsall to make enquiries regarding it. Janine Clayton – The Syd Brook Lane sign on Robin Hood side missing.
6.	<u>Parish Plan working party reports</u> Road & Traffic Nothing to report. Building & Planning The Village Design statement is finished. 400 have been printed. The balance will be printed shortly. Copy to be sent to Chorley Borough Council. Ian Clayton to provide clerk with a distribution list for the Village Design Statement. Environment Two community walks arranged, Sat 19 April and Sat 11 October. More details to follow. Village Services Final proof of Welcome Pack approved. At present being printed. Policing Nothing to report Business Nothing to report Youth Nothing to report
7.	<u>The cost of printing the newsletter</u> The cost of printing the last newsletter exceeded £300. The Parish Council agreed they would prefer a quality newsletter to be produced. Cost could be reduced. This was not possible as the last newsletter was produced in a hurry due to the telephone/internet problems. The clerk and

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8	<p><u>SPID update and training requirements.</u> Neil Thompson and Jo Woodhouse went on SPID training before Christmas. Another 4 volunteers are required. Will have to attend a health and safety workshop. The Parish Council will have to purchase protective clothing, footwear, fluorescent jackets and helmets for them, also equipment such as ladders. Cllr Grahame Green and Rod Collins volunteered their services.</p>																		
9.	<p><u>Parish Councillor to be the representative on the Millennium Green Trust</u> Vice Chairman Martyn Dale was nominated and accepted the position</p>																		
10.	<p><u>The village Father Christmas</u> There were several problems that contributed to the non-appearance of Father Christmas in Mawdesley, the lack of volunteers being just one. Many hours of work are undertaken before Father Christmas's appearance and after. Due to health and safety regulations Insurance was required. The Parish Council has agreed to find out the cost of insurance and decide if they can help financially. Father Christmas and volunteers require CIB checks. Seat belts are required for Father Christmas and the volunteers on the float. The Parish Council will look into what it can do to keep this tradition going.</p>																		
11.	<p><u>The siting of the Hurst Green gates</u> The gates are totally removal. Further meeting on 10 January regarding the fencing.</p>																		
12.	<p><u>Entrance to play area manhole and letter from Jean Parker</u> Cllr Grahame agreed to check with Chris Lyon that access would be possible from the Hurst Green play area, also to make enquiries about MPC paying a retainer so that the arrangements are on a more formal footing and set times can be allotted for the camera surveys. It was agreed Chris Lyons would need to make definite appointments with Jean Parker before entering her property.</p>																		
13.	<p><u>Locations for planting bulbs donated by Chorley Borough</u> It was agreed to plant the bulbs donated by Chorley Borough Council as various sites in the village to include, Syd Brook Lane, Hurst Green, Rufford Lane and SaltPit Lane.</p>																		
14.	<p><u>To agree the Parish Precept</u> It was agreed the Parish Precept would be set at £24,000</p>																		
15a	<p><u>Planning applications -</u></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>07/0127/FUL</td> <td>18-20 New Street</td> <td>Demolition of 2 No dwellings and replacement with one detached dwelling (amendment to previous permission 05/00003/FUL comprising of enlarge conservatory)</td> <td>No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07/01341/FUL</td> <td>Moorhey, Bluestone Lane</td> <td>Erection of rear extension and raising of roof height to create first floor accommodation</td> <td>No objection</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07/01314/FUL</td> <td>Beech House, Back Lane</td> <td>First floor extension to existing detached garage to forms games room and gym</td> <td>No objection as long as the extension applies to Chorley Borough guidelines</td> </tr> <tr> <td>07/01382/FUL</td> <td>Arkle Beck,</td> <td>Demolish existing rear conservatory</td> <td>No objection</td> </tr> </table>			07/0127/FUL	18-20 New Street	Demolition of 2 No dwellings and replacement with one detached dwelling (amendment to previous permission 05/00003/FUL comprising of enlarge conservatory)	No objection	07/01341/FUL	Moorhey, Bluestone Lane	Erection of rear extension and raising of roof height to create first floor accommodation	No objection	07/01314/FUL	Beech House, Back Lane	First floor extension to existing detached garage to forms games room and gym	No objection as long as the extension applies to Chorley Borough guidelines	07/01382/FUL	Arkle Beck,	Demolish existing rear conservatory	No objection
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		14 Bradshaw Lane	and erect new rear conservatory and a single story rear extension attaching to garage.	
b.	<u>Notification of Planning decisions</u> The clerk read out details of planning decisions both granted and refused.			
16.	<u>Items for future consideration (for information only)</u> Father Finn has retired. Clerk to send thank you letter to him for his work with the Parish Council.			
17.	<u>Accounts for payment</u>			
	000116	C J Lyon	Culvert clearance and CCTV survey	£646.25
	000117	Awards for All	Grant Refund	£3528.24
	000118	G Woods	Clerk Salary	£220.73
	000119	Inland Revenue	PAYE	£62.25
	000120	J Woodhouse	Caretaker	£236.50
	000121	J Woodhouse	Caretaker – Mileage	£22.20

Meeting closed at 9.25 pm

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