

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 11th October 2006
at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

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| | <p><u>Present</u> Chairman – Ian Paterson, Vice-chairman- Pauline Collins, Councillors Grahame Green, Maggie Bell, Martyn Dale, James Halsall, Clerk - Gurby Woods, PC Paul Harrison, 60 members of the public</p> |
| 1. | <p><u>Apologies</u> Cllr Keith Iddon</p> |
| 2. | <p><u>Late Planning Applications</u> None</p> |
| 3. | <p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th September 2006 were proposed and accepted as a true record.</p> |
| 4. | <p><u>Open Forum</u> It was noted broken beer bottles and cans have been found in the stream at the bottom of the Millennium Green, as well as a corkscrew in the children's sandpit. There was a query as to the cost of the bus shelter. The cost to the Parish Council was nil. It was noted young children were riding their bikes in the dark without any lights.</p> |
| 5. | <p><u>Matters arising there from</u> No quotes received yet for the pruning of trees in the play area. Play area equipment has all been fixed. Culvert – still waiting for it to be cleared before the next survey is to be done. Noticeboards – the one on Bluestone Lane has been moved and new ones are being made for the Parish Council. No reply from the planning dept regarding number 10 Ashtrees.</p> |
| 6. | <p><u>Wind Power Mawdesley Moss (Special Open Forum)</u> This was well attended. The general consensus of feeling was against the proposal to build wind turbine on Mawdesley Moss, with only a tiny minority in favour of the wind turbines. The noise, the damage to Nook lane/ Wood Lane and the increased traffic in the village during the erecting of the turbines being of concern. The literature stated Mawdesley would benefit from the electricity, but it would go on the national grid. There would be an environmental impact. Mawdesley Moss is on the flight path of Whopper Swans and geese.</p> |
| 7. | <p><u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u></p> <p><u>Road safety and Traffic</u> The tractors tearing through the village have been reported to PC Paul Harrison</p> <p><u>Building and planning</u> They are preparing the draft statements. Will try to look ahead and plan for the future with least impact on the village.</p> <p><u>Environment</u> Next community walk 28th October at 1.30pm</p> <p><u>Village Services</u> Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Policing</u> Successful PACT meeting on 19th September. Three special interests, youth, speeding and damage to vehicles. PC Paul Harrison now has a computer installed so will now not need to go to Coppull as often. He does however have to cover the areas of Heskin and Charnock Richard. He will be patrolling the village more on foot now he has a bit more time No one is allowed on school premises out of hours. A CCTV system has been installed. SATNAV systems are being stolen from cars. Please do not leave them in unattended cars. Next PACT meeting 7th December in Mawdesley Village Hall. PC Paul Harrison's e-mail paul.harrison@lancashire.pnn.police.uk</p> <p><u>Business</u> Only one business has contacted Cllr Martin Dale following the article in the newsletter. There is a general feeling of apathy from them.</p> |
| | <p><u>Youth</u> The play area is being well used. Chorley Borough Council has supplied a bin for recycling waste. Still trying to work with the youngsters to understand what they require from the village in way of services.</p> |
| 8. | <p><u>Accounts 2005/2006</u> All the councillors have been given four weeks to look at the accounts. There were no problems with them. The chairman proposed the accounts are formally approved. Vice chairman seconded the proposal.</p> |
| 9. | <p><u>Accounts/Finances 2006/2007</u> The clerk presented up to date figures for the income and expenditure for the Parish and the figure for</p> |

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| | commitments made until the end of the financial year. The accounts looked healthy. Agreed to pay a cheque for £2200 to Mawdesley Millennium Green Trust and £1000 to TRIX. The village hall request would be reconsidered in February. | | |
| 10. | <u>Grassed area – Brookfield</u> The Parish Council have formally adopted the grassed area on Brookfield after giving 14 days notice of intent. A quote has been received from G.Hickman for a one off tidying up of the area amounting to £77.00. Cllr Grahame Green proposed we accept this quote; Chairman Ian Paterson seconded it. A formal notice of the adoption of this parcel of land to be placed on the village noticeboard. | | |
| 11. | <u>Dark Lane/Hall Lane Junction</u> This junction is very noticeable when entering the village and looks a mess. Cllr Grahame Green has been in touch with Lancashire County Council regarding the replanting of the verge with hedgerow type plants. Hessian matting would be placed to stabilise the bank and to hold in the plants. The cost would be around £5000. Lancashire County Council would contribute 50%; the rest would have to be funded by the Parish Council and residents adjacent to the verge. It was proposed by Cllr Grahame Green that the Parish Council offer to contribute £1000. The householder would be asked to make a contribution. Proposal accepted and seconded by vice chairman Pauline Collins. | | |
| 12. | <u>Sheltered Housing Christmas Party</u> The residents are struggling to pay for their Christmas festivities despite fundraising all year round. They have asked the Parish Council if they would help them to the tune of £100. Cllr Martyn Dale stated that the various organisations in the village have used the sheltered housing meeting room for various gatherings free of charge. A donation should be made for the running cost of the meeting room. This proposal was accepted and seconded by Cllr Maggie Bell. | | |
| 13. | <u>Correspondence</u> Various items of correspondence were read out and distributed. | | |
| 14. | <u>Planning</u> None | | |
| b. | <u>Decisions</u> The Clerk then read out various planning decisions | | |
| c. | <u>Planning Appeals</u> Nothing to report | | |
| 15. | <u>Any other business</u> A member of the public reported all sorts of play equipment on the land north of the Hillocks, Bluestone Lane. This is agricultural land. It is proposed we write to the planning enforcement officer asking them to take steps to restore the land to its original state. Cllr James Halsall is a trustee of the Peter Lathom Charity and the Dr Layfield Trust. This money is available for anyone in financial need in the village. Please contact him if anyone knows of someone who would benefit from a little assistance. Vice Chairman Pauline Collins – The results of the Best Kept Village did not look good for Mawdesley. There was recognition in only one category for Cedar Farm – Runner up Certificate of Merit in the shop section. In the coming year we will work at making the village presentable from the beginning of the year. Cllr Grahame Green – The Tarmac next to one of the village seats on Meadow Lane has finally been removed. It would be appreciated if anyone with any spare topsoil would fill the hole left. Three councillors and the clerk attended a training course; will feed back at the next meeting. The Parish Council agreed to pay for an extra months grasscutting in October due to its rapid growth due to the warm weather. | | |
| 16. | <u>Accounts for payment</u> | | |
| | <u>Chq No.</u> | <u>Payee</u> | <u>Description</u> |
| | 000807 | G.Hickman | Grass cutting |
| | 000808 | John Bigland | Internal Audit |
| | 000809 | Chorley Borough Council | Election Expenses |
| | 000810 | G.Woods | Postage |
| | 000811 | Bert Hughes | Caretaker, Sept Salary |
| | 000812 | G.Woods | Clerk Salary Oct |
| | 000813 | Inland Revenue | PAYE |
| | 000814 | G.Woods | Home as Office April to Oct |
| | 000815 | TRIX | Donation S.137 |
| | | | £ |
| | | | £255.00 |
| | | | £105.00 |
| | | | £131.84 |
| | | | £5.52 |
| | | | £157.80 |
| | | | £214.30 |
| | | | £104.97 |
| | | | £182.00 |
| | | | £1000.00 |

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| | 000816 | Mawdesley Millennium Trust | Donation S.137 | £2200.00 |
| | The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm | | | |

Next meeting Wednesday 8th November

Signed
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