

**MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006**  
**at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm**

	<p><b><u>Present</u></b>  <b>Chairman – Grahame Green, Councillors, Pauline Collins, James Halsall, Frank Culshaw, Clerk - Gurby Woods, PC Paul Harrison and 14 members of the public</b></p>
1.	<p><b><u>Apologies</u></b>  Cllrs David Rawcliffe and Jill Cavan</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Late Planning Applications</u></b>  None</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006 were proposed and accepted as a true record.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>Open Forum</u></b>  Ray Scully, Village Hall Committee – The netting for the tennis court will cost in the region of £25,000. A number of people use the courts. Some are county members. The Football club meet there on a Monday night during the Winter and they wish to encourage junior football.  Hope to put in disabled access to extend its use for the wider community. Will impact approximately 200 people. It is imperative the work is carried out this year. Looking for commitment this financial year.  Margaret McGillevary, Brookfield – Will the noticeboard outside the police house be renovated – it’s a bit of an eyesore.  PC Paul Harrison – Will get back to the Parish Council re this matter. Hopefully it will be renovated at the same time the front of the police house is tidied up. He has not yet been given a police bike or computer so his office is not up and running yet. Everyone is still welcome to come around for a chat.  James Sexton, Hurst Green – Is there any regulation regarding hedge cutting? There are bits of hedge everywhere; it has resulted in him having to get a new tyre due to a puncture from a thorn.  Chairman Grahame Green – Regulation states that contractors have to clean up after themselves, remove all trimmings.  PC Paul Harrison – Contractors are required to clean up within two hours, particularly next to a sidewalk. He will talk to the hedge cutters whilst on his rounds.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Matters arising there from</u></b>  Remedial action has been taken re the surface on Back Lane.  The loose kerb on New Street has been re-laid.  Nothing has been heard about the bus shelter. Clerk to chase the matter up.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u></b></p> <p><b>Road safety and Traffic</b>  Need to reduce the speed at the junction of Bluestone Lane and Saltpit Lane now that planning permission has been agreed. Nothing else to report.</p> <p><b>Building and planning</b>  Open day held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to establish the character of the village, its attributes and problems. Will edit them together. Will ask for comments. Working closely with Chorley Borough Council.</p> <p><b>Environment</b>  Held first village walk on 1<sup>st</sup> April. 30 people attended 5 mile walk. Another walk planned for Autumn. Possibly two more. Applied for funding for the tree map. Hopefully will hear soon.  Small funding application requested for bird boxes. Had expert advice to hand.  Will be planting snowdrops around the village.  Date of next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> May.</p> <p><b>Village Services</b>  Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Policing</b>  Pc Paul Harrison is making himself well known in the community. Crime in the village very low. In surrounding areas car theft and theft from cars has increased. Advised public not to leave cars unattended with keys in ignition and keep valuables out of sight. Pc Paul Harrison has introduced the PAT scheme. There was a theft from the Methodist Church 18<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p><b>Business</b>  Nothing to report.</p>

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<b>7.</b>	<p><b><u>TRIX Financial backing from MPC</u></b>  Jill Hughes, Secretary TRIX – Would like the Parish Council to make a contribution to their funds. It would demonstrate support – financial support.  Rod Collins, Bluestone Lane – TRIX would like some funding.  Chairman Grahame Green – Will discuss it in the Precept Allocation.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b><u>Bank Account</u></b>  Still having problem with the Royal Bank of Scotland. They have refunded us £185.00 as a gesture of good will. Do we pursue the balance of approximately £300.00? Need to consider if it would be worth going to the ombudsman and the press about the appalling treatment received from the bank. They have admitted it is there mistake, but have since retracted the statement. Do we just change banks? Will discuss at next meeting?</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b><u>Parish Council Noticeboards</u></b>  To be discussed at the next meeting</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b><u>2006/7 Precept Allocations</u></b>  Chairman Grahame Green – There has been requests from the Millennium Green, Village Hall, TRIX and the Church of England.  Vice chairman Ian Paterson – The Village hall to be supported to the sum of £2000. It is an ongoing request to be reconsidered every other year.  TRIX request a sum of money, no further commitment. It is no to the TRIX request, when they are successful with a grant, the Parish Council will consider a contribution. If submission for grant unsuccessful, it will kill the project dead.  The Millennium Green, £1000 hold that in respect of everything else – consider in six months.  Cllr Frank Culshaw – Does the TRIX application depend on funding from the Parish Council? Will it assist it?  Jill Hughes – It will show the Parish Council support the project. Could we refund any monies if they were unsuccessful?  Cllr Frank Culshaw – We could commit £1000 but not pay it over. We would pay it over if the project was successful. Proposed and accepted.  Cllr Pauline Collins – By actively showing support, young people may take an interest in the Parish Council. Proposed we allocate £2000 to the Village Hall, it being refundable if they are successful with a grant. Village Hall ongoing request for the next 4 years or so. Accepted.  Chairman Grahame Green – The Precept is due to be paid over at the end of April.  3% increase to clerk and caretaker's salary.</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b><u>Clerk's Salary</u></b>  Vice-chairman Ian Paterson – The clerk's salary will increase this financial year by 3%, as will the caretakers as agreed in the Precept.</p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b><u>Retiring Council Members</u></b> (<i>Cllr Frank Culshaw asked to leave the room for a few minutes.</i>)  Chairman Grahame Green -Retiring clerks are provided for, no provision is made for retiring council members. Propose we buy some village amenities. Cllr David Rawcliffe has been a Parish Councillor since 1994 and Cllr Jill Cavan since 1998. Propose we buy them a tree each and put a plaque on them. We could ask the councillors to find a suitable site near their homes. David Rawcliffe – Meadow Lane, Jill Cavan – Tarnbeck Drive. Accepted  Cllr Frank Culshaw has been on the Parish Council since 1973, both his father and grandfather were Parish Councillors before him. Propose we buy a Parish seat and locate it at a suitable site at the end of Wood Lane and put a Culshaw family plaque on it. Accepted.  Ray Scully, Brookfield – Many people in the village and other organisations would like to contribute to Frank Culshaw's retirement. Maybe organise something.  (<i>Cllr Frank Culshaw returns</i>)  Cllr Frank Culshaw – The Culshaw family is one of the oldest in Mawdesley. His grandfather was joined the first Parish Council in 1895 and stayed until 1941, his own father 32 years. He, himself joined in 1973, been on the Parish Council 33 years. Intends to retire from the Borough Council next year. Now 73 years old.  33 years ago the village was in its infancy. It was the great envy of other areas. Lots of employment, steelworks, agriculture, etc. Now very much a commuter village. House prices have gone up enormously. Play area didn't exist. Millennium Green new. No gas in the village. No sheltered housing. Enjoyed his time on the Parish Council. Disappointed no more Culshaws to take his place. Will now retire gracefully.  Cllr James Halsall –Good luck to Frank Culshaw on his retirement.</p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b><u>Parish Council Calendar</u></b></p>

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	The new Chairman will be required to book dates for various meetings with the clerk and make sure the village hall and other events are booked in a timely fashion so as to avoid confusion.			
<b>14.</b>	<b><u>Correspondence</u></b> Various items of correspondence were read out and distributed.			
<b>15.</b>	<b><u>Planning</u></b>			
<b>a.</b>	<b><u>Applications</u></b>			
	06/00317/FUL	29 Gorse Lane	Erect two storey outbuilding with dormer windows serving a study and store at first floor	No objection
	06/00320/CLPUD	Daulby House Farm, Meadow Lane	Application for Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed use to accommodate up to six children with learning difficulties and carers	No comment
	06/00327/FUL	12 Ridley Lane	Demolish existing detached garage and erect a two storey side extension	No objection
	06/00333/FUL	Towngate Works, Dark Lane	Removal of condition No 8 of planning approval Ref 05/00015/FUL relating to obscure glazing in the front elevation first floor windows	Objection on the grounds it will affect the privacy of local residents
	06/00330/FUL	The Oaks, Bluestone Lane	Alteration and extension of existing porch/conservatory	No objection
	06/00208/FUL	Hill View, Bradshaw Lane	Erection of two storey extension to side and rear	No objection
	06/00262/FUL	Mawdesley Pantry, 72 New Street	Part two storey part single storey side extension	No objection
	06/00282/FUL	Salt Pit Croft, Salt Pit Lane	Erection of building for stabling of horses and storage of associated equipment for recreational equestrian purposes	No objection
<b>b.</b>	<b><u>Decisions</u></b> The Clerk then read out various planning decisions			
<b>c.</b>	<b><u>Planning Appeals</u></b> Crows Nest Appeal unsuccessful. Refused planning permission for 10 dwellings.			
<b>16.</b>	<b><u>Any other business</u></b> Cllr Pauline Collins – She and vice-chairman Ian Paterson attended the LAPTC meeting. It was basically about what you get for your subscription. Regards the Building Community Life Competition, decided there is a case to go forward. First prize £500. Hope to develop Mawdesley welcome pack. Some Mawdesley residents do not understand why there is not going to be a Parish Election. Maybe put an explanation in the next newsletter. On that note it is nice to see two of the new councillors present. Vice chairman Ian Paterson – There will be a new council from next month, need to check conflict of interest guidance. Clerk to obtain information. Chairman Grahame Green – Lamp 2 in Ashtrees is on all day. Clerk to write. Stile on footpath 24 (opposite War Memorial) very dangerous, eroded underneath. Stile on footpath 44 collapsed (near Wades). Will check if we can go for Quality Parish status even though we are not elected Parish Council.			
<b>17.</b>	<b><u>Accounts for payment</u></b>			
	<b><u>Chq No.</u></b>	<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>£</u></b>
	000765	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Playground Inspection	£257.37
	000766	Allianz Cornhill Insurance	Annual Insurance	£1197.38
	000767	G.Hickman	Grass cutting March	£127.50
	000768	Building and Planning Committee	Rent of room for meeting 6 x £2	£12.00
	000769	Chorley Borough Council	Emptying of dogbins 2005	£139.40
	000770	G. Woods	Printer paper x 2	£3.88

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000771	G.Woods	Clerk April Salary	£208.02
000773	Inland Revenue	PAYE April	£58.67
000774	Bert Hughes	Caretaker, March Salary	£191.10
000775	G.Woods	Refreshments for meeting	£6.79
The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm			

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