

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 13th September 2006
at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

	<p><u>Present</u> Chairman – Ian Paterson, Vice-chairman- Pauline Collins, Councillors Grahame Green, Keith Iddon, Maggie Bell, Martyn Dale, James Halsall Clerk - Gurby Woods, 11 members of the public</p>
1.	<p><u>Apologies</u> PC Paul Harrison</p>
2.	<p><u>Late Planning Applications</u> None</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th August 2006 were proposed and accepted as a true record.</p>
4.	<p><u>Open Forum</u> Rod Collins, Bluestone Lane – There will be a Funday on the Millennium Green on Saturday 16th September, 2 until 4pm. Lancashire County Council have been given £2.4 million to be spent over the next 3 years on new youth facilities. Clerk to write to Alan Whittaker. Ray Scully, Brookfield – The village hall has always had 80% rate relief because of its charity status and a further discretionary 20% from Chorley Borough Council. This year the village hall has been asked to pay 10% (about £500). The residents of Mawdesley already pay for the village halls in the Chorley Borough through their Council Tax. Other village halls in central Chorley still pay no Council Tax , why does Mawdesley? The Village Hall Committee feels very strongly about it because it is so unfair. Clerk to write to Lindsay Hoyle MP. The Village Hall applied to the Sports Art Foundation for a grant towards the tennis court netting. They have been turned down as there is not enough funding available. Still pursuing other funding. The Village Show went very well. Bert Hughes, Smithy Lane – The 40mph sign on Bluestone Lane has been replaced, as has the duck sign on Hall Lane. The glass has been replaced in the telephone kiosk. Rod Collins – Money has been put aside for the Millennium Green, if they could have it sooner rather than later. Sid Ellis, New Street – Will they be reinstating the drinking fountain in the Millennium Green? Rod Collins – Too expensive to fix it. Cost around £2000 to fix.</p>
5.	<p><u>Matters arising there from</u> Need to look at pruning and removing trees where requested. Trees could be removed where requested and the gaps replaced Laurel ,which is easier to maintain. Cllr Grahame Green to obtain estimates for pruning the conifers and cost of Laurel. Will need to precept for it next year. The bus shelter has finally been erected after encountering several problems. The school sign will be moved to the Hurst Green side of New Street. The pavement is a mess because of all this work. It will be sorted out when school sign moved. The map in the bus shelter is the wrong way, with Southport and Eccleston shown in the opposite direction to where they should be. There has been no movement on the footpath map or the bird box project. Dog fouling still a major problem, particular on the Willows to Hurst Green footpath. The Community Wardens stated they would name and shame people regarding the dog fouling but have never been seen since. Clerk to put an article in the newsletter. Contact to be made with the Community Wardens. Dark Lane, Hall Lane Corner – no correspondence received. Clerk has written to Barbara Nichols regarding the precept allocation. Regarding the retiring council members. It has been decided to plant as Ash for David Rawcliffe on Meadow Lane. A Flagpole Cherry for Jill Cavan in the Hurst Green play Area. The Clerk has written to Frank Culshaw regarding the placing of a seat on Nook Lane, Bluestone Lane corner in respect of the Culshaw family. Trees will be planted around November. Cllr Grahame Green to get pricing for the trees.</p>
6.	<p><u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u></p> <p><u>Road safety and Traffic</u> Nothing to report. Booster seats required for children aged under 11 years or under 4ft 6 inches in height.</p> <p><u>Building and planning</u> Most of the information has been collected regarding the Village Design Statement, next process printing. Volunteers needed from drafting.. Maybe do a quiz about the village. Grant has been applied for.</p>

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	<p>Environment Next meeting of the Environment Committee 25th September. Next community walk 28th October. We can have a survey done in the village regarding the Great Crested Newts, will need to apply for funding for an expert to do it. Will need Parish Council funding bid, but will not cost anything. Will look further into it. Will cover the central area of the village rather the whole Parish. Nothing has been heard regarding the tree warden scheme. Cllr Keith Iddon asked to chase up Keith Winstanley regarding this.</p>
	<p>Village Services UG3A goes from strength to strength. Looking into producing a welcome pack for the new residents.</p>
	<p>Policing PC Paul Harrison settling in well. Has finally got his bicycle helmet, now just needs to pass his cycle proficiency test. There was a police surgery the previous Thursday. It was worded as PACT meeting,, better as police surgery. Clerk to write to PC Harrison regarding this and regarding his computer.</p>
	<p>Business There will be an item in the newsletter asking businesses to get in touch with him so they can be included in a new village directory, which could then be issued in the welcome pack to new residents.</p>
	<p>Youth Thank you to Bert Hughes for taking away the broken seat in the Hurst Green play area. Rod Collins has produced a leaflet asking the youth in the village to come along to a meeting to discuss their needs. Some of the youngsters have asked if the could stay in the play area until 9pm whilst it is still light. They prefer it to the Millennium Green. They would stay off the equipment and keep the noise down. Will ask residents what they think about it in the next newsletter. The Millennium Green is full of older people in the evenings , which the youngsters find intimidating. It would be nice PC Paul Harrison showed up occasionally at the Millennium Green so younger people would feel more comfortable. The Hurst Green Play Area did have a problem with rubbish during the Summer holidays because it was so well used. Not so much of a problem now. The Council have been contacted regarding getting a bigger bin with a lid and a wheelie bin for recycling..</p>
7.	<p><u>Calor Gas Best Village Competition</u> Mawdesley won 2nd prize, with a prize of £250, which may be used towards the purchase of a Speed Indicating Device (SPID).</p>
8.	<p><u>Play area, Hurst Green</u> There were two areas of concern. The first being the broken seat, this has been removed by Bert Hughes. Wickstead have been contacted regarding the broken see-saw. Frank Culshaw has been contacted regarding fixing the swings.</p>
9.	<p><u>Grassed area – Brookfield</u> The land has been unclaimed for over 40 years. Proposed and seconded that the Parish Council adopt this piece of land. Cllr Grahame Green – I propose that the said land (highlighted on the map) has been unclaimed for 40 years and has been open for the benefit of the public of the Parish. “Within 14 days of this date the Parish Council propose to lay claim to the land shown on the attached plan to hold as land belonging to the Parish of Mawdesley for the benefit of all the residents and to be maintained by the Parish Council.”</p>
10.	<p><u>SPID</u> The SPID (Speed Indicating Device), will cost approximately £3500, will obtain a quote for an exact price. Maybe able to get one from the local authority for free. Cllr Keith Iddon will make inquiries regarding this.</p>
11.	<p><u>Culvert</u> During the Summer the Culvert was inspected and CCTV cameras sent down. Film was sent to Lancashire County Council for a full report. In essence there were some concerns – small amount of root ingress and debris. Recommended that the roots be trimmed and debris cleared. The Flood Action Group will get costing for the work to be done. The Parish Council will take advantage and use the contractor to clear the culvert under their land. The Flood Action Group have not got back regarding the costings. The Flood Action Group would also like to place a grate on far side of New Street to stop the culmination of rubbish in the culvert. They will need permission from Lancashire County Council to place a grate on the culvert. The last recommendation was to negotiate with Mr Goodyear regarding his lake. Residents will negotiate with him.</p>

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	The Parish Council have agreed to survey the culvert twice a year. The next survey is due shortly. Clerk to book survey for November.			
12.	<u>Parish Council Noticeboards</u> Cllr James Halsall – Arrangements in hand.			
13.	<u>Remembrance Day</u> Clerk to book bands and make the necessary arrangements for 12 th November. Cllr Martyn Dale will be the flag carrier.			
14.	<u>Christmas Tree and Decorations</u> The Parish Council has always been given a Christmas tree. Decorations rather lacking. Enquiries will be made regarding obtaining a Christmas tree. Suggest we ask if villagers could donate old decorations that are in a good state. Clerk to place article in the newsletter. Cllr Keith Iddon will investigate provision of a Christmas Tree.			
15.	<u>Correspondence</u> Various items of correspondence were read out and distributed.			
16.	<u>Planning</u>			
a.	<u>Applications</u>			
	Ref. No.	Address	Proposal	Comments
	06/00772/FUL	Unit T4 Towngate Works, Dark Lane	Erection of single storey side extension to existing industrial unit	No objection
	06/00858/FUL	Laurel Bank, Bradshaw Lane	Rear extension, front porch and dormers to front, rear and sides.	No objection as long as it falls within Chorley Borough Council planning guidelines policy, subordinate to existing dwelling.
	06/00812/COU	Barn north of Ash Farm, Bluestone Lane	Change of use of redundant barn to offices and single storey extension to front and rear.	Objection on the grounds inappropriate use of hardscaping on plot. Reinstate hardscape.
	06/00856/FUL	Redford, 24 Bradshaw Lane	First floor extension over ground floor area with balcony and external staircase.	No objection as long as ridge height consistent with existing dwellings.
b.	<u>Decisions</u> The Clerk then read out various planning decisions			
c.	<u>Planning Appeals</u> Nothing to report			
20.	<u>Any other business</u> Cllr Grahame Green – He has been approached by several residents living on Ashtrees regarding a roof garden placed on a single storey extension. The residents state it invades their privacy. Does not breach planning permission. Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Van Eker at 10 Ashtrees. Someone has smashed the roof of the bike shelter on Hurst Green, has taken some strength. Several complaints received the resurfacing on New Street. Highways have swept the stones of the pavement. Waiting for the road to be whitelined. The contractors have cut two metres behind the white post on the Jay Bank wild flower bank. They have agreed to replace the posts and 50 new wildflower plugs. There was a report in the Conservative newspaper regarding the merger of South Ribble and Preston. It might also include Chorley Borough. Clerk to write to Lindsay Hoyle MP and the MP for South Ribble. Cllr Pauline Collins – Thanks to Bert Hughes for his hard work in keeping the hanging baskets watered. The Parish Council is very grateful. There is a LAPTC meeting with Jane Meek on Wednesday 20 th September in the Committee Room and one on 31 st October with Ian Hornby.			

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17.	<u>Accounts for payment</u>			
	<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>
	000798	G.Hickman	Grass cutting	£382.50
	000799	Mawdesley Village Hall	Youth Club Rent	£452.50
	000800	J. Eaves	Summer Bedding plant	£12.60
	000801	Bert Hughes	Caretakers salary July, Aug	£346.30
	000802	G.Woods	Clerk Salary Aug, Sept	£428.06
	000803	G Woods	Printer Cartridge, Stationary	£110.76
	000804	M. Bell	Padlock & keys for play area	£12.49
	000805	LAPTC	Training for clerk and councillors	£150.00
	000806	Inland Revenue	PAYE	£218.40
The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28pm				

Next meeting Wednesday 11th October

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