

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 8th March 2006
at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

	<p><u>Present</u> Chairman – Grahame Green, Councillors Jill Cavan, Pauline Collins, James Halsall, Frank Culshaw, Clerk - Gurby Woods, 16 members of the public</p>
1.	<p><u>Apologies</u> Vice-Chairman Ian Paterson, Cllr David Rawcliffe</p>
2.	<p><u>Late Planning Applications</u> None</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 8th February 2006 were proposed and accepted as a true record.</p>
4.	<p><u>Open Forum</u> Sid Ellis, 88 New Street – He has had 8 call outs from the water board. Estimates it is a total cost of £1000. This is wasted money. They found 3 fractures in a sewage pipe near his house. Cllr Frank Culshaw – The water board is nothing to do with the Council. Chairman Grahame Green – Has problem been resolved? Sid Ellis – Work has not been carried out yet, but it has stopped leaking. Chairman Grahame Green – Not under the control of the Parish Council. Cllr Jill Cavan – Clerk to write to United Utilities to chase up the repairs. Steve Marshall, Sunnyside, Bluestone Lane – He has the plans for his house extension if anyone interested.</p>
5.	<p><u>Matters arising there from</u> The Lancashire County Council have sprayed the Hurst Green footpath as well as other areas. Hopefully Council will adopt the footpath soon. The Village Diary is on the website now – no dates have been filled in yet. Election forms are available from the clerk. The newsletter has been distributed. The feedback received was that it was a good newsletter. Calor Gas Competition – Nothing to report yet.</p>
6.	<p><u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u></p> <p>Road safety and Traffic Nothing to report.</p> <p>Building and planning There was a meeting last Monday discussing the planning design survey. Andrew Tegg (Chorley Borough Council) will be attending the next meeting. <i>Open Day 2nd April</i> to identify the character of the village and to decide how we want to go forward. Need a lot of help. Please join in.</p> <p>Environment Next meeting of the Environment Committee is Monday 13th March.</p> <p>Village Services Threat to the bus service. Will have to push the community car scheme. Need to chase up bus shelter.</p> <p>Policing Apologies from PC Paul Harrison, he is busy on police business today. “The engine” as he terms it, is up and running. The office is not yet open, will be soon. Open to everyone to call in. Paul feels he has been made to feel very welcome. He will be riding his bicycle around the village. He would like to talk to people about helping the youth in the village. He will issue a local police newsletter. Recent crime has been related to motorcars in surrounding villages – people leaving their engines running on cold mornings. Cars are left unattended. 10 cars have been stolen in the past week. There will be a Parish Liaison Meeting, then a PACT meeting.</p> <p>Business Nothing to report.</p>
7.	<p><u>Parish Council Notice boards</u> Difficulty getting quotes, etc. Local businesses may help. Will be able to provide more information at the next Parish Council meeting.</p>
8.	<p><u>Bank Account</u> Still having problem with the Royal Bank of Scotland. Waiting for refund of charges, which the bank has admitted, was their fault. They have offered us a refund of £185.00, which is not acceptable. Waiting for the money to be paid into the account before we change banks. Hopefully will go to the ombudsman and the press about the appalling treatment received from the bank.</p>

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9.	<u>Gardening Club</u> Formal request to the Parish Council for the underwriting to the sum of £30.00 the first gardening club meeting. This has already been agreed in January.			
11.	Grass cutting Four quotes have been received for the grass cutting. It is recommended we give the contract to a Mr Hickman at a cost of £255.00 per month. There will be no one off tidy up of the Hurst Green playground. Proposed and accepted.			
14.	<u>Correspondence</u> Various items of correspondence were read out and distributed.			
15.	<u>Planning</u>			
a.	<u>Applications</u>			
	Ref. No.	Address	Proposal	Comments
	06/00188/FUL	16 Brookfield	Erection of first floor rear extension, single storey porch to front and formation of pitched roof over front dormer.	No objection,
	06/00209/FUL	Sunnyside, Bluestone Lane	Alteration to existing approved roof profile to kitchen/garage extension from hipped to gable	No objection.
b.	<u>Decisions</u> The Clerk then read out various planning decisions			
c.	<u>Planning Appeals</u> Nothing to report			
16.	<u>Any other business</u> Cllr Pauline Collins – Do we want to enter the Best Kept Village competition this year, as I will need a cheque for the £10.00 entrance fee? Chairman Grahame Green – Yes Cllr Pauline Collins – Next Community walk will be on Saturday 1 st April. Meet in the car park. Carol Dale is the village tree warden. Other volunteers for the tree warden scheme are still needed. Cllr Frank Culshaw – The Council Tax rise is more than the rate of inflation. Cllr Jill Cavan – Back Lane is dangerous. The edges of the road have eroded, particularly opposite Brook House. Clerk to write to the Highways Dept. Chairman Grahame Green – Re: the road works on Hurst Green. United Utilities dug up the road. Tried contacting them to no avail. Next day the road works had gone. The banking on Dark Lane, Hall Lane corner is dangerous. The bank itself is not very good – unstable. Does not have the right plans to hold it together, hence the clay cracking up. The Parish Council has been asked to help out. The County Engineer has been called out to advice the best way to maintain it. The kerb outside the post office it up again. Clerk to write to the Highways Dept. The Northwest Assembly stated 4000 to 4510 new homes would be built in the area. Chorley Borough Council has got their quota of new house already. This is scare mongering. Cllr James Halsall – Officials from John Prescott’s office have been contacting people in the village re development. Please contact him if you have been approached. Chairman Grahame Green – once the Parish Character workshop completes we can incorporate the proposals into the Parish Plan. To have them adopted takes around three years. Cllr Frank Culshaw – No prospect of any new buildings in Mawdesley.			
17.	<u>Accounts for payment</u>			
	Chq No.	Pavee	Description	£
	000757	Inland Revenue	PAYE March	£62.02

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000758	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	External Audit 2004/05	£141.00
000759	G.Woods	Clerk Salary March	£219.91
000760	G.Woods	Rent Home as Office Oct to March	£152.00
000761	G.Woods	Printer Cartridges	£166.59
000762	Bert Hughes	Caretaker Salary Feb	£139.86
000763	LAPTC	2006/07 Subscription	£360.51
000764	Best Kept Village Competition	Entrance fee	£10.00
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm		

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