

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

	<p><u>Present</u> Chairman – Ian Paterson, Vice-chairman- Pauline Collins, Councillors Grahame Green, Maggie Bell, Martyn Dale, James Halsall, Keith Iddon Clerk - Gurby Woods, 80 members of the public (Parish Council meeting commenced 9pm)</p>
1.	None
2.	Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 th October 2006 were proposed and accepted as a true record.
3.	<p><u>Open Forum</u> Ray Scully, Brookfield – The village call committee have heard that they are still required to pay £500 rates. Cllr Keith Iddon – As far as he is concerned no decision has been made yet, but he will chase it up. John Rothsborough, The City, Hall Lane – There is a proposal to build a pair of low cost houses on greenbelt land. He is not happy about it. Maureen Barker, 71 Hurst Green – There has been less vandalism since PC Paul Harrison has been patrolling the streets on foot. It is very much appreciated by the residents. James Sexton, Hurst Green – There is a building going up on Tannersmith Lane. He has not seen any plans for it.</p>
4.	<p><u>Matters arising there from</u> No quotes received yet for the pruning of trees in the play area. Reminder letter to be sent to Lancashire County Council regarding the Dark Lane, Hall Lane junction. The enforcement officer is investigating the land next to the Hillocks.</p>
5.	<p><u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u></p> <p>Road safety and Traffic They are awaiting the framework response to a white paper regarding the reduction of speed on roads in rural areas.</p> <p>Building and planning They have been successful in their grant application. Hope to have a draft statement for April/ May 2007.</p> <p>Environment They have received a grant for £490 from LEAF. Hoping to use the money to put up bird boxes and continue with the snowdrop trail.</p> <p>Village Services Nothing to report.</p> <p>Policing There will be a PACT meeting on 7th December in the Village Hall, time to be arranged (around 7.30). It may be worth amalgamating the PACT meetings with the Parish Council meetings to get a better attendance and also to lesson the number of meetings in the village. PC Paul Harrison's e-mail paul.harrison@lancashire.pnn.police.uk</p> <p>Business Nothing to report</p>
	<p><u>Youth</u> The bonfire organised by TRIX has raised £2000. Still trying to get in touch with the youth of the village to find out what they want.</p>
6.	<p><u>Noticeboards</u> The noticeboard on Bluestone Lane has been removed. Two new ones have been made, one for New Street and the other Dark Lane. They just need erecting. An invoice has been received for £264.38. The Parish Council is happy to accept the cost. The invoice will be paid once the new noticeboards have been erected.</p>
7.	<p><u>Culvert Update</u> There has been no news. The MFAG are waiting for there area of responsibility to be cleared. No need for survey until then.</p>
8.	<p><u>Caretaker Resignation</u> Bert Hughes, the caretaker has tended his resignation. We are sorry to see him go and accept his resignation with great regret. We would like to send a hearty vote of thanks to Bert and his wife Dorothy. We will present his wife with a big bunch of flowers and a suitable letter of thanks to Bert to be signed by the chairman. At the next meeting we will think of a more permanent way of saying thank you. Will contact Chorley Guardian when presentation is to be made. We will advertise for a new caretaker on the noticeboards and the newsletter. The caretaker is required to work 40 hours a month.</p>
9.	<p><u>LAPTC Report</u> There are several sources of funding available to youth groups in the Chorley Borough. Two of the contacts are Cindy Lowthian and Terry Dickinson.</p>

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	Generally crime is low in the Borough. Will write to Sgt Jo South regarding the amalgamating the PACT meeting and Parish Council meetings.			
10.	<u>Clerk and Councillor Training Update – Clerk’s Report, Open Forum Session, Delegation of Routine Planning to Clerk</u> It was proposed and accepted a Clerk’s report would replace matters arising and correspondence. This would be given to the councillors at the same time as the agenda. Routine planning will not be delegated to the clerk as the councillors would prefer to make the decisions on all planning matters as they feel they are more knowledgeable on planning matters. No changes will be made to open forum. Vice chairman Pauline Collins stated some changes would need to be made to the working of the Parish Council if we were to apply for Quality Council.			
11.	<u>Clerk’s Training Bursary</u> The go ahead was given for the clerk to apply for the training bursary available for the Quality Clerk training.			
12.	<u>Correspondence</u> Various items of correspondence were read out and distributed.			
13.	<u>Planning</u>			
	06/01150/COU	Barn North of Ash Farm, Bluestone Lane	Change of use of redundant barn to offices and single storey extensions to front and rear	Inappropriate use of barn, hardcore to be removed and grassed
	06/01170/FUL	44 Brookfield	Erection of rear conservatory	No objection
	06/01112/FUL	Daulby House Farm, Meadow Lane	Replacement dwelling with pool enclosure and detached 3 bay garage	No objection as long as substantial screening is put up to shield the house from the road
	06/01125/FULMAJ	Cliffs Farm, Wood Lane	Erection of 3 wind turbines	Objection The impact on residents, effect on character of area, effect on nature and conservation. If planning should be granted then a condition be imposed that no more 3 turbines be permitted for this site.
	06/01137/FUL	26 Gorsey Lane	Two storey side extension	No comment
	06/01090/FUL	12 Ridley Lane	Detached garage	No objection
	06/01130/FUL	Land East of Blacksmith Barn, Hall Lane	Proposed development of one pair of semi detached affordable houses	Objection Does not meet the criteria of the affordable housing policy
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> Vice Chairman Pauline Collins – Articles required for the newsletter. Cllr Maggie Bell – People have been removing Parish Council notices in order to place their own. The noticeboards belong to the Parish Council and Parish Council notices have priority. Dog fouling is again on the increase. New notices have been put on the noticeboards, they are very explicit. They are not there to offend. Cllr Grahame Green – Bags of garden waste were left on Bradshaw Lane. Chorley Borough Council has removed it. Fly tipping cost the ratepayers, so please don’t do it. Residents can apply for an extra garden waste bin. The oak tree at the end of the Willows needs pruning. We need to find out if the tree belongs to Lancashire			

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	<p>County Council. Clerk to write to Terry Fredericks. The wildflowers have been replanted on Jaybank. The yellow lines marking the bus stop cannot be removed. People cannot park in the bus bay. Cllr Martyn Dale – He has heard the waste site at Rufford maybe closing soon. Clerk to write to Lancashire County Council. Remembrance Day Sunday 12th November. Meet at 2.45pm at four lanes end.</p>			
16.	<u>Accounts for payment</u>			
	<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>
	000817	J.Eaves	Plants for baskets	£12.00
	000818	G Hickman	Grass cutting	£320.00
	000819	G Woods	Clerk Nov Salary	£214.30
	000820	Bert Hughes	October Salary	£43.83
	000821	Inland Revenue	PAYE	£72.81
	000822	Hurst Green Over 60's bungalows	Donation s.137	£100.00
	000823	Mawdesley PCC	Building Committee rent	£10.00
	<p>The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.40pm</p>			

Next meeting Wednesday 13th December

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