

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 8th June 2005
at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

	<u>Present</u> Chairman – Grahame Green, Vice Chairman – Ian Paterson, Councillors Pauline Collins, James Halsall, Frank Culshaw, Jill Cavan, David Rawcliffe, Clerk - Gurby Woods, PC Martin Smith, 10 members of the public
1.	<u>Apologies</u> None
2.	Minutes of the last meeting held on 11 th May 2005 were proposed and accepted as a true record
3.	<u>Matters arising therefrom</u> A signed order has been sent so work can commence on the footpath near the playground. It is hoped it will commence within the next week. The footpath will be closed whilst the work is carried out. The Parish Inspection has been postponed. Hall Lane Flooding- awaiting reply from Lindsay Hoyle MP. Insurance renewal has been received. A cheque to be sent by the clerk. A cheque for the Retirement Gratuity and flowers to be sent to Cath Brodie. No further information on the horse and chariots. There was a conference on renewable energy on 26 May. The Rural Cultural Enterprise Scheme (Green Centre), has been awarded £60,000 for each year for the next three years. Cars parked on the footpath opposite Blackmoor Garage continues to be a nuisance. Clerk to write to the Highways Authority. No problems reported with any of the public footpaths.
4.	<u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u>
	<u>Road safety and Traffic -</u> Nothing to report
	<u>Building and planning</u> Nothing to report
	<u>Environment</u> Nothing to report
	<u>Village Services</u> There will be a meeting on 28 th June, with a Community Cars representative giving a talk.
	<u>Policing</u> The dates of the surgeries will be decided in the next two weeks
	<u>Business</u> Nothing to report
5.	<u>Parish Inspection</u> This will now take place Wednesday 6 July at 7.30
6.	<u>Bus Shelter</u> It was proposed and accepted that the Parish Council would approach Lancashire County Council regarding the grant to build and install a bus shelter. A green single panel with a small roof and a narrow seat was thought appropriate. Advertisements on the shelter were not considered suitable.
7.	<u>Playground</u> The insurance inspection report identified a problem with the equipment. The problem will be attended to.
8.	<u>Parish Council Noticeboards</u> John Poole, Mawdesley Post Office has agreed that an additional notice board can be put up outside his shop. Clerk to write to David Roby, 51 New St for permission to site the noticeboard. Clerk also to obtain more quotes re the cost of manufacturing and installation of the new noticeboard.
9.	<u>Sage Payroll</u> It was proposed and agreed the Sage Payroll package should be bought
10.	<u>Correspondence</u> Various items of correspondence were read out and distributed.
11.	<u>Open Forum</u> Mr Ellis – 88 New St, It is the fifth time he has been flooded. He has contacted various people but nothing has been done. He has been told the blockage is in a manhole 35 metres from his house. Clerk to write to United Utilities.

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	Ray Scully – 4 Brookfield, Major work will begin the 3 rd week in July at the Village Hall to put in the disabled toilet facilities. The main hall will be out of action.			
12.	Planning Application			
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	<u>Applications</u>			
a.				
	Ref. No.	Address	Proposal	Comments
	05/00473/FUL	Westview, Bluestone Lane	Erection of single storey rear extension	No objection
	05/00530/FUL	SS.Peter & Pauls RC Primary School, Ridley Lane	Erection of two single storey extensions to side and rear of school	No objection
	05/00500/FUL	The Old Rectory, High Street	Construction of tennis court and associated walls, fences and other works.	Objection to siting of tennis court and associated walls too close to Church and the graveyard.
	05/00448/FUL	Reynolds Farm, Ridley Lane	Free standing three car garage & studio	No objection
	05/00446/FUL	Hillview, Bradshaw Lane	Two storey side & rear extension	No objection
b.	<u>Decisions</u> The Clerk then read out various planning decisions			
c.	<u>Planning Appeals</u> None			
14.	<u>Any other business</u> Cllr Pauline Collins explained Bert Hughes had been paying for the flowers for the blue tubs himself. It was proposed and accepted that the Parish Council reimburse him the £20.00 he had spent. Cllr Frank Culshaw stated the Mawdesley sign was almost ready, it just needed painting. Cllr Frank Culshaw explained planning permission had been given to the mansion on Salt Pit Lane. Chairman Grahame Greene voiced his concern about the Planning Department at Chorley Borough Council. A lot of the staff had left and now there was no consistency with decisions as no one really had an overview or history of the area. Generally there was a loss confidence in the Planning Dept. He proposed the Parish Council wrote to Chorley Borough Council with a list of concerns. Cllr Jill Cavan explained she had read in the Chorley Guardian that the wardens would be targeting trouble hotspots in the Summer. Would this mean we would have less visits and general assistance from the wardens. She urged the public to report any problems, incidences, etc so that the wardens would not neglect us. Cllr Jill Cavan asked if we could improve the village map outside the Post Office as John Poole's request. This would be put forward to next month's agenda. Chairman Grahame Green stated under grounding of the cables in Gorse Lane will begin end of June/ beginning of July. He also asked if any of the Councillors wanted a sign on the Parish Council Noticeboards saying they were for Parish Council business and associated village charity events only. The other councillors rejected this idea. Maureen Barker – 41 Hurst Green. The footpath near the sheltered housing to the Millennium Green is very overgrown. Clerk to write to Chorley Borough Council to attend to the overgrowth on the path and associated areas.			
15	<u>New Street Culvert (open session)</u>			
a.	Vice Chairman Ian Paterson thanked all those who attended the meeting on 1 June 2005 and thanked Gordon Bankes for his minutes. He asked various amendments be made to the minutes to reflect a more accurate account of what was said at the meeting. He stated the action he proposed would avoid a hike in the precept to the householders in the village of approximately £55 for the year per household. Chairman Grahame Green explained the Parish Council had acted swiftly in cleaning the debris from the culvert and looking for cause. They have commissioned a report and can act on it but they cannot guarantee another flood will not happen.			

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	<p>Brian Gormley, New Street stated he had read the report and nothing takes account of the flash flood conditions. This problem had not been addressed.</p> <p>Cllr Frank Culshaw explained that those conditions are very rare and difficult to legislate for.</p> <p>Chairman Grahame Greene said Jean Parker would not consider any work on manhole C in her garden until she knew how it would affect the rest of the drainage in her garden.</p> <p>Ray Scully – 4 Brookfield suggested the Parish Council should seek to pass the culvert problem onto a higher government tier, some one with more expert knowledge and legal clout. The problem now needs handling by professionals from Chorley Borough Council and Lancashire County Council.</p> <p>Vice Chairman Ian Paterson stated this was the view shared by everyone.</p> <p>Chairman Grahame Green had consulted a tree officer from Chorley Borough Council and asked them to produce a report on the trees in the playground. His opinion briefly was that the conifers should not pose a problem as they were shallow rooted. The Alder may need cutting down. One Ash on the Hurst Green side is no problem. The small samplings pose no problem. There are trees in residents’ gardens. If the report stated any of these trees posed a problem the residents would have to be informed. The Parish Council had already agreed to remove some trees in the playground progressively.</p>																																																
15 b.	<p><u>New Street Culvert (closed session)</u></p> <p>The Parish Council proposed and agreed to accept the following:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt the Carr Faulkner report. 2. Institute 6 monthly CCTV inspections for an initial period of 2 years and review their findings to take appropriate repair work where necessary. Assuming that this inspection should cover the entire length of the culvert, all riparian owners should contribute to the cost in proportion to their responsibilities. After the two year period the Parish Council will review the interval between inspections. 3. Inform Jean Parker about the concerns in both reports on the conditional of the manhole on her property. The Parish Council cannot act on manhole in her garden. They can advice her and may be in a position to offer some financial assistance. 4. Seek expert advice as to the threat posed by adjacent trees to the pipe beneath the playground area and take any action recommended. 5. It is likely that some repair work will be necessary in the fullness of time - not just for the section of pipe falling under the Parish Council’s responsibility. It cannot be estimated what the extent of this may be. The Parish Council should explore with Borough and County Councils the feasibility of the entire pipeline being replaced at no cost to the Mawdesley residents either directly or via the Precept. <p>The Parish Council will write to the Chief Executive of Chorley Borough Council regarding the culvert problem. They will also seek expert assistance from Lancashire County Council and Chorley Borough Council.</p> <p>Clerk to write to Jean Parker, Brookfield. Quotes to be obtained re the CCTV.</p>																																																
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	<p>The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm</p>																																																

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