

MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held 11th May 2005

The Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 11th May 2005 at
Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

	<p><u>Present</u> Councillors Pauline Collins, James Halsall, Grahame Green, Frank Culshaw, Jill Cavan, David Rawcliffe, Ian Paterson, Clerk - Gurby Woods, 15 members of the public and a member of the press. 2 Community Wardens joined the meeting at 8.15pm</p>
	<p><u>Apologies</u> None</p>
	<p>Election of the Chairman Nominations were requested for the position for the Chairman. Ian Paterson and Jill Cavan nominated Councillor Grahame Green. There were no other nominations – Councillor Grahame Green was duly elected and took the Chair. Election of Vice-Chairman Nominations were requested for the position of Vice Chairman. Chairman Grahame Greene proposed Ian Paterson and this was seconded by Councillor James Halsall. There were no other nominations. Councillor Ian Paterson was elected Vice Chairman. Election of Charity Trustees Peter Lathom – Councillor Pauline Collins and Diane Hepplestone (until term of office expires). Dr Layfield Charity – Councillor James Halsall Election of Representatives Mawdesley Village Hall – Councillor David Rawcliffe LAPTC – Vice Chairman Ian Paterson and Councillor Pauline Collins Best Kept Village Competition – Councillor Pauline Collins Press Officer/Police Liaison Officer – Councillor James Halsall</p> <p>The business of the AGM then concluded The normal monthly meeting of the Parish Council the proceeded.</p>
1.	<p><u>Present and Apologies</u> As for the AGM</p>
2.	<p>Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th May 2005 were proposed and accepted as a true record</p>
3.	<p><u>Matters arising therefrom</u> Work on the footpath near the playground has been delayed again by the contractor. Other urgent work has taken precedent. Still hoping to get the work done soon. The 347 bus service is to be reviewed in June. Not running at present except twice on a Tuesday.</p>
4.	<p><u>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</u></p> <p>Road safety and Traffic - The effect of the speed monitor trailer was reviewed. It is considered effective. It will be used again as we have been informed it is at our disposal.</p> <p>Building and planning Nothing to report</p> <p>Environment The four guided works have been done and were successful. They were very popular. Awaiting report from the tree survey before they can proceed further</p> <p>Village Services There will be an open meeting on 23rd June 2005. A representative from Community Cars will be present. They would like to discuss how they could be effective in the village.</p> <p>Policing The policing committee is on hold. The village policeman is ill. The surgeries have been cancelled. Hoping to hold them late June. There have no newsletters and there has been no crime. Several car accidents (unreported), five in Bluestone Lane.</p> <p>Business Nothing to report</p>
5.	<p><u>Parish Inspection</u> Parish Inspection to take place first Wednesday in June.</p>

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6.	<p><u>Culvert New Street</u> The culvert to be discussed and minuted at a meeting on Wednesday 18th May 2005, 8.00pm at the Village Hall. This will give all concerned a chance to look at both reports.</p>
7.	<p><u>Hall Lane</u> Flooding possibly caused by stream wall eroding. To be discussed at the next meeting. Clerk to Contact Lindsay Hoyle MP.</p>
8.	<p><u>Bus Shelter</u> Chairman Grahame Green said Canon Gordon had informed there was a stream of wagons parked outside the shop. It would be impossible to stop a bus at the proposed site of the bus shelter. May be more suitable on the opposite side of the road. Councillor Pauline Collins informed the meeting the Engineer found the opposite side of the road unsuitable for a bus shelter. Councillors Jill Cavan and Pauline Collins wrote to residents living near the proposed site of the bus shelter to get their views, but to date have had no replies. Vice Chairman Ian Paterson stated along with the cost of putting up a bus shelter would be the cost of maintaining it. Councillor Pauline Collins stated the funding for the building of the bus shelter would be covered by Lancashire County Council, Mawdesley Parish Council would be responsible for its maintenance. It was proposed the bus shelter should be deferred indefinitely. The proposal was rejected. It was decided the matter would be discussed at the next Parish meeting. Councillor Pauline Collins said if the bus shelter were deferred indefinitely the Parish would go to the bottom of the list of rural villages applying for a grant, whereas at the moment we are near the top.</p>
9.	<p><u>Community Cars</u> There will be a meeting on 23rd June. Details discussed earlier.</p>
10.	<p><u>Playground</u> Councillor Jill Cavan informed the meeting there were nettles at the side of the play area. Was it in grass cutters contract to cut it back? The playground sign has been broken. It will be repaired and put back in place in due course. Sycamore Landscapes have given a quote for the planting of seeded grass and laurel hedge. To be put forward for discussion at the next Parish Meeting.</p>
11.	<p><u>Insurance</u> An inspection of the play area is required before the Insurance company will insure it.</p>
12.	<p><u>Parish Council Noticeboards</u> Councillor Pauline Collins stated that the minutes of the Parish meeting should go on the noticeboards, but there does not seem to be enough space. Maybe there should be a glass fronted lockable one or maybe another noticeboard for other people to use. Clerk to get a quote for an additional new noticeboard. Also to seek permission from the post office to place it outside there. To be discussed at the next Parish meeting.</p>
13.	<p><u>Defra & Calor Gas Community Life Competition</u> Councillor Jill Cavan stated she thought this was more suited to towns with a more transient population.</p>
14.	<p><u>Retirement Gratuity</u> Councillor David Rawcliffe explained the guidelines for this is 3/80th of annual salary for each year's service. Vice Chairman Ian Paterson made this to be £236.25 approximately. It was proposed and accepted to follow the LAPTC guidelines.</p>
15.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> Various items of correspondence was read out and distributed.</p>
16.	<p><u>Open Forum</u> Ray Scully- Brookfield. Horses and chariots were racing around the village on Bank Holiday Monday. They parked outside the village hall and had blocked off Hurst Green. This would have caused a problem for the emergency services. They caused congestion in the village and a danger. Steve Marshall – Bluestone Lane. He believed drink played apart in the day's activities. Why were the police not interested? . Roger Errington- 30 New Street. Regarding the Bus Shelter, had anyone given Adshell any thought.</p>

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<p>Betty Crook – 44 Tarnbeck Drive. She had received an invitation to a meeting by Chorley Borough Council on renewable energy. Where were they planning to site it? Councillor Frank Culshaw replied there were various sources of renewable energy and went through them, e.g. windmills sited at Anglers Ark. Bert Hughes - Smithy Lane Has anyone noticed the new sign “Welcome to Chorley” with Mawdesley underneath. Looks very good. Workmen have been working in School Lane, the road was closed for a while. Maureen Barker – 71 Hurst Green. The shelter in the millennium green was repaired but it has been set alight again possibly using a portable barbecue. Chairman Grahame Green replied the Community Wardens would deal with this matter. Community Wardens joined the meeting at 8.15pm Chairman Grahame Green asked the Wardens when they covered the village. The Wardens replied they covered the whole of the Borough. They tried to come to Mawdesley at least once per shift. Vice Chairman Ian Paterson asked what time they came to Mawdesley. The Wardens replied sometimes in the evening, but generally try to fit it in when they can. They cover things like crime and dog fouling. They can be contacted on 01257 515647 if they are required. Ray Scully – Brookfield asked if they responded to demand or had a fixed rota of walks. The Wardens replied they used their own initiative, usually targeting known trouble spots. Ray Scully replied Mawdesley tends to be forgotten because it doesn't have a lot of problems. The Wardens replied they try to do as much as they can and their presence is helpful to the community. Bert Hughes – Smithy Lane. Has there been any progress on the damaged Mawdesley sign? Chairman Grahame Green replied they know it was a dark blue Vauxhall Astra, “L” registered. It would have damage to its front side. If anyone knows anything they can contact the police. The incident number is 2965Q 21/04. The Chairman stated unless we report a problem e.g. incident, small theft or accident we would not get help. Councillor James Halsall replied he believed the five accidents in Bluestone Lane were unreported. Chairman Grahame Green replied they were probably caused by speeding on Bluestone Lane. Councillor Frank Culshaw stated the police do not want to know about accidents unless someone is injured. Chairman Grahame Green asked if there were any problems with refuse collection. It was generally thought the collection was unsatisfactory as the bins were all collected together and left for people to find their own bins. The bags were getting blown about on windy days. Generally there was no problem with fortnightly recycling at present. Councillor Pauline Collins explained a resident had complained about parking on Hurst Green. A van was parked on the footpath causing a blind spot on the bend. Maureen Barker - 41 Hurst Green replied it was an ambulance and it was parked on their car park last week. Has the flooding on Jaybank been reported? Chairman Grahame Green replied it had been.</p>				
17.	<u>Planning</u>			
a.	<u>Applications</u>			
	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>Comments</u>
	05/00350/FUL	Plot of land between Willowfield & Firtrees, Bluestone Lane.	Office Building and associated access and parking	Opposed on grounds that it is green belt land and inappropriate to surroundings.
b.	<u>Decisions</u>			
	The Clerk then read out various planning decisions.			
c.	<u>Planning Appeals</u>			
	None			
18.	<u>A.O.</u>			
	Councillor Pauline Collins – She would like to thank John Singleton for the Fuchsias he donated for the Summer baskets. Councillor Pauline Collins explained the judging for the Best Kept Village Competition will begin on 1 st June,			

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	<p>so an extra effort needed to keep the village looking tidy. Vice Chairman Ian Paterson explained the Rural Cultural Enterprise is to carry on the work of the Green Centre. They have applied for a grant for £60,000 over the next three years. It goes to panel on 25th May 2005. Representatives of various parishes including Mawdesley are putting forward a proposal that it should get charitable status. Councillor James Halsall. The parking on the footpath on Blackmoor Road has been reported. It nearly caused an accident. The parking was reduced to about four cars but now the local police is not present parking has again increased to 14 to 18 cars. Clerk to write to the Highways Department. Councillor James Halsall explained the Dr Layfield Charity raises £8000 at present to help the people of Mawdesley. It gave away £1000 last month. If anyone knows of anyone in the village struggling they should have a word with him in confidence. He may be in a position to help them. Chairman Grahame Green – There was a problem with one of the village footpaths. It has an electric fence in close proximity. He would like anyone to report any problems with footpaths e.g. electric fences, barbed wire, etc., so he can compile a report. Also there is a hole in the road on the Mawdesley side of the level crossing at Rufford Station. It has been reported but it is the property of Network Rail. Clerk to write to Network Rail.</p>			
19.	<u>Accounts for Payment</u>			
	<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>
	000686	Mawdesley Brownies	Refund of Rent	122.83
	000687	Inland Revenue	Tax due March/April	113.44
	000688	Bert Hughes	Village Caretaker	125.68
	000689	G Woods	Clerk Salary	202.22
	000690	Allianz Cornhill Engineers	Playground	247.73
	000693	G Woods	Stationery	31.68
	000694	The Green Centre	Photocopying	40.00
	The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm			

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