

MINUTES OF MAWDESLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13th April 2005 at Mawdesley Village Hall at 7.30pm

	<p>Present</p> <p>Chairman David Rawcliffe, Vice Chairman Grahame Green, Councillors James Halsall, Pauline Collins, Ian Paterson, Frank Culshaw, Jill Cavan Clerk - Gurby Woods, Deputy Clerk - Cath Brodie, PC Martyn Smith and 13 members of the public.</p>
2.	<p>Apologies</p> <p>None</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of last Meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting, held on 9th March 2005 were proposed and accepted as a true record.</p>
4.	<p>Matters arising therefrom</p> <p>Work on the footpath near the playground has been delayed. It is expected to be carried out later this month. Nothing has been finalised regarding the general tidy up of the ply area.</p> <p>Work on the War Memorial is complete. The Parish Council will apply for funding from the local authority to recoup the cost..</p> <p>Today's Champion newspaper stated the 347 bus service will be reduced as Lancashire County Council will be withdrawing funding. Re-tending will take place in mid-June.</p> <p>Cllr Jill Cavan stated Chorley Guardian will be running an article about the difficulties people will face if the bus service is narrowed. If people contact them it may help fight for the bus service. The County Council are prepared to provide 80% of the funding if revenue can produce the remaining cost of 20%. Clerk to send letter.</p> <p>It was noted in the minutes of the last meeting Mr Gilverary of Brookfield was wrongly stated "Asking if the Council was evading its responsibility."</p>
5.	<p>Parish Plan – reports from sub-meetings</p> <p>Road safety and Traffic</p> <p>The week before Easter mobile speed monitors slowed down the speed at which people were driving through the village. It has been requested we use the mobile speed monitors again. The intention of these speed monitors is to persuade people to drive at the speed limit or below. The Parish Council have tried to get the speed limit in the village centre reduced from 30mph to 20mph, but this is not realistic due to Lancashire County Council policy. If speed limits are reduced on the outskirts of the village, it will reduce the speed as people enter the village.</p> <p>Building and planning meeting Nothing to report.</p> <p>Environment</p> <p>Two of the four guided walks have taken place. They were guided by John Lamb and were both informative and enjoyable. There will be two more walks, on 23 April and 30 April. The walk on 23 April will begin at 9.45. There will be another meeting of the committee on 9 May 2005.</p> <p>Village Services</p> <p>There was a meeting at the end of March. People expressed an interest in having more evening classes. Only three people actually showed an interest and that was in the gardening club. Speakers may be invited to future meetings.</p> <p>The Village Luncheon Club has closed due to failing use. There was no-one available to provide the service of a cook.</p> <p>Community Cars will be giving a talk at the next meeting.</p> <p>Policing</p> <p>Nil crime in Mawdesley.</p> <p>PC Martyn Smith will shortly be announcing two dates, one for a property marking system and another for a police surgery.</p> <p>Business – nothing to report.</p>
6.	<p>Bus Shelter</p> <p>Cllr Pauline Collins met with an Lancashire County Council Representative and an engineer. There is room only for a basic bus shelter. This would be outside Londis. Shelters have to be lit and they have to be maintained by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Residents will have to be consulted regarding the bus shelter. Will be discussed at next Parish Council meeting.</p>
8.	<p>New Street Culvert</p> <p>A quote of £350+VAT has been received from Carr Faulkner Associates to look at existing CCTV video and make recommendations. This has been accepted. Clerk to send letter.</p> <p>It is hoped the report will be ready for the next meeting.. The report will be a public document. It will be available at the next meeting and not before.</p>

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9.	Grass Cutting The grass has been cut. They have done a good job. A bill has been received for the first month.								
10.	Insurance Cllr Jill Cavan is in correspondence with the insurance company								
11.	Playground Proposal to get some seeded grass and Laurel planted. Proposed and accepted. Clerk to contact Sycamore Landscape for quote.								
12.	Caretakers Annual Increase in Salary Caretakers annual increase in salary will be at 3%. Proposed and accepted.								
13.	Changes to Bank signatories Proposed and accepted..								
14.	Defra and Calor Gas Building Community Life Competition To be discussed at next Parish council meeting								
15.	Correspondence Various items of correspondence were read out and distributed								
16.	Open Forum Roger Errington- 30 New St. Has consideration been given to Adshell who look after bus shelters with no extra cost to the Parish. Culvert – Mr Errington wrote on 7 February 2005. He talked about going with a professional. They have a professional surveyor looking at the entire culvert. Is the Parish surveyor to be asked the same questions they are asking. Vice-Chairman Grahame Green replied the Parish surveyor will be asked to assess the flood risk, condition of the pipe and about maintenance. Roger Errington – 30 New St. When will he receive a reply to his last letter. Cllr Jill Cavan stated a reply has not been sent as we can not make unsupported statements. Roger Errington – 30 New St. Given that the tree rooting caused the biggest problem with the culvert, can he be assured only shallow rooted trees be used in the play area. Vice-Chairman Grahame Green stated only hedges will be planted and these are shallow rooted. Canon Gordon – School House, Hurst Green. If someone fails to respond to a letter an acknowledgement is common courtesy. Chairman David Rawcliffe explained an acknowledgement had been sent. James Sexton -31 Hurst Green The dog fouling problem has not been rectified. He has not seen any dog wardens. Vice Chairman Grahame Greene explained the dog wardens do not turn up on spec. If someone telephones them and ask them to help they will turn up. James Sexton The water is still leaking from the fire hydrant opposite 34 Hurst Green. James Sexton. He believes the post office have a target for delivering the mail by 12 noon. He has been receiving his post as late as 3.50pm Clerk to write to the post office, with copy of the letter to Rural Transfer Advisor. James Sexton The bag for plastic and tin recycling is unsuitable. Chairman David Rawcliffe. The situation will be monitored. Ray Scully – Brookfield. Bus shelters and seats can be problematic if their location is wrong. It can cause unpleasantness for the residents. Cannon Gordon – School House, Hurst Green. Asked if the location of the bus shelter would be better outside the Red Lion. Vice-Chairman Grahame Green stated the bus shelter could not be located there as it is private land. Ruth Marsh – 44 New Street. Stated there were so many horses on the road and some of the riders riding two abreast. Can anything be done. PC Martyn Smith replied as the law stands the horses have right of way.								
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05/00303/FUL	Blackmoor Farm Barn, Blackmoor Road,	Erection of conservatory to the rear	No objection
05/00306/FUL	The Old School House, Hurst Green	First floor side extension	No objection
05/00318/FUL	57 Gorsey Lane	Erection of single storey rear extension and conservatory to side	No objection
05/00329/FUL	31 Hurst Green	Erection of front porch	No objection
05/00334/FUL	Briarcroft, Bradshaw Lane	Raising of roof height to form first floor bedroom	No objection
05/00201/FUL	The Brookery, Bradshaw Lane	Erection of conservatory to side	No objection

b. Planning decisions

The Clerk then read out various planning decisions.

c. Planning appeals

None

14. A.O.B

Cllr James Halsall asked if the Parish Council had a policy regarding travellers. Chairman David Rawcliffe replied there was no definitive policy. They will follow government guidelines. Cllr Ian Paterson noted that there was to be a change in refuse collection. Collection of household waste and recyclable waste would be once a fortnight on alternate weeks. Cllr James Halsall stated there had been a problem with parking on the pavement outside Blackmoor Garage. This was now in the hands of the Policing Authority. Vice-Chairman Grahame Green stated help was needed to run Rainbows. Also that the Parish Council was not to buy any caretaker equipment as it was supplied by Chorley Borough Council. The undergrounding of cables on Gorsey Lane would be done this financial year. Undergrounding plans for Bradshaw Lane are being made, but the work will not be carried out this year. Cllr Jill Cavan asked if a grant of £200 for Brownies had been agreed. The deputy clerk confirmed this. It was agreed by means of payment of the rent for the village hall. Chairman David Rawcliffe – The hedges are overhanging on Meadow Lane. Also the edges need building up. Clerk to sent letter.

14. Accounts for Payment

<u>Chq No.</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>£</u>

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm

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