

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 21 March 2005 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30 pm the following were present:

Councillors Mr W Lloyd (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr C Taylor, Mr J Clinch, Mrs J Burton, Mrs A Rees, Mr D Thompson. Also present was PC Hackney.

There were no apologies for absence.

## OPEN FORUM

The Chairman reported that the Clerk has been successful in obtaining her AQA Qualifications in Local Council Administration.

The following issues were raised by the public present: - There is a major problem with rodents since the re-development has commenced at the Lassell House site. The Council will inform West Lancs DC that this is a direct result of the planning approval granted for this site, a problem which should have been foreseen and addressed prior to re-development commencing.

- Parking problems near the clothes bank, Robin Hood Lane, Dangerous Corner were again reported. Cars from a second car sales dealer, operating without planning permission, are parking on the grass verge, obstructing site-lines, parking without road tax and causing problems on Robin Hood Lane. LCC will be asked to clarify with PC Hackney that this verge is part of the highway.
- The holly bush at Tunley Lane has been cut back and PC Hackney has responded to parking issues raised in this area and has requested that people contact him directly on obstruction issues.
- The question of a zebra crossing on Mossy Lea Road was raised. This could be included in a School Travel Plan should one be drawn up for Mossy Lea Road.

## 110. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21 February 2005 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 111. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Recycling – Councillor Mrs Rees reported that she had been contacted by the District Council in relation to recycling matters and has now been issued with a bottle box.

**112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interest they may have to disclose in relation to matters under discussion at the Meeting – Councillor Thompson declared an interest in Planning Matters by virtue of his involvement with the West Lancs DC Planning Committee – Councillor Mrs Burton declared in interest in planning application 8/2005/0218 – Neither Councillor took part in the discussions or voting on the aforementioned issues.

113. **ACCOUNTS** To receive the following list of accounts:

For Payment:

Standish Print	Copying & Stationery	£10.32
United Utilities	Wastewater charges ABVH	£65.84
Fire Eqpt Services	Servicing and Replacing Extinguishers MLVH	£86.41
I. H. T	Traffic Calming Techniques – Purchase of Book	£52.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary Net of Tax & NI	£394.73
Inland Revenue	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£33.88
Inland Revenue	NI due by Parish Council	£4.30
Mrs C A Cross	Mileage	£152.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse 50% cost of Tel. Line Rental for this year	£75.50
West Lancs DC	Non-domestic rates ABVH	£202.39

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United Utilities	Wastewater Charges MLVH	£134.59
D/D Powergen	Electricity at MLVH	£97.86
Receipts:		
West Lancs DC	Capital Bid 2004/05 – chair/tables MLVH	£1200.00

**114. PLANNING** To discuss the following planning applications:

- 8/2005/0218 Erection of 5 stables and ancillary storage areas. Extended access track and parking area. Hesketh House Farm, Toogood Lane, Wrightington.  
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 8/2005/0241 Two storey extension and conservatory to front. Two storey and single storey extension to side. Dormer extension to rear. Bay window extensions to side and rear. Onchan, Hall Lane, Wrightington.  
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 8/2005/0273 Two storey and single storey rear extension. Wakefield House Farm, Carr House Lane, Wrightington.  
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 8/2005/0275 Two storey side extension. Canopy to front. 76 Glenside, Wrightington.  
NO OBJECTIONS.

**115. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items to be reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 Attached

- e) Highmoor Lane is still considered to be one of the most dangerous roads in the Parish, it is an access to the footpath route for casual and serious walkers, for runners using Hunters Hill and horse-riders accessing the bridlepath at the top of Harrock Hill. The areas of black ice, the issue of the adverse camber of the road and inadequate signage go together to create dangerous driving conditions.
- f) The Council feel that the litter pick on Courage Low Lane was very badly completed.
- j) Question the daily rate for use of MLVH on polling day. Suggested that the rate be increased to the normal hourly rate for external users ie. £7.50 per hour.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- t) Request for possible nominations for the West Lancashire Design Awards 2005.
- u) Information on funding advice from the CVS  
RESOLVED: The Council will invite someone to attend to discuss this matter in more detail.
- v) Response to highway matters reported to LCC.  
The Council will point out that the work is still incomplete.
- w) Response to issues raised relating to recycling services  
It was reported that there is no continuity whatsoever in collection dates.
- x) Consultation – Introduction to the review of the Code of Conduct for Members  
The Council believe that the majority of their business is currently conducted as per the code of conduct.
- y) Letter from the Green Centre – Re: Green Centre Sustainability  
The Council discussed the legalities of the request for funding and a possible one off donation under s137 of the LGA. The Council did feel they were helpful with the Parish Plan and have gone on to produce an Action Plan. RESOLVED: The Council will write a letter of support to assist the Green Centre with their funding application however, they cannot offer any financial support this year or next year. The Council agreed that they will pay for any services they obtain from the Green Centre.

z) Confirmation of the success of the Capital Bid from West Lancs DC – and action required  
Reported successful application for windows, doors, fascias, gutters and downspouts at MLVH.

aa) Report on any information received relating to problems at Mossfields  
The Council are disappointed that there has still been no action to date.

bb) Request for Council to display notices relating to the forthcoming Housing Survey.

cc) Invitation from Chairman and Consort WLDC for rep. to attend “At Home” on Thursday 21 April  
2005, 7:30 pm, Civic Hall, Southport Road, Ormskirk.  
No-one can attend at the moment however, Councillor Clinch will check his diary.

dd) Notification of temporary closure of Stoney Lane, Wrightington, due to tree works.

ee) Further information regarding the position of Trustee on the Richard Durning’s School Charity.  
RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Rees agreed to be the Parish Council representative on the Charity.

ff) Copy Traffic Survey results for Mossy Lea Road, undertaken November 2003.

gg) The Clerk reported wording contained West Lancs DC documents indicating that Ms Carolyn  
Evans would be a Wrightington Parish Councillor after Christmas and she was subsequently co-  
opted onto the Committee in question.  
RESOLVED: The Council to query accuracy and legality of documentation in question as, Ms Evans has  
never been, and is not likely to be, a Wrightington Parish Councillor in the near future.

hh) The Clerk reported a Consultation Document from Chorley BC re: creation of an off road  
motorcycle track at Coppull.  
It is obvious that noise generated from this facility will have an adverse impact on the residents of  
Wrightington. The fact it is adjacent to the motorway will not mask the noise. Phase 2, involving go-  
karts will create a further noise. The vast increase in the volume of traffic coming from and through  
neighbouring Parishes was also cause for concern. RESOLVED: The Council object to the proposals on  
the grounds of noise pollution having a detrimental effect on the lives of residents of a rural Parish  
together with the highway safety implications of off-road motorcycles accessing the site and the increase  
in the volumes of traffic from users, visitors and spectators.

## **116. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS**

Re: Annual Conference 10-12 June, Park Hall – NALC Annual Conference & Exhibition, 23-25  
Sept, Eastbourne Winter Gardens – Copy Streets Ahead – RESOLVED: All items noted.

**117. STANDING ORDERS** – Councillor Lloyd requested Standing Orders be amended to prevent  
meetings extending beyond 10:00 pm following a comment made at the previous meeting.  
Councillors did not agree to this. RESOLVED: Standing Orders remain unchanged.

**118. PARISH PLAN** – update and progress following receipt of action plan – Councillor Lloyd has  
met with reps. from the Green Centre and enquired whether the Parish Council wished to discuss  
the action plan drawn up or whether the Parish Plan Steering Committee should look at this.  
RESOLVED: That the Steering Committee deal with this and report back to the Council.

## **119. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA - Follow up discussion re: Pre-school – The Council cannot subsidise a private  
commercial operation. The Council agreed that the situation could change dramatically in September as  
following recent changes, membership has already increased. RESOLVED: The situation will remain  
unchanged and the Council will reconsider this when the back rent is paid up-to-date. Follow up action

on windows/doors/gutters etc – Now that the Parish Council bid has been successful Councillor Taylor will liaise with the Clerk to progress this issue.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Painting, Notice Board, Lights, Gutters, Notices for inside the VH, windows etc – 3 quotations for painting were reported as follows: Mr Monks £1,780.00; Mr Hutchinson £1,150.00; Mr Melling £1,000.00. RESOLVED: That following the principles of Best Value the Council will award this contract to Mr Melling £1,000.00. Details of when this can commence must be discussed in the light of village hall use. Following discussion relating to stains on the carpet in the small meeting room and the possible dangers of allowing children into the kitchen it was RESOLVED: Notices will be placed on the respective doors informing users of the rules of use for these rooms.

## **120. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- The bench near the Rigby Arms requires attention RESOLVED: Hilddale PC will be informed.

## **121. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 April 2005 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

That Minutes 110 to 121 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 April 2005.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:55 pm

Chairman

Date:

### **REPORT 1**

- a) Planning permission granted for first floor side extension. 81 Glenside, Appley Bridge
- b) Planning application for change of use of nursing home into single private dwelling and erection of detached double garage and store, Lindsay House, Hall Lane, Wrightington – Withdrawn.
- c) Appeal has been made against WLDC refusal of permission for retention of conservatory at rear. High Moor Lodge, High Moor Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Letter of thanks for your donation to West Lancs. Crossroads Caring for Carers.
- e) Info. From PC Hackney stating – LCC highways maintenance are looking at camber on High Moor Lane and additional signing here is difficult because the road is derestricted therefore it is up to individual drivers to exercise due care and attention to speed and local conditions.
- f) Confirmation litter picks at Courage Low Lne, Broadhurst Lne and Mill Lne on 4-5 March 2005.
- g) Copy Ecclestone Community Environment Trust Agenda, Project updates and Minutes.
- h) Notification of application for transfer of licence at the Dicconson Arms on 1 April 2005.
- i) Notification of application for transfer of licence at the Waters Edge, on 1 April 2005.
- j) Notification of booking of MLVH for County Council Elections – 5 May 2005.
- k) Dates for future Parish Council Joint Liaison Meetings: 2/6/05, 22/9/05, 8/12/05, 2/3/06.
- l) Invitation to attend Planning and Building Control Customer Focus Group 9/3/05 – no-one able to
- m) Invitation to attend Housing Strategy Conference 2005 17/3/05 – no-one able to attend
- n) Copy of the Local Development Scheme, for information from West Lancs DC.
- o) Prior notification that DCA, an independent housing research consultancy, has been commissioned by WLDC to undertake a housing needs survey, by a postal survey of 11,500 of the households in the District w/c 29 March 2005 – asking for your support in promoting the survey.
- p) Notification of National Science Week – 11-20 March 2005.
- q) Copy CPRE publications - Countryside Voice, Countrywise, Fieldwork + Notification of AGM
- r) Copy Open Spaces
- s) Copy of the Beacon Newsletter
- ss) Copy of a letter received by Councillor Thompson confirming that Mossy Lea Road and Dubb Lane have been cleaned.