

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 October 2004 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm the following were present:

Councillors Mr W Lloyd (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr J Clinch, Mr C Taylor, Mr D Thompson, Mrs A Rees and Mr I Young.

## OPEN FORUM

As there were no members of the public present, there was nothing to discuss in Open Forum.

### 54. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20 September had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### 55. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

### 56. ACCOUNTS To receive the following list of accounts:

Standish Print	Copying & Stationery	£33.32
West Lancs DC	Rent for ABVH	£1.00
British Gas	Gas used at ABVH	£72.75
Autocross	Bus Shelter Appley Lane North	£3621.35
Viking Direct	Balance on Tables for MLVH	£877.19
HLB AV Audit	Audit Fee for Financial Year ending 31/3/04	£141.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary Net of Tax & NI	£390.20
Inland Revenue	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£38.41
Inland Revenue	NI contributions payable by Employer	£3.70
Powergen	Electricity Charges ABVH	£16.46
Petty Cash		£25.00
D/D – to Open Spaces Society – Annual Subscriptions		£30.00

RESOLVED: That payment of the above accounts be approved.

### 57. PLANNING The following planning applications were discussed and the Council RESOLVED to comment as follows:

8/2004/1253 Change of use of residential care home to dwellinghouse  
122 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.  
NO OBJECTIONS.

8/2004/1289 Redevelopment of land for mixed use of employment and residential incorporating the erection of industrial units with associated car parking. Erection of 65 dwellings and garages, new access roads and provision of public open space.  
Conway Commercial Trailers Ltd, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge.  
NO OBJECTIONS IN PRINCIPLE HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL HAS MAJOR CONCERNS AND RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THIS AREA, TO COPE WITH THE OBVIOUS INCREASE IN VEHICULAR MOVEMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INDUSTRIAL, AND ADDITIONAL HOUSING, DEVELOPMENTS. A SCHEME TO WIDEN SKULL HOUSE LANE AND UPGRADING OF THE JUNCTION AT APPLEY LANE NORTH COULD HELP TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE HIGHWAY SAFETY ISSUES RAISED.

- 8/2004/1291 Erection of grain storage building accommodating grain dryer. South Tunley Hall Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.  
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 8/2004/1319 Two storey side extension including first floor rear balcony, extension to existing former dormer; first floor and single storey rear extension. 386 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.  
NO OBJECTIONS PROVIDED ANY INCREASE IN SURFACE WATER RESULTING FROM THESE PROPOSALS IS ADEQUATELY DEALT WITH AND, THAT THE LONG TERM FLOODING AND DRAINAGE PROBLEMS AT THIS PROPERTY ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY PLANNING OFFICERS AND ARE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE APPLICANTS.

## 58. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

- a) Planning permission refused for erection of grain storage building accommodating grain dryer. South Tunley Hall Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Planning permission granted for erection of single storey modular type building and link corridor to provide offices and medical records storage. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Appley Bridge.
- c) Planning permission granted for demolition of workshop/stores and erection of replacement building for marble storage and cutting. Finchs Stone & Marble, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge.
- d) Planning permission granted for retention of raised ground levels and associated retaining walls (1.0m-1.3m high), erection of 1.8m high fence on top of the retaining wall and provision of a vehicle turning area. Plots 11,13 and 14, land off Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- e) Planning permission granted for construction of vehicular access. 5 Mossfields, Wrightington. The Council are concerned about the long term implications of allowing singular applications to be passed rather than giving serious consideration to a more detailed scheme, as suggested by the Parish Council, which would help alleviate the parking problems at Mossfields. The Council will make enquiries as to property ownership, whether the granting of planning permission also implies permission has been given by Housing, who own the land, and whether the applicant has bought the land or a right of use, whether this will occur again in the future and for justification for allowing parking in front of a different residents home. Disappointment was expressed at the non-activity of the District Councillors with regard to this application and the potential to use this as a means of approaching, and dealing with, long-term parking problems at Mossfields. District Councillors will be informed of this disappointment.
- f) Planning permission granted for provision of a walled balcony above existing rear extension. 167 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- g) Planning permission granted for erection of single storey temporary office accommodation. Ruberoid Building Products Ltd, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- h) Planning permission granted for part two storey/part single storey extension and conservatory at rear. 399 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- i) Planning permission Refused for incorporation of land into residential curtilage and erection of detached double garage/store. Hill House Cottage, Hill House Fold Lane, Wrightington. Some disappointment was expressed at this decision as it is now felt that the area in question will remain a mess whereas approval of the proposals would have prevented this.
- j) Planning permission Refused for detached car port/garden store. Highmoor Lodge, Broad Hey Lane, Wrightington.

k) Planning permission refused for erection of temporary marquee for a limited period each year. Wrightington Country Club and Hotel, Moss Lane, Wrightington.

l) Planning permission refused for change of use to offices. High Moor Lodge, High Moor Lane, Wrightington.

m) Notification of an Appeal against refusal of outline planning permission for 3 detached dwellings land between 383 Mossy Lea Road and 10 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.

The Clerk will enquire as to activity by United Utilities at the sub-station off Mossy Lea Road in the vicinity of Broadhurst Lane.

n) LCC have granted application to construct a control kiosk, erect fencing and some localised ground re-profiling, Mill Lane, Appley Bridge.

o) Information from DEFRA on a consultation called Clean Neighbourhoods, can be viewed at [www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/clean-neighbourhood/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/clean-neighbourhood/index.htm)

The Clerk reported that this is quite a lengthy document, to both view on-line and to download.

Councillors are of the opinion that consultation via the internet limits the extent of consultation to only those who have the facility, therefore the Council will request a hard copy.

p) Current information from Eccleston Community Environment Trust.

q) Current information from CVS on road safety.

r) Summary of Decision Document on the Review of Authorisations for British Nuclear Fuels Ltd.

s) Confirmation that Kim Webber, Assistant Chief Executive WLDC and Councillor Hodge will attend the Parish Council Meeting on 8 November but will only be available from 8.00pm.

The Chairman reported that he is unable to attend the November meeting and will therefore be handing the Chair to the Vice-Chairman.

t) Notification to Clerk and Chair of a Conference at County Hall in Preston "Making the Links" to raise awareness about services provided for Parish and Town Councils, 23 November 2004.

The Clerk reported that she will be attending this conference and the Chairman will endeavour to do so.

u) Notification of Code of Conduct Training Session on 24 November 2004 (Details and reply forms enclosed)

The Clerk will attend and hopes that some Councillors will also attend, as it is they who are governed by the Code of Conduct, not the Clerk.

v) Information from OPSTA relating to the replacement Local Transport Plans and their responses.

w) Information from WLDC relating to Standards Board Conference (copy enclosed)

x) Notification of changes to the co-ordination of the Parbold Community Car Scheme relating to the Booking Line transfer to the Green Centre, Eccleston.

The Clerk will request Posters to advertise the fact that this service is now also available to residents in Wrightington and other neighbouring Parishes.

y) Information relating to the making of TPO's following your enquiry.

The Clerk will supply all Councillors with this information.

z) Following Parish Council Joint Liaison Committee Meeting, information circulated.

Councillor Thompson attended this meeting and reported on the information circulated however, he also reported that attendance numbers at these meetings are very low.

aa) Response to planning issues raised in August.

The Clerk will request copies of the information referred to in the letter but, which has not been included. Together with this, the Clerk will ask for information, guidance or legislation applicable to large advertisements on lorries adjacent to major roads or motorways.

bb) Response to problems of flooding, Mossy Lea Road in the vicinity of the Village Hall.

Councillor Thompson explained the history behind the letters received by the Council.

cc) LCC response to parking problems Mossy Lea Road.

The Clerk will request a copy of injury accident statistics for this stretch of road from PC Hackney.

dd) Response to enquiry relating to 256 Mossy Lea Road.

The Clerk will forward a copy of this response to the person who reported this.

ee) Response to highway matters raised at the last meeting.

It was reported that there is no T-junction sign, warning triangle or road markings to indicate the left turn into Courage Low Lane when approaching from the Robin Hood Lane side.

ff) Review of Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.

Again this is a rather lengthy document to view and download on-line therefore, the Clerk will request a hard copy for consideration and comment by the Council.

gg) Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan for Lancashire, consultation.

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hh) Public consultation on Proposed Modifications to the Joint Lancashire Structure Plan and SPG Access and Parking.

A hard copy will be requested.

ii) Confirmation that public footpath issues are receiving attention and a response will be received in due course.

jj) Notification of the Stay Safe Day Event on Friday 29 October 2004, the Seniors Club, Moorgate, Ormskirk, 10.00-3.30 pm.

kk) Request for a copy of the Parish Plan from Mr B Lussey, to assist in the West Lancs Community Safety Partnership Crime and Disorder Audit

The Clerk will forward a copy of the Wrightington Parish Plan as requested.

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

Area Committee Meeting 21 October 2004, Council Chamber, Derby Street.

## **60. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – The Clerk reported that the new tables had been delivered and that the chairs are due for delivery at any time. Quotations for new white UPVC windows, doors, gutters, fascias and soffits have been obtained. Councillor Clinch felt that white was inappropriate and would therefore like to request revised quotations for brown (not woodgrain). The Clerk will endeavour to obtain these however, there is some uncertainty as to whether brown, rather than woodgrain, can be supplied by some contractors.

APPLEY BRIDGE – The Council agreed that the Dancing Class can erect mirrors in some of the unused cupboards provided they are removed if and when the Council requests. The broken toilet seat in the ladies toilets has again been replaced with a new one. With regard to the flooring the Clerk reported that a contractor will be looking at this and will make the necessary recommendations for action by the Council. Quotations for painting the main hall, gloss and emulsion, and the entrance area, are ongoing. The Clerk reported that she has received a request for some type of screening, possibly a heavy beaded curtain, on the open doorway leading into the toilets to give the effect of privacy. The Council appreciate that the door had to be removed to satisfy criteria for disabled users however, they can also sympathise with the privacy issues of other users. The Clerk will look for something suitable to fulfil this purpose.

## **61. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- It was reported that residents of Speakmans Drive, off Appley Lane South, will be requesting double yellow lines at its junction with Appley Lane South. The residents are experiencing problems at weekends when the youth football teams are playing, with parents parking at, and across, this junction thereby restricting access and egress. The Parish Council agreed to support this request for highway safety reasons to pedestrians, residents and other road users.
- Parking problems were reported in front of the site of what was the Railway Public House, together with the bridge over the canal, along Mill Lane towards the Waters Edge Public House and, right up to the junction of Mill Lane and Appley Lane North. It would appear that fishermen are parking, for very long periods of time, at these locations once the car park on the canal bank is full. Photographic evidence of this is available.
- The Chairman gave a summary of the Income and Expenditure, final accounts and balance for the Wrightington Parish Plan Steering Committee Bank Account. The Bank have been instructed to close the account and it is understood that this has taken place, the resulting balance being transferred by Bank Automated Transfer, to the Wrightington Parish Council Bank Account.
- The Chairman approved the final draft of the Parish Council Newsletter which will now go to print, a total of 1250 copies, for distribution by the Parish Plan Steering Committee.
- It was reported that residents are experiencing problems booking dial-a-ride. It was understood that the use of the service for hospital appointments would take priority, however when ringing to book the service, callers are told that there are no bookings available at the moment and to call back later. This will be investigated.

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

Parish Councillors will meet on Wednesday 20 October at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm to discuss the details of the Clerks Contract and the Action Plan resulting from the completed Wrightington Parish Plan. Councillors Mrs A Rees, Mr I Young and Mr D Thompson gave their apologies for this meeting.

**RESOLVED:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8 November 2004 at Mossy Lea Village Hall 7:30 pm.

Minutes 54 to 62 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 8 November 2004.

Chairman

(Meeting Closed: 9:45 pm)