WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the **Annual Meeting of the Council** of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15 May 2006 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors Mr W Lloyd (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mrs J Burton, Mr J Clinch, Mr C Taylor, and Mrs A Rees.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mr I Young (college).

OPEN FORUM

- Residents of Speakmans Drive, Appley Bridge, provided details of football matches having taken place on the Playing Field at Appley Lane South -35 matches in 35 days between 7/4/06 and 11/5/06. They would like the situation with the junior teams reviewed and the number of matches played limited. The Council will request details of the agreement between the Football club and West Lancs DC. Parking issues and noise nuisance are problems directly resulting from the excessive use of the playing field.
- A resident of Mossy Lea Road reported his visits to the playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall and subsequent reports to the District Council of litter in the ditch at the edge of the playing field, together with this the hedges and trees at the bottom of the field are extremely overgrown and are disguising the fact that there is quite a deep water course there, which is now accessible to children as there is no dividing fence. Further reports were made regarding the inadequacy of the road sweeping and gully cleaning on Mossy Lea Road. The Council will follow up both these items. The issue of ongoing and repeated vandalism at Mossy Lea Village Hall was raised and discussed any names, details or information which could help to stop this must be given to the Police.
- Residents on Mill Lane are suffering extreme problems on Friday and Saturday evenings with large numbers of young people, aged 13 upwards, congregating, drinking, vandalising and verbally abusing residents and bus drivers. Greater Manchester Police have been of far more assistance than Lancashire Constabulary. The Council will invite someone from Skelmersdale Police Station to attend the next Parish Council Meeting to discuss this matter in more detail.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN and DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

The following Proposal was made:

Councillor Mr F Hodgkinson Proposed by Councillor Lloyd

Seconded by Councillor Mrs Burton

The Council voted and it was RESOLVED: That Councillor Hodgkinson be elected for a Term of Office terminating on the day of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in 2007. (Councillor Hodgkinson signed his declaration of acceptance of office.)

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN and DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Councillor Mrs Burton Proposed by Councillor Hodgkinson

Seconded by Councillor Taylor

The Council voted and it was RESOLVED: That Councillor Mrs Burton be elected for a Term of Office terminating on the day of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council in 2007. (Councillor Mrs Burton signed her declaration of acceptance of office.)

3. **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. There were no declarations at this point in the meeting.

4. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCE PAPER AND COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT TOGETHER WITH VILLAGE HALL CONSTITUTIONS.

RESOLVED: That these documents be adopted for the ensuing year. Councillors must ensure Village Hall Constitutions are referred to during meetings and terms and conditions applied.

5. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2006/2007 RESOLVED: That the following proposed timetable of meetings be accepted.

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15 May Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7.00 PM

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19 June Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – 7.30 pm

17 July Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – 7.30 pm

August No Meeting

18 September Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – 7.30 pm

23 October Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – 7.30 pm

20 November Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – 7.30 pm

18 December Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – 7.30 pm

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15 January Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – 7.30 pm

19 February Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – 7.30 pm

19 March Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – 7.30 pm

16 April Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – 7.30 pm

21 May Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington

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6. APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Sub-Committee – All Parish Councillors
Public Rights of Way Sub-Committee – Councillors Hodgkinson, Mrs Burton and Mrs Rees
Planning Liaison Group – Councillors Hodgkinson and Mrs Burton plus any two other Councillors.

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Appley Bridge/Parbold Quarry Liaison Committee – Councillors Hodgkinson and Lloyd. District Liaison Committee – Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk. Village Hall Representative – Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Appley Bridge Community Association – Councillor Taylor. LAPTC – Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mr Lloyd

8. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 10 April 2006 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 116(c) – The Council will be obtaining quotations for this work.

Minute 119 – The human effluent has now been spread on fields however, it has been transferred to the public footpath and the holding area has not been ploughed now the effluent has been removed.

10. ACCOUNTS Receiving the following list of accounts:

For Payment:	For	Pay	vm	ent
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Mrs J Rogers	Honorarium for Booking Secretary ABVH	£200.00
Mrs E Armstrong	Honorarium for Treasurer ABVH	£200.00
Mrs C Hodgkinson	Honorarium for Booking Sec. + Treasurer MLVH	£400.00
Standish Print	Stationery, Copying, Stamps	£12.37
Ainscoughs	Fluorescent tubes and starters MLVH	£11.49
Powergen	Electricity ABVH (actual readings)	£304.78
Allianz Cornhill	Annual Insurance Premium	£1121.90
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary Net of Tax & NI (For April)	£436.36
Inland Revenue	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£55.47
Inland Revenue	NI due by Parish Council	£9.19
D/D: United Utilities	Water Service Charges MLVH	£129.45
United Utilities	Water Service Charges ABVH	(Still in credit)

Receipts:

West Lancs DC	Precept	£5500.00
West Lancs DC	1st Part Concurrent Contributions	£2058.63

RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts be approved.

11. PLANNING RESOLVED: Observations on the following planning applications received:

1)	2006/0391	Two storey rear/side extension and replacement front porch.	
		339 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.	

NO OBJECTIONS

2) 2006/0428 Listed Building Consent – Replacement ground floor extension with

accommodation above, on west elevation. Replacement porch to south elevation

and new porch to east elevation. Conversion of outhouse to utility room.

Higher Barn Farmhouse, High Moor Lane, Wrightington.

NO OBJECTIONS

3) 2006/0429 Replacement ground floor extension with accommodation above, on west

elevation. Replacement porch to south elevation and new porch to east elevation.

Conversion of outhouse to utility room.

Higher Barn Farmhouse, High Moor Lane, Wrightington.

NO OBJECTIONS

4) Amendments to: 2005/1082 - RESERVED MATTERS – Erection of 29 Dwellings, garages, construction of access road and landscaping. Land at Mill Lane, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL HOWEVER, REQUEST THAT THE COUNCIL USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE APPLICANT TO CONTINUE THE FOOTPATH/PAVEMENT, WHICH LEADS TO THE EDGE OF THE SITE, OUT ONTO MILL LANE.

12. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items to be reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 Attached at the foot of page 5 - ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Additional information requested prior to withdrawing objections to proposed diversion and extinguishment of footpaths 5, 5a and 5b respectively RESOLVED: The Council will take the applicant at his word and provided assurance is given that the new route will be levelled and stoned to create a hard surface for use by able-bodied and the disabled, the Council will withdraw their objections.
- b) Request for observations on proposed diversion of part public footpath 30a RESOLVED: Request a site visit.
- C) Response to comments/complaints on refuse and recycling collections TELEPHONE NUMBER IN NEWSLETTER.
- d) Response to signing issues Courage Low Lane, Toogood Lane, Church Lane NOTED.
- e) Confirmation of position re: maintenance of roadside ditches CONTACT LAND AGENT
- f) Request for Donation from West Lancs Crossroads Caring for Carers –RESOLVED: Donation of £25.00 be made at the next meeting.
- g) Response from Environment Agency to fly tipping and human effluent issues NOTED.
- h) Response to request for lower speed limit Church Lane NOTED.
- i) Copy Local Authority Byelaws in England: A Discussion Paper ON FILE.
- j) Notification of workshops of North West Regional Plan Consultation for Local Strategic Partnerships and Parish Councils UNABLE TO ATTEND.
- k) Invitation to Stakeholder Conference Friday 30 June by Salford City Council UNABLE TO ATTEND.
- l) Response to request for indicator signs for Village Halls Clerk reported 4 signs, 2 for each village hall, mounted on the lamp post opposite each village hall entrance, one in either direction will cost approximately £500.00. RESOLVED: Parish Council will proceed with signs for Appley Bridge Village Hall initially.
- m) Notification of Wigan Local Development Framework Consultation on Draft Supplementary Planning Document Access for All NOTED.
- n) Notification of Lancashire Landscape Character Appreciation day NO ONE CAN ATTEND.
- 13. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS DEFRA Guide to Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 info on the Licensing Act amendments to Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006 OFCOM Final Report on Review of Universal Service Obligation Notification of inaugural Community Empowerment Awards in assocn. With NALC copy Street Ahead. RESOLVED: Council to request a copy of the Defra Guide to Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 + Copy of Licensing Laws to Councillors.
- **14. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER** Suggested items for inclusion Financial Report of Parish Council Vandalism to Mossy Lea Village Hall Parish Council achievements at Village Halls details of availability of village halls for meetings, classes or clubs useful tel. numbers and information.

15. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – The issue of CCTV Cameras and meetings with service providers was reported however, it was noted that discussions on this subject have indicated that this may be prohibitive due to the cost. A telephone call from a resident of Manse Avenue re: use of village hall field for football matches was reported together with possible use of village hall after under 11's rugby matches.

APPLEY BRIDGE – nothing specific to report.

16. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- grass verges and their use in emergency situations, following a recent incident – report to LCC.

- Tyres have been dumped on Moss Lane, between Country Club and Courage Low Lane, plus a rubber wheel arch.
- Reported that the LCC Depot on Moss Lane could be re-opening.
- Check correspondence with Dominic Rigby re: dogs on public footpath.

17. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 June 2006 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 1 to 17 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 June 2006

Members of the Public and Press are Welcome to Attend

Meeting Closed: 9:20 pm	
Chairman:	Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification of following Planning decisions: Planning Permission granted for -
 - 2006/0150 construction of new vehicular access and retention of car park. Appley Bridge Community Association, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
 - 2006/0213 erection of replacement detached dwelling. Creation new vehicular access and alterations to existing vehicular access. 1 Finch lane, Appley Bridge.
 - 2006/0224 Two storey side extension. Single storey rear extension. Canopy to front elevation. 89 Glenside, Appley Bridge.
- b) Confirmation of receipt of letters to Rosie Cooper MP.
- c) Notification of Adoption of Wigan Unitary Development Plan.
- d) Confirmation a final draft of the Parish Charter will be sent.
- e) Withdrawal and revision of bus services failing to meet guidelines.
- f) Confirmation highway matters will be checked and acted upon where necessary.
- g) Copy Up Holland Parish Plan for your records.
- h) Copy Connexion from OPSTA.
- i) Notification future PACT Meetings at Newburgh Tea Rooms, 9 May, 5 June, 13 July