

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17 July 2006 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr C Taylor, Mr J Clinch and Mr I Young.

Apologies: Were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Rees (holidays) and PC Hackney and District Councillor Garstide who were attending a Public Meeting re: The Quarry at Appley Bridge.

OPEN FORUM

Nothing specific to discuss by the public present.

29. MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 June 2006 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

30. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** – There were no matters arising.

31. **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 – NOTHING TO DECLARE AT THE MOMENT.

32. **ACCOUNTS** - To receive the following list of accounts:

For Payment:

Standish Print	Postage Stamps	£11.52
British Gas	Gas supplied to ABVH	£303.89
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary Net of Tax and NI (For June)	£436.12
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI due by the Clerk	£55.71
Inland Revenue	Employers NI liability	£9.19
D/D – United Utilities	– water charge MLVH	£22.02

Receipts:

ABVH Committee March and June quarterly transfers £1195.64

Plus copy of ABVH Committee Receipts and Payments Account for year ending 31/3/06.

RESOLVED: That the Council accept the Statement of Assurances and the Parish Council end of year Accounts for year ending 31/3/06 for submission to the External Auditors. That payment of the above Accounts be approved.

33. **PLANNING** Discussing the following planning applications:

- 1) 2006/0715 Part two storey/part single storey side extension. Two storey rear extension.
14 Toogood Lane, Wrightington.
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2006/716 Conservatory at rear.
110 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2006/0732 Use of courtyard twice a month for farmers market.
Derby House Saddlery, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2006/0749 Two storey rear extension.
242 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
NO OBJECTIONS.

34. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, noted by Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – Foot of page 3 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Request for your comments on the Lancashire Library and Information Service – COUNCILLORS MRS BURTON AND MR TAYLOR TO COMPLETE.
 - b) Copy Minutes of Meeting attended by Councillor Taylor re: Bus Service Issues –COUNCILLOR TAYLOR EXPLAINED DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO FINANCIAL PROBLEMS AND THE NECESSITY TO CUT BUS SERVICES OR INCREASE FARES. FOLLOW UP MEETINGS ARE PLANNED. ALTERNATIVE BUS ROUTES WERE SUGGESTED TO INCREASE PASSENGER NUMBERS.
 - c) Enquiry whether Council still wish to receive a hard copy of all the paperwork from WLDC –YES
 - d) Response to issues raised re: Speed Limit Church Lane, Wrightington – COUNCILLORS WILL CHECK EXISTING SIGNAGE ON CHURCH LANE.
 - e) Formal Consultation on Statement of Principles on Gambling Act 2005 (can be viewed at www.westlancsdc.gov.uk/gamblingact) - please view for comment – NOT APPLICABLE.
 - f) Response to issues raised with the Harrock Hall Estate Discretionary Trust – NOTED.
 - g) Response to issues raised re: Playing Field, Appley Lane South – THE COUNCIL DO NOT DISCOURAGE THE USE OF THE FIELD BY CHILDREN HOWEVER, USAGE SHOULD BE MORE LIMITED.
 - h) Response from DEFRA on Sewage Sludge issues – NOTED.
 - i) Signing the Parish & Town Council Charter for West Lancashire – THE COUNCIL WILL ENQUIRE WHETHER THERE WILL BE ANY DISCRIMINATION BETWEEN COUNCILS WHO SIGN UP TO THE CHARTER AND THOSE WHO DO NOT. COUNCILLOR CLINCH WILL ATTEND THE LAUNCH.
 - j) Invitation to Chairman to attend the West Lancs DC Civic Sunday Service – 10 September 2006 – The Parish Church, Ormskirk – THIS INVITATION WILL BE DECLINED.
 - k) Request from LCC for Parish Council to consider the Draft Protocol for the working of the Lancashire Local – West Lancashire – COPIES WILL BE CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS FOR COMMENT AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.
 - l) Telephone request from a resident of Chisnall Avenue who has started a neighbourhood watch scheme in this area and may need financial assistance to purchase signs – THE COUNCIL REQUIRE CONFIRMATION THIS RESIDENT IS INDEED THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME PRIOR TO CONSIDERING A DONATION.
- 35. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS** – Copy Area Committee Agenda for 20 July 2006 – Notification of LAPTC AGM, Saturday 4 November 2006, County Hall, Preston + request for resolutions for consideration – Copy June 2006 Newsletter – COUNCILLORS MR HODGKINSON AND MRS BURTON TO ATTEND THE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING – THE CLERK TO REMIND ABOUT THE AGM IN SEPTEMBER.
- 36. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY** – Appley Bridge Ward Councillor. The Clerk read out a letter of application from a resident of Mossy Lea. RESOLVED: In view of the fact that there will also be a vacancy for a Mossy Lea Ward Councillor which would be more appropriate for the current applicant, a decision on this matter will be held over until both vacancies can be filled.
- 37. NEWSLETTER** – Distribution is a problem. Councillors agreed to deliver, Councillor Gartside volunteering to assist. Further discussions on this subject at the September Meeting.
- 38. VILLAGE HALLS**
- MOSSY LEA – A sign is required re: No Ball Games and Parking for Village Hall users only. RESOLVED: That the Clerk make the necessary arrangements. Thanks will be expressed to William Lowton for weed spraying and grass cutting, also to be undertaken at Appley Bridge VH.

APPLEY BRIDGE – There are trees from the village hall overhanging the garden of the house adjacent, causing problems. There are similar issues with regard to a tree which could affect the gable end wall of the village hall and the complete removal of the elderberry tree at the rear of the hall which obstructs light into one of the windows. The guttering over the fire door needs cleaning out and one of the flags on the path to the door is a trip hazard. RESOLVED: Councillor Taylor will obtain a quotation for tree works and will assess the work required to the gutter and footpath.

39. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The hedges at the empty house on the right hand side of the junction of Manse Avenue and Mossy Lea Road are obstructing sitelines – LCC will be informed.
- A brick wall, in excess of 1 metre has been built on the grass verge on Broadheys Lane adjacent to the converted sub-station. This is obstructing the grass verge, preventing easy access for farm vehicles and could result in an accident. Action is required to instigate the removal of the wall.
- Councillors were asked to compile a list of locations, together with landowners details, for hedges which require cutting back in the Parish.

40. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 September 2006 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Minutes 29 to 40 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 September 2006.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm.

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification of following Planning decisions: Planning Permission granted for –
2006/0391 – Two storey rear/side extension and replacement front porch. 339 Mossy Lea Road.
2006/0428 – Listed building consent – Replacement ground floor extension, 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.
2006/0429 – Replacement ground floor extension, 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.
- b) Letter of thanks from LCC for your opinions on a draft Parish and Town Council Charter.
- c) Copy press release from WLDC announcing the blue recycle bag can take even more paper material.
- d) Confirmation Chorley BC have published Inspectors Report to the Statement of Community Involvement + Confirmation of its adoption on 29 June 2006.
- e) Notification of next stages in preparation of Wigan's Local Development Framework.
- f) Notification of final stages in adoption of Replacement Salford Unitary Development Plan in June 06.
- g) Notification of West Lancs Environmental Network AGM 2006, 12 July, Aughton.
- h) Notification new Chairman of WLDC is Councillor May Blake and her consort is Mr John Blake.
- i) Letter of thanks from West Lancs Caring for Carers for your donation.
- j) Letter of thanks from Open Spaces Society for your donation.
- k) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.
- l) Copy Lancashire Minerals and Waste Framework Update.
- m) Copy Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service – Performance Update.