

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 21 January 2008 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 Mrs A Rees.
Also present, District Councillor Gartside.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Mr I McRae (prior commitment) and Mrs L Penketh (illness). PC Hackney forwarded his apologies and PCSO Sullivan was at a PACT Meeting.

OPEN FORUM

Councillors reported: That new hydraulic pillars will be erected at the entrance to Appley Bridge Village Hall car park to prevent illegal parking by non-village hall users. The wall at the front of the Village Hall requires considerable and quite urgent attention.

Members of the Public reported the following: Road sweeping has taken place recently however, grass is still in the gutters. Whilst road sweeping patterns have improved, gully emptying remains a problem e.g.: near the entrance to Mossy Lea Village Hall and Raby Fold Farm and near Wrightington Hospital. Due to the heavy rainfall 'Flooding' signs have been requested today. The first PACT Meeting is being held tonight; 6:30 pm-7:30 pm at Mossy Lea Village Hall however PCSO Sullivan is concerned there may be insufficient numbers to form a PACT Panel. The Council will request more notice, additional signs and, meetings also in Appley Bridge. Pot-holes on Mossy Lea road near White Lion, only 3 warning signs remain on Church Lane to prevent a significant drop into the ditch. There is a large hole in the pavement on Mossy Lea Road between Chisnall Avenue and Tunley URC gates. One of the manhole covers in the pavement near Hillcrest, Mossy Lea Road, is corroded. Recent damage to the grass verges in-front of properties at Mossfields requires attention. Reports of damage by young people have been made to the Police.

82. **MINUTES** - The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 December 2007 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
83. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific at this point.
84. **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.
85. **ACCOUNTS** - To receive the following list of accounts:
For Payment:
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| Colway Services | Installation of double socket MLVH | £50.00 |
| E.On | Electricity supplied to ABVH | £209.58 |
| British Gas | Gas Supplied to ABVH | £241.51 |
| Mrs C A Cross | Clerk's Salary Net of Tax and NI (For December) Inc. back-pay net | £530.09 |
| Inland Revenue | Tax and NI due by the Clerk | £104.37 |
| Inland Revenue | Employers NI liability | £25.53 |
- RESOLVED: That payment of the above accounts be approved.**

86. **PLANNING Observations on the following applications:**

- 1) 2007/1479/FUL Two storey extension to replace existing reception area and office.
AB Tyres and Exhausts Ltd, The Railway Sidings, Appley Lane North,

- Appley Bridge.
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2007/1505/FUL Two storey side extension.
28/30 Church Lane, Wrightington.
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2008/0009/FUL Single storey side extension.
Five Acres, Carr House Lane, Wrightington.
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2007/1513/FUL Single storey rear extension.
12 Ashfield Terrace, Appley Bridge, Wrightington.
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 5) 2008/0011/FUL Single storey rear extension. Replacement rear conservatory.
27 Millbank, Appley Bridge, Wrightington.
NO OBJECTIONS.

87. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – foot of page 3 – ACCEPTED – Discussions on moving towards e-communications forced Council to consider possibility of withdrawing from the West Lancs DC Parish Charter.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Update of progress from LCC on Parish Charter and enquiry whether Parish Council would like to send a representative on any of the 3 themed focus groups – APOLOGIES BUT REQUEST UPDATES.
 - b) Reminder – Council Meeting as an Assembly – Wednesday 30 January – NOTED.
 - c) Session to discuss the West Lancs Integrated Transport Review – February 8, early afternoon – RESOLVED: COUNCILLOR CLINCH WILL ATTEND.
 - d) Response to issues raised re: Mossfields and Chisnall Avenue – RESOLVED: REQUEST DEFINITIVE CLASSIFICATION OF CHISNALL AVENUE, AND THE CORRECT WIDTH, AND A PLAN INDICATING THIS FROM LCC.
 - e) Response to highway matters raised at previous meeting – NOTED.
 - f) Parish Council representation on the Standards Committee – RESOLVED: WILL CHOOSE FROM LIST OF COUNCILLORS NOMINATED IN DUE COURSE.
 - g) Copy response to issues at Chisnall Avenue from Mr Tilleray, WLDC, sent to Rosie Cooper MP – RESOLVED: COUNCILLOR TAYLOR WILL LOOK AT POSSIBILITY OF MEDIA INVOLVEMENT AND EU DIRECTIVES ON RIGHT TO LIGHT,
 - h) Documents and Info. Relating to Lancashire Local – West Lancashire – Wednesday 23 Jan. 08 – RESOLVED: APOLOGIES BUT REQUEST WRITTEN COPY OF VERBAL REPORT ON APPLEBY BRIDGE AS DETAILED ON THE AGENDA.
 - i) Consultation on Orders and Regulations relating to the conduct of Local Authority Members in England – RESOLVED: WILL BE GUIDED BY PROFESSIONAL OFFICERS ON ANY PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS.
- 88. PARISH PRECEPT 2008/2009** – RESOLVED: Following detailed discussions at the Budget Meeting held prior to the Parish Council Meeting, the Parish Council will request a Parish Precept of £5865.00 (a 3.5% increase on last years Precept) for the financial year 2008/2009.
- 89. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS** – Minutes of October Area Committee Meeting – Agenda for January 2008 Area Committee Meeting – Copy December Newsletter – Notification of Quality Parish Scheme Workshop, 19 February 2008 – Training events - Planning 14 February, Chairmanship 4 March – NOTED.

90. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – RESOLVED: Funding bid for provision of a Computer Facility is likely to total £8000.00-£9000.00. Once confirmed with Community Futures this will be submitted.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Next Village Hall Committee Meeting 25 February 2008- Noted by Ward Councillors. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman met with manufacturers/suppliers of proposed bollards for entrance to the car park. Reported, specifications amended to provide better quality bollards thereby preventing a recurrence of the damage to the original ones and, due to the fact that they will operate hydraulically using a security key to lock and unlock, enabling easy use by all village hall users. The anticipated cost is likely to be approx. £700.00. Notices will be placed in the village hall, and at the entrance to the Village Hall, informing users that the car park is liable to closure without notice. It was noted that unauthorised parking is still taking place. Also reported, emergency work is required to stabilise the stone wall at the highway edge of the car park, a new foundation is required before the wall falls down. The Village Hall grounds need clearing and tidying and the kerb edge of the footpath to the door needs painting to highlight its existence. RESOLVED: The necessary contractors be instructed to undertake the work required as soon as possible.

91. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Issues have arisen regarding fares charged on the 207 Bus Service to Asda at Skelmersdale.
- Mr Cheetham has requested details of withdrawal of Parish Council objections to the diversions at Public Footpaths 5, 5a at Boars Den.
- Councillor Mrs Burton reported a further site visit in relation to the possibility of re-opening the old road at the rear of the BP Petrol Station at Crow Orchard. It is anticipated it will be stoned and possibly tarmaced for use by walkers, cyclists and horseriders.
- Risk Assessment and Health and Safety Policies/Assessments should be considered.
- A request will be made to West Lancs. DC as to amount and use of s106 monies accumulated as a result of successful development requests in the Parish.
- The Clerk reported her absence from the February 2008 Parish Council Meeting due to undergoing surgery. All work, Minutes and Agendas, will be undertaken prior to admission to the hospital thereby allowing the meeting to proceed as normally as possible and all correspondence and Minutes following the Meeting will be completed.

92. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 February 2008 at Mossy Lea Village Hall, at 7.30 pm.

Minutes 82 to 92 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 February 2008.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:25 pm.

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Letter of thanks from North West Air Ambulance for your donation.
- b) Request for Police to use ABVH car park.
- c) Notification of SLCC Regional Conference.
- d) Copy CPRE Fieldwork.
- e) Current position re: implementation of e-communications by WLDC planning dept.