

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 July 2010 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

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

OPEN FORUM

(At this point in the Meeting members of the public present can report, ask questions, raise issues and make observations on parish matters or items appearing on the Agenda. Reports will also be received from the Police, District and County Councillors if attending – Once open forum is closed the Chairman will only suspend standing orders to allow public participation in extreme circumstances.)

Public Present – Residents were present from Church Lane and reported on activity, giving them cause for concern, at 4A Church Lane. The Clerk had obtained information confirming that Inspire Children's Services have placed a young person, with a carer, at this address. Concerns relating to swearing and a young resident alone on Church Lane late at night, could relate to the previous placement however, concern was expressed about the lack of communication and interaction with the young person currently living at this address and the local community. Residents do not believe this is the right environment and are concerned for the young lady's welfare and the amount of time she spends in the garage, staring out the window. Residents were informed that if they have any serious concerns they can report them under the Child Protection Act. There has obviously been a lack of communication with the residents.

Planning – Appley Bridge Football Club were initially unaware of the requirement to apply for planning permission to vary the conditions of the existing permission. The variation is for a one-off annual event, for use of the toilet facilities. It is hoped that the Parish Council will support this variation.

Reports – Could not report any progress yet on the possible bus shelter in-front of Mossfields. There are still numerous large pot-holes on Mossy Lea Road requiring attention. It has been suggested that a bandstand could be part of the refurbishments on Mossy Lea playing field. Residents thanked the Parish Council and Borough Councillor Gartside for their help with the installation of drop kerbs at Mossfields however, vehicles are parking across them and on the corner of the cul-de-sac. Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to pursue this matter. Grass is still growing in the gutters at the kerb edges. The public footpath signs on Tunley Lane, near the bridge, and at Carr House Lane, still require re-setting. Questionnaires relating to the play provision on Mossy Lea playing field will be circulated and the information returned will be collated to establish specific requirements at the site. The edges of the carriageway on Church Lane are eroding away near the Church and the chevrons on the bend have been damaged again. Activity at Martin House Farm, is outside the Parish however, the Parish Council will ask the neighbouring planning authority to ensure the public right of way through the site is retained during and after work is completed. It is hoped that Computer courses at Mossy Lea Village Hall will commence late September.

27. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Rees (holidays), Mr Taylor (Acting on the advice of the Police to remain at home following a recent incident compromising his personal safety – The Clerk reported that Councillor Taylor had planned to be present to report on all the work he has undertaken over the past couple of months, as the Parish Councils web co-ordinator, on the Parish Council website, renewing, updating and improving the site and its content.). Apologies were also received from Borough Councillor Gartside.
28. **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.
29. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 June 2010 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
30. **CASUAL VACANCY** – The Clerk reported that there had been no request for an election and therefore the Parish Council could now co-opt to fill the vacancy. Two applications have been received, from Mr Frank Johnson and Mrs Pamela Baybutt, both were read aloud. Following discussions it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED: THAT MR JOHNSON BE APPOINTED TO THE VACANT POSITION. MR JOHNSON ACCEPTED THE**

APPOINTMENT, SIGNED HIS DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE TAKING UP HIS POSITION AS PARISH COUNCILLOR, MOSSY LEA WARD, WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, JOINING PARISH COUNCILLORS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETING.

- 31. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The Clerk reported Councillor Mrs Rees’s email and her opinion that, the fact mobile telephones must be off or on silent during meetings has affected the manner in which Parish Council business is conducted. Some points were disputed by those present but, the contents were noted.

32. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Information on enforcement on school markings should the order go ahead – NOTED.
- b) Up-date/info. on policing parades – THE CLERK WILL CONTACT WEST LANCS. BC AND THE POLICE WITH DETAILS FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY.
- c) Information obtained on activities at 4A, Church Lane, Wrightington – NOTED.
- d) Copy LCC West Lancashire Highways Bulletin, Issue 1, June 2010 - NOTED
- e) Request for your vote for 1 of the 4 nominees for Parish Council Representation on the Standards Committee – RESOLVED: COUNCIL VOTE FOR MR BRIAN BAILEY.
- f) Request for Donation from Crossroads Care West Lancashire – RESOLVED: £25.00.
- g) Notification of forthcoming 2010 Ironman UK Triathlon, Sunday 1 August 2010 – NOTED.
- h) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Confirmation LCC have contacted the landowner on Appley Lane North re: stakes in the grass verge – NOTED. ii) Email from a resident of Appley Lane South who is unhappy with the new Parish Council Notice Board – THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE SORRY THE RESIDENT FEELS LIKE THIS HOWEVER THEY SITED THE NOTICE BOARD ON APLEY LANE SOUTH IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST RECEIVED FROM RESIDENTS A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO, WHO FELT THEY WERE MISSING OUT ON PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY INFORMATION. A LICENCE WAS OBTAINED FROM LCC AT THAT TIME AND FUNDING SOURCED SINCE THAT TIME.

33. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS – Reports:

1. Japanese Knotweed opp. 2 Courage Low Lane and on Robin Hood Lane, left hand side down to dangerous corner, also on Hall Lane where the LCC depot used to be, near the public footpath.

- 34. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Johnson attended the PACT Meeting, which was well attended and quite productive.

- 35. DISTRIBUTION OF PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTERS** – Newsletters were allocated to Councillors, Borough Councillors, the Clerk and Parishioners volunteering to assist with delivery.

36. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Painting and improvements to the toilets will be part of funding bids from the Community Chest or LAG fund, whichever is the most suitable – Electrical Inspections are due, the necessary arrangements will be made – Cancer Research UK attending Coffee Morning 6 August 2010 to collect second cheque. PAT Testing will be arranged over the summer.

APLEY BRIDGE – RESOLVED: To purchase a new urn/hot water boiler, the pensioners will be contributing towards the cost if their funding bid is successful – Electrical Inspections are due, the necessary arrangements will be made – PAT Testing will be arranged over the summer. Professional advice is required from a structural engineer before proceeding with any funding bids to remove the false ceiling in the hall and kitchen, professional drawings may also be required. Councillor Mrs Burton has met with the Insurance Company, pursuing matters as necessary. Information about Appley Bridge, pre 1939, will be reproduced and framed for displaying in the Village Hall and on the website. The secure room is now ready for use, shelves erected and locks fitted.

Hire agreement forms need re-drafting and standardising to cover both village halls, hiring and indemnity.

37. **STANDING ORDERS - RESOLVED:** In Accordance with Standing Order No 19, Standing Order No 18 was suspended to allow the remaining items of business to be conducted.
38. **PLANNING** To discuss the following applications:
- 1) 2010/0715/FUL Erection of detached garage at side. 54 Finch Lane, Appley Bridge, Wrightington. (Case 730265) NO OBJECTIONS.
 - 2) 2010/0732/FUL Variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission 2000/1245 to allow use of changing room/club house between the hours of 9am to 10pm on Saturday and 9am to 6pm on Sunday for a maximum of 1 annual tournament. Appley Bridge Football Club, Pavilion and Playing Fields, Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
 - 3) 2010/0781/FUL Raising height of roof to provide first floor living accommodation. Dormer extensions to rear. Greenacres, High Moor Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

Notification of Amendment:

2010/0472/FUL – replacement two storey dwelling. Alterations to existing vehicular/pedestrian access with gates and pillars. Proposed underground septic tank. Tauranga, Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington. Amendment summarised as: additional information submitted. (Case 730271) – NO OBJECTIONS.

39. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Autumn Conference, Saturday 18 September, Leyland – THE CLERK WILL ATTEND THE £33 CHARGE TO BE DIVIDED BETWEEN CHARNOCK RICHARD AND WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCILS.

40. **ACCOUNTS** - Receiving the following list of accounts for Approval:

For Payment:

Whitehill Direct Ltd	Notice board – Appley Lane South		£468.83
Collins & Darwell	Printing of Newsletters (£95-£19 credit note)		£76.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH		£323.07
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse locks & materials for secure room ABVH		£31.28
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£552.65
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£15.99)	
HM Rev. & Customs	Employers NI liability	£11.86)	£27.85
Mr D Proe	Work in Parish		£241.00
Crossroads Care WL	Donation		£25.00
CREDIT BALANCE	United Utilities amended water bill		£14.95CR
D/D Utd Utils.	Water MLVH		£17.29
D/D Eon	Electricity MLVH		£33.77

RESOLVED: That payment of the above Accounts is approved, and the quarterly Bank Reconciliation Statement for Apr-Jun 2010 is accepted as a correct reflection of the Parish Councils finances.

41. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 September 2010 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 27 to 41 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 September 2010.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:20 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Copy leaflet re: group of people setting up to enhance community spirit and facilities.
- b) Confirmation LCC looking into request to clean road signs in the Parish.
- c) Police info. – Notification of, and copy Agenda for, PACT Meeting at Dalton.
- d) Notification that an appeal has been made against the West Lancs BC refusal of householder application for erection of car port to side of existing building. Dwerry House Farm, Coopers Lane.
- e) Notification that Ian Bond, Heritage and Environment Manager, West Lancs BC is taking part in the Tatton Park Triathlon raising funds for the charities nominated by the Lady Mayoress – Help for Heroes and the Macmillan Cancer Support and details of how you can support him if you wish.