

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 September 2010 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mr J Clinch, and Mr I McRae. Also present PC Hackney and Borough Councillor Gartside.

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 – The public footpath from Tunley Manse, through the fields to Coppull has been ploughed and footpath users must go around the edge of the field. Similar problems with ploughed footpaths exist at other locations in the Parish. There is a lot of mud on the roads at the moment as fields are being ploughed. It is uncertain whether these problems are caused by farmers or contractors employed by the farmers. It was suggested that a good contractor would clean off wheels/tyres before going on the carriageway or, would clean the carriageway afterwards. PC Hackney explained that it is unlikely that the Police will get involved in these matters. Crab-apples are once again a problem at Mossfields. Water is pouring out of the manhole at the bottom of, and the grid on the left-hand side of, Chisnall Avenue. None of the gullies on Mossy Lea Road are running freely and as a result water is backing up and flooding is an issue. No further progress appears to have been made in relation to parking problems at Mossfields. A resident of Mossfields had contradictory responses from the same person to his request to install a hard-standing to park his car. There are still a lot of pot-holes in the roads and pavements in the Parish. The Clerk reported that the machine required to deal with the pot-holes will only be available for use again in this Parish around December time.

Police Reports – The Council welcomed PC Hackney back to full duties. He reported that anti-social behaviour issues at Mossfields should be reported to the Police who will take appropriate action. If residents can provide names, action will be taken by the Police. Residents reported a slight improvement with some issues. The Police will continue to monitor the situation. PC Hackney reported that the properties on Church Lane and Tunley Lane provide a similar service for young people with learning difficulties. Residents of Tunley Lane expressed similar concerns at the outset to those expressed by residents on Church Lane however, everyone is now fully conversant with the situation and type of service provision at both addresses. This knowledge makes the situation easier to deal with.

42. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mrs Rees (family commitments), Ms N Malivoire (illness) and Mr Taylor (illness – however as web co-ordinator, he is continually renewing, updating and improving the Councils website and its content.) Apologies were also received from County Councillor Ms Evans and PCSO Benson.
43. **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.
44. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 July 2010 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
45. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Councillor Mrs Burton reported that LCC are trying to mark the drop kerbs at Mossfields in some way to prevent motorists from parking across them.

46. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

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- a) Invitation to attend Rural Roadshow, 29 September, St Theresa's Church Hall, Upholland – COUNCILLOR MR McRAE WILL TRY TO ATTEND.
- b) Notification drains cleaned on land at Hall Lane – NOTED.
- c) Current position re: caravan at Hesketh House Farm – NOTED.
- d) Up-date/info. on policing issues in the Parish – NOTED – Standing orders were suspended to allow PC Hackney to answer the question of what will be replacing ASBO's? – It is unclear at the moment, but they will need to be replaced with something equally effective.
- e) Confirmation from West Lancs. planning, no change of use has occurred at 4A Church Lane – NOTED.
- f) Request to cut back trees on grassed area at Appley Bridge Village Hall – COUNCILLOR MRS BURTON HAS MADE A SITE VISIT AND SPOKEN TO THE NEIGHBOUR ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE HALL WHO INFORMED COUNCILLOR MRS BURTON THAT THE PATH ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE HALL WALL IS PARTLY IN THEIR OWNERSHIP. IF THIS IS THE CASE THEN MOST OF THE TREES CAUSING SHADE TO THE GARDEN ARE GROWING ON WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE THEIR LAND AND THIS FACT WILL BE POINTED OUT TO THEM. THE CLERK REPORTED THAT THE NEIGHBOURS ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE HALL ARE NOT HAPPY WITH THIS RESPONSE AND WOULD LIKE COUNCILLORS TO LOOK AT THE MATTER AGAIN. THE PARISH COUNCIL DID SOME TREE WORK ABOUT 3-4 YEARS AGO HOWEVER, COUNCILLOR MRS BURTON WILL POINT OUT THE PROBLEM TO FELLOW COUNCILLORS AT THE FORTHCOMING VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING AND IF IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO UNDERTAKE ANY WORK TO TREES WITHIN THE VILLAGE HALL BOUNDARY, THIS WILL BE ARRANGED.
- g) Notification of Fields in Trust and Queen Elizabeth II Fields – RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL SUGGEST THAT WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL NOMINATE THE PLAYING FIELD ADJACENT TO MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL AS A POTENTIAL QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELD.
- h) Annual review of Parish and Town Council Charter for West Lancs. – RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE HAPPY TO LEAVE THE REVIEW TO THE WORKING PARTY
- i) Notification LCC received a Community Empowerment & Social Cohesion Award – NOTED.
- j) Notification of successful candidate for Parish Council Rep. Standards Committee – NOTED.
- k) Reply to issues raised with Notice Board, Appley Lane South – RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL BELIEVE THAT THE BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY OF APPELEY LANE SOUTH OF THE NOTICE BOARD AT THIS LOCATION OUTWEIGH THE DETRIMENTS. THE NOTICE BOARD IS NEITHER OFFENSIVE NOR OUT OF CHARACTER IN COMPARISON TO THE POORLY MAINTAINED TELEPHONE BOX IN THIS VICINITY AND THE WOODEN HUT AT THE REAR OF THE NOTICE BOARD
- l) Notification from VIP of Community Grants Programme 2010 – NOTED.
- m) Request for nominations for the Nancy Athey Award 2010 – Volunteer of the Year – NOTED.
- n) Consultation on Revised Licensing Policy – Licensing Act 2003 – NOTED.
- o) Request from Consultant Wrightington Hospital for info. re: Wrightington Hospital site – THE CLERK WILL INFORM THAT THE COUNCIL ARE CHECKING THEIR RECORDS.
- p) Request for observations on proposed locality change to some addresses in Wrightington – THE COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS AS THEY BELIEVED THIS TO BE THE CASE
- q) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Notification from West Lancs. BC of the free tree scheme again this year – NOTED. ii) Invitation to attend the Lathom Parish Council Civic Service – APOLOGIES iii) Notification of, and invitation to attend, West Lancs. CVS AGM – APOLOGIES iv) Notification of Talk2Me Tuesday 2010 – NOTED v) Notification of Revised Draft Wigan Statement of Community Involvement for consultation – NOTED vi) Response to request to LCC to ensure stakes are removed from grass verge on Appley Lane North – THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECT TO THE PROPOSAL TO INSTALL WHITE FLEXIBLE PLASTIC BOLLARDS IN THEIR PLACE. THEY ARE UN-NECESSARY, NOT IN-KEEPING WITH THE AREA AND A WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY. THE COUNCIL CANNOT REMEMBER ANY INCIDENTS OF VEHICLES DAMAGING, OR PARKING ON, THIS STRETCH OF GRASS VERGE.

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47. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS – Reports:

- 1) There is a lot of mud on the roads at the moment as farmers are currently ploughing.
- 2) The footway from the field gate after Crow Orchard Garage to boundary lane is now a very narrow tarmac strip as the grass verges require siding back to reveal more footway.
- 3) The public footpath from Appley Lane South to Lees Lane is very overgrown with maize, nettles and brambles.
- 4) Councillor McRae will try obtain some information from the forthcoming Rural Roadshow which could assist with cutting back, clearing and tidying the area of land from LCC on Hall Lane.

48. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – The Clerk attended a Clerk's Meeting at LCC which was useful and informative and where the delegated services protocol and associated documentation was launched – The Clerk also attended the LALC Annual Conference where delegated services was discussed, participatory budgeting, and The Green Team at Mawdesley – again this was useful and informative. Councillor Mrs Burton has been working with Paula Campbell from West Lancs. BC to progress refurbishments at the playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall. Surveys have been delivered locally and once the responses have been received and collated, schemes will be drawn up for consultation.

49. 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.

50. UPDATING STANDING ORDERS – RESOLVED: THAT STANDING ORDERS BE UPDATED TO REFLECT THE FACT THAT MOBILE TELEPHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF, OR ON SILENT, AND OUT OF SIGHT WHILST THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IS IN PROGRESS.

51. REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS – The Clerk reported that she will be meeting with Revd. Simon Glynn to discuss the service and other arrangements. Confirmation that Policing will be available has been forwarded to West Lancs. BC who will now apply to LCC for a road closure order on Sunday 14 November. The usual invitations will be issued once confirmation of the road closure has been received, wreaths have been ordered, 300 orders of service will be printed and refreshments will be obtained. Details will be finalised at the October Parish Council Meeting.

52. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA - Day-to-day running and maintenance at Mossy Lea Village Hall will be discussed next month – Regarding the recent application for funding from LAG, Rural Development Programme for England for MLVH – the Expression of Interest has been successful – the Clerk will now complete a very detailed application form and bid for a portion of the funding available – there is no guarantee that the bid will be successful as the amount of bids submitted is in excess of the total funding available.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Car Park marking at Appley Bridge Village Hall still requires discussion. The insurance issue at the village hall is now out of the Parish Councils hands and being dealt with solely by the Insurance Company.

– In light of the above information formalising Hire Agreements for both village halls is now important. All long-term village hall users/hirers will be required to have their own public liability insurance. A draft checklist was available at the meeting which, once agreed, will need to be completed by every village hall user, each time they use the village hall. These records will be kept on file to ensure that any problems, issues, repairs and renewals are reported as soon as possible thereby allowing remedial action to be taken without delay. Once the draft has been finalised and approved and hire agreements have been formalised, these and the checklist risk assessments will be implemented without delay to prevent any further issues arising

53. PLANNING The following applications were discussed:

Planning Applications discussed during summer recess – REPORT 2 – page 5/6 – RESOLVED: PARISH COUNCIL DECISIONS/OBSERVATIONS WERE RATIFIED AT THIS MEETING.

Applications received for discussion at this meeting:

- 1) 2010/0953/FUL Two storey side extension. Raising of roof height to include dormer extensions to front and rear. New bay window to front and conservatory at rear. 40 Church Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2010/1026/FUL First floor side extension, with Juliet balcony to rear. 9 Farrier Way, Appley Bridge, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2010/1073/COU Retention of change of use to residential property. 170 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2010/1054/CON Approval of details reserved by condition No.7 and 9 relating to historic building report and treatment details. Lathoms Charity Farm, 248 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

54. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Request for Donation Vitalise
RESOLVED: A DONATION OF £25 WILL BE MADE – Galloway's Society for the Blind
Newsletter – Request for response to LCC proposals to develop closer working relationships with the winter services in Lancashire – Notification of AGM, 6 November 2010, 1:45 pm – Finance Workshop, 1 December – Legal Briefing, internal audit – NOTED.

55. ACCOUNTS - To receive the following list of accounts for Approval:

Payments made during summer recess – REPORT 3 – page 6 – RESOLVED: PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS PAID DURING THE SUMMER RECESS WERE APPROVED.

For Payment this month:

Standish Print Co	Stationery and Stamps	£30.99
Dave Proe	Amenity Grass Cutting x 2 (£124.00) + at ABVH x 2 (£44.00)	£168.00
E.on	Electricity at ABVH	£94.27
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse 50% cost of attending LALC Conference	£16.50
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

RESOLVED: That payment of the above Accounts is approved.

To discuss purchasing a new Parish Council printer – The Clerk reported that despite her best efforts the Parish Council printer is no longer working properly and a new one is required. It was suggested that a laser printer would be a more suitable option than the current inkjet printer. At this point the Clerk suggested that Charnock Richard Parish Council, who already own a laser printer, be approached with a view to sharing the use of their printer in return for Wrightington Parish Council agreeing to purchase a set of toner cartridges and thereafter sharing all future costs of cartridges, repairs or renewals.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will put this to Charnock Richard Parish Council and report back.

56. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

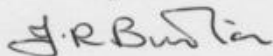
RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 October 2010 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 42 to 56 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 October 2010.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 11:00 pm

Chairman:



Date: 18/10/10

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REPORT 1

- a) i) Notification permission GRANTED – single storey rear extension, 13 Broadhurst Lane.
- ii) Notification permission GRANTED – replacement two storey dwelling with attached single storey double garage. Alterations to existing vehicular/pedestrian access with gates and pillars (2m high). Proposed underground septic tank. Tauranga, Broadhurst Lane.
- iii) Notification permission GRANTED – erection of detached garage. 12 Finch Lane.
- b) Notification appeal against West Lancs BC decision to refuse planning permission for erection of car port to side of existing outbuilding, Dwerry House Farm, Coopers Lane, has been DISMISSED.
- c) Letter of thanks from Crossroads Care West Lancs. for donation of £25 – Notification/invitation to AGM 12 October, Derby Street, Ormskirk.
- d) Notification Huws Gray Ltd has recently acquired Ainscough Building Supplies, the Mossy Lea site will continue to trade as Ainscough Building Supplies.
- e) Request for support for House of Commons Early Day Motion 557 – No need for Nuclear.
- f) Copy questionnaire, first stage consultations on Wigan Centre Area Action Plan through to 2026.
- g) Information on the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.
- h) Inf. From Lancs. Care NHS on proposed organisations changes the aim of which will be to strengthen community and mental health services in the area.
- i) Copy of consultation letter sent to Mossfields residents for 'No Ball Games' signs at Mossfields.
- j) Notification of receipt of highway matters reported after the last meeting – overgrown hedges Bannister Lane and near the quarry entrance – obstructing footway Skull House Lane – carriageway eroding away Church Lane – Japanese knotweed Courage Low Lane, Robin Hood Lane and Hall Lane – pot-holes in the Parish still requiring attention.
- k) Notification of receipt of public footpath reports following last meeting – No. 23 and No. 3.
- l) Copy revised 113 bus timetable.
- m) Copy OPSTA Connexion, Summer 2010.
- n) Copy Chorley & South Ribble CVS Standard.
- o) Info. from Central Lancs. NHS
- p) Copy CPRE Fieldwork.
- q) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice

REPORT 2

The following applications received, observations were as follows: RATIFIED:

- 1) 2010/0622/10 Erection of detached dwelling. Land South of Ashfield Terrace, Appley Bridge. THE PARISH COUNCIL MAINTAIN THEIR ORIGINAL OBJECTIONS TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PROPOSED BUILDING WOULD BE COMPLETELY OUT OF CHARACTER WITH THE EXISTING STREET SCENE. THE BUILDING DESIGN IS NOT SYMPATHETIC WITH THE EXISTING VICTORIAN/GEORGIAN STYLE OF STONE BUILT PROPERTY IN THIS AREA AND WOULD NOT BE IN KEEPING WITH THE ASHFIELD TERRACE CONSERVATION AREA.
- 2) 2010/0805/FUL Alteration to roof at rear to form first floor extension. Front porch. Loxley Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2010/0858/FUL Erection of detached garage. 12 Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2010/0478/PNP Consideration of details for prior approval – Agricultural storage building. Land west of Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. HAVING REVIEWED THIS APPLICATION AND THE PROPOSED USE, THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE FOR VERY LARGE, HEAVY AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY AND, ROAD SAFETY AND POOR SITELINES IN RELATION TO ACCESS AND EGRESS ONTO APPLEY LANE NORTH GIVE SERIOUS CAUSE FOR CONCERN. ALSO THE ACCESS ROAD FORMS PART OF THE EXTREMELY WELL USED PUBLIC FOOTPATH ON THIS ROUTE. THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH IS USED DAILY BY THE SCHOOLCHILDREN AND PARENTS TO ALL SAINTS SCHOOL AND THESE PROPOSALS WILL DETRIMENTALLY AFFECT THE USE OF, AND SURFACE OF, THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH AND SERIOUSLY COMPROMISE THEIR PERSONAL SAFETY.

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RESIDENTS OF BEACON VIEW USE THIS ACCESS ROAD AS HARDSTANDING FOR PARKING THEIR VEHICLES THEREBY REMOVING EXCESS CARS FROM APPLEY LANE NORTH, THEY ALSO ACCESS THEIR PROPERTIES FROM THIS ROAD AND WEST LANCS. BOROUGH COUNCIL USE THE ROAD FOR THE COLLECTION OF REFUSE. TAKING ALL THESE FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT AND, THE EXTENT/AMOUNT OF LAND OWNED IN THIS AREA BY THE APPLICANT, THE PARISH COUNCIL THINK THIS IS AN UNSUITABLE BUILDING IN AN INAPPROPRIATE PLACE.

- 5) 2010/0775/FUL Retention of harstanding. Stoneleach Farm, 7 Toogood Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 6) 2010/0838/FUL Formation of sensory garden erection of play equipment, sail canopy and 1.2m high boundary fence. St Josephs Roman Catholic School. Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 7) 2010/0870/FUL First floor extension and conservatory to rear. Pitched roof to existing dormer at front. (Amendment to planning permission 2010/0617/FUL). 11A Hinds Head Avenue, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 8) 2010/0894/FUL First floor extension to existing bungalow. Applegarth, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 9) 2009/1302/FUL Two storey extension to existing farmhouse. Change of use of barns to from ancillary accommodation and leisure facilities. Erection of stable block with external paddock area and associated works. Higher Barn Farmhouse, High Moor Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 10) 2010/0978/FUL Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 2007/1322/FUL). North Quarry Office, Stonecrop, North Quarry Business Park, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 11) 2010/0974/FUL Erection of single storey extension to accommodate receipt and dispatch, linking to existing corridor. Construction of delivery access road. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

REPORT 3

Paid during the summer recess: APPROVED:

CNM Online	Hot Water boilers ABVH & MLVH		£801.34
Heskin Plumb & Htg	Fitting boilers		£300.00
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

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