

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 December 2010 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mr C Taylor, 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.)

As there were no members of the public present no items were raised at this point.

- 83. APOLOGIES** - Were received from Borough Councillor Gartside.
- 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. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15 November 2010 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 86. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific at this point in the meeting.

87. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3 – ACCEPTED. Item g) - Councillor Taylor reported that following correspondence from the Police he has, in liaison with the Police, undertaken significant work this month updating Police information and contact details, to exact Police specifications. The website has also been hacked on a number of occasions, text in Turkish from an IP address in Russia. Again, following significant work, he has managed to stop this. The Parish Council requested that Councillor Taylor submit a bill for web-hosting and domain name costs, paid by himself over the past 12 months, which will be reimbursed at the earliest opportunity.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Copy of posters from West Lancs. BC re: website – DISPLAY ON NOTICE BOARDS.
- b) Invitation to attend the Lancashire Civic County Carol Service, Blackburn Cathedral, Sunday 30 Januarys 2011, 6:30 pm – COUNCILLOR McRAE WILL TRY TO ATTEND.
- c) Suggestion from Parbold PC that Parishes forward a letter of support to the Chief Constable re: the value of the service of PCSO Benson and request he be kept in post + Email from Chief Inspector Dean Holden regarding Key Messages on the future of Policing – THE COUNCIL WILL REQUEST THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE RETENTION OF PCSO BENSON FOR THE PARISH. PCSO BENSON IS VERY WELL RESPECTED AND EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO THE PARISH, AND PARISHIONERS, OF WRIGHTINGTON. HE HAS BEEN THE CONSTANT FACE OF WEST LANCASHIRE POLICE DURING THE PAST 18 MONTHS TO 2 YEARS IN THE ABSENCE OF PC HACKNEY. EVEN NOW IT IS PCSO BENSON WHO REMAINS THE VISIBLE POLICE PERSONNEL IN THE PARISH. HE ATTENDS PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS WHEN ON DUTY, HE ATTENDS COFFEE MORNINGS HELD AT MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL, HE HAS DEALT WITH A NUMBER OF ONGOING ISSUES AT MOSSFIELDS, WRIGHTINGTON, HE HAS COMPILED AN EMAIL DATABASE WHICH HE NOW USES TO CIRCULATE IMPORTANT POLICE INFORMATION, INITIATIVES AND UPDATES AND, BUT FOR HIS PERSISTENCE PACT MEETINGS IN THE PARISH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. HIS CONTRIBUTION TO VILLAGE LIFE,

AND POLICING, CANNOT BE EQUALLED BY NEITHER HIS PREDECESSORS NOR BY THE COMMUNITY BEAT MANAGER COVERING THE SAME RURAL PARISHES. SHOULD THE FORTHCOMING CUTS AFFECT HIS POSITION THIS WOULD PROVE AN EXTREME LOSS TO THE PARISHES AND WOULD HAVE A SEVERE DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON THE POLICING OF WRIGHTINGTON AND NEIGHBOURING PARISHES.

- D) Letter from Appley Bridge WI re: upkeep of access and parking at ABVH in adverse weather – FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT IT WAS AGREED THAT IF VILLAGE HALL USERS FEEL THAT THE VILLAGE HALL, OR THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK, IS UNSAFE TO USE FOR ANY REASON IT IS THE DUTY OF THE VILLAGE HALL USER TO CANCEL THE CLASS OR MEETING IMMEDIATELY AND INFORM THE PARISH COUNCIL OR VILLAGE HALL BOOKING SECRETARY WITHOUT DELAY. NOTICES TO THIS EFFECT WILL BE POSTED IN APPELEY BRIDGE AND MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALLS.
- e) Response to queries re: flooding problems, Mossy Lea Road – NOTED. COUNCILLOR MRS BURTON MET REPS. FROM WEST LANCS. BC TO DISCUSS WORK TO THE PLAYING FIELD AND PLAY EQUIPMENT FOLLOWING DRAINAGE WORK ON THE FIELD. THE SEAT ADJACENT TO THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK WILL BE RE-LOCATED SLIGHTLY TO ALLOW A CHICANE ENTRANCE TO THE PLAYING FIELD TO BE CREATED, THIS SECTION WILL ALSO BE TARMAK INSTEAD OF GRASS. THE OLD SEAT WILL BE RECYCLED AND USED ELSEWHERE IN THE PARISH.
- f) Notification applications for Capital Bids must be submitted to West Lancs. BC by 11 February 2011 – NOTED. WORK ON THE LAG BID WILL BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR A CAPITAL BID IF THE LAG BID IS UNSUCCESSFUL. OTHERWISE ALTERNATIVE PROJECTS WILL BE THOUGHT OF FOR SUBMISSION.
- g) Confirmation from Clerk to Peter Lathom Charity that Councillor Mrs Rees’s resignation has now been received and they are happy to accept Councillor Clinch’s appointment – RESOLVED: COUNCILLOR CLINCH’S APPOINTMENT BE ENDORSED.
- h) Info. on the West Lancs. BC move to a Choice Based Lettings system in March 2011 – THE COUNCIL WILL OFFER THE NOTICE BOARDS AND WEBSITE FOR ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY AND THE VILLAGE HALLS, AT A COST, FOR WORKSHOPS.
- i) Info. on the forthcoming 2011 Census – THE COUNCIL WILL ENQUIRE WHETHER THE CENSUS FORMS CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE.
- j) Notification of the decision on the consultation on proposals to charge entitled pupils a contribution towards the cost of denominational transport – THE COUNCIL BELIEVE THESE PROPOSALS MAY CONTRAVENE THE 1944 EDUCATION ACT.
- k) Request for financial assistance from Mencap West Lancs – RESOLVED: £25 DONATION.
- l) Notification of LCC Local Transport Plan 2011-2021, draft Strategy for Consultation – THE COUNCIL LOOK FORWARD TO LITTLE/NO DEPLETION IN SERVICE PROVISION.
- m) Notification of Consultation on the Central Lancashire Core Strategy and also of corrections to this document – COUNCILLORS WILL LOOK AT THIS DOCUMENT AND COMMENT AT THE JANUARY MEETING SHOULD THEY DEEM IT NECESSARY.
- n) Winter service updates from LCC, for your information – NOTED.
- o) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Info. from VIP on the services of Help Direct – THIS WILL BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE. ii) Notification of appeal against the West Lancs. BC decision to refuse the issue of a certificate of lawfulness for erection of detached swimming pool building incorporating ancillary changing rooms and underground plant at High Moor Farm, 8 High Moor Lane, Wrightington - NOTED. iii) Info. and details of the Localism Bill – NOTED FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

88. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The pot-holes and sunken road works on Skull House Lane still require attention.

89. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillor Mrs Burton has already reported the outcome of her meeting regarding the play equipment/playing field

adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall. Councillor Taylor explained that most bodies/organisations now have a facebook account and suggested this may be advantageous for the Parish Council. Councillors agreed that he pursue this matter.

90. **CASUAL VACANCY** – The Clerk reported that in accordance with s85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, the failure to attend throughout six consecutive months, any meetings of the council or its committees or sub-committees, has resulted in the automatic cessation of Miss Nicola Malivoire as an Appley Bridge Ward, Wrightington Parish Councillor. Miss Malivoire has been informed of this fact. The Parish Council stressed that Miss Malivoire had not been dismissed and that her cessation of office was an automatic result of her absence from parish Council Meetings/business since May 2010. The Clerk further reported the receipt of an email detailing the resignation of Mrs Alison Rees as a Mossy Lea Ward, Wrightington Parish Councillor, due to family commitments and being un-contactable during Parish Council Meetings. The Parish Council accepted the two vacancies which have arisen and notices informing of these will be posted as soon as practicable, weather permitting, and West Lancs. BC will be informed. On the expiration of the 14 day period and, providing there is no request for an election, the Parish Council will co-opt to fill the vacancy. The Clerk reported however, that due to the fact that the Parish Council elections are due to take place in May 2011 it may not be necessary to co-opt to fill the two vacancies for such a short period of time. This will be confirmed.

91. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA - Day-to-day running and maintenance. It was reported that the cleaner works for 2 hours per fortnight however concern was expressed as to what work, and to what extent, that work was being undertaken. The Council will write to inform the Cleaner that due to potential increased usage of the hall the following work is expected over a 2 week period:- sweep and mop all floors in the building, clean toilets and kitchen, brush porch, dust down all surfaces and clean windows. The Council will investigate the purchase of a steam cleaner for the floors. – Current position re: application for funding from LAG, Rural Development Programme for England. The Clerk has completed the extensive application form, obtained and submitted additional supporting evidence and information, the Council now await notification of their success in the next stage of bidding. - Reminder about Parish Walk, 28 December 2010 in aid of Cancer Research UK, meeting at the Village Hall at 11:00am.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Car Park Marking – The Chairman will pursue this matter.

Hire Agreements for both village halls – were agreed and formalised. Booking secretaries will be provided with copies, 2 to be signed for each user (1 for the user, 1 to be kept on file). Long-term users will be required to re-sign the agreement annually, in January.

92. **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.

93. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

Applications received for discussion:

- 1) 2010/1306/FUL Erection of replacement two storey detached garage/fitness room. 8 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS. (Case 813918)
- 2) 2010/1327/FUL Retention of two storey rear extension to provide manufacturing area at ground floor and office accommodation at first floor. Northern Diver International Ltd, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS. (Case 813920)
- 3) 2010/1322/FUL First floor and single storey extensions at rear. 349 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington NO OBJECTIONS. (Case 813922)
- 4) 2010/1408/FUL First floor extension to existing bungalow and creation of new access. Applegarth, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS. (Case 813924)

94. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Copy Annual Report – Info and guidance on clearing snow and ice from pavements yourself – December Newsletter – Details of workshops for 2011 – details of current s137 rates per elector – NOTED.

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

For Payment this month:

Joseph Noblett	Christmas Trees (ABVH £47.50 – MLVH £34.25 + VAT)		£96.06
Standish Print	Copying, Stationery and Stamps		£58.24
SLCC	Annual Subscriptions – 50%		£67.50
Chubb Fire Ltd	Servicing Extinguishers ABVH		£45.30
Mrs J Rogers	Remembrance Day Expenses		£13.70
Mrs C A Cross	Remembrance Day Expenses		£33.45
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Wreaths x 8		£200.00
Eon	Electricity ABVH		£131.81
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
D/D Eon	Electricity MLVH (VH Account)		119.00

Receipts:

MLVH Committee Contribution from village hall funds £1000.00

RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts and acceptance of Mossy Lea Village Hall Accounts for 2007/08, 2008/09 and 2009/10 be approved.

96. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 17 January 2011 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 83 to 96 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 January 2011.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

a) Notification planning permission has been granted for the following:

- i) Extension to farmhouse, change of use and alterations to barns to from ancillary accommodation and leisure facilities. Erection of a stable block with external paddock area and associated works. Higher Barn Farm, High Moor Lane (also Listed Building Consent granted).
- ii) Menage, Lathoms Charity Farm, 248 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- iii) Replacement stable block. Harrock Lodge, Jacksons Lane, Bispham.

Planning Application WITHDRAWN for the following:

- i) Detached dwelling, integral garage and landscaping, new access. Land between 321 and 325 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- b) Notification planning permission and listed building consent granted for refurbishment and extension of farmhouse and construction of detached garage and external works. Martin House Farm, Church Lane.
- c) Notification Secretary of State dismissed appeal and upheld the enforcement notice, Cowlings Farm, 13 Church Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Notification of road closure, Lees Lane, Dalton, 3 December-10 December.
- e) Confirmation street lighting enquiry last month being investigated.
- f) Confirmation highway faults reported last month are being investigated.
- g) Request from Communications Officer, Greater Manchester Police, for alterations to the Parish Council website + Confirmation from Councillor Taylor that the amendments have been undertaken.
- h) Crime Info. + Police Newsletter.
- i) Copy Joint committee for Strategic Planning Framework Update Newsletter.
- j) Copy CPRE Framework.
- k) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.