

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17 January 2011 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Acting Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mr C Taylor, Mr I McRae and Mr J Clinch. Also present 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: Reported pot-holes in the carriageway on Mossy Lea Road near the junction with Boundary Lane and outside 201 Mossy Lea Road. Also, a large one on the footway outside the White Lion, Mossy Lea Road. Pot-holes previously poorly filled on Mossfields car park require attention again. The grass verge in-front of the flats at Mossfields is being churned up by cars running on and parking sideways, using the disabled drop-kerbs to access the verge. The Council will enquire as to the current position with regard to parking issues at Mossfields. It was reported that the grit bin has been moved from one end of Broadhurst Lane to the other.

97. **APOLOGIES** - Were received from Councillor Mr F Hodgkinson (illness).
98. **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.
99. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 December 2010 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
100. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
- Village Hall Hire Agreements – Have now been formalised but to ensure existing users are retained a minimum booking period will not be specifically stated in the agreement. New users will be verbally informed of this depending on the circumstances of the hire.

101. 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) Response to Parish Council comments on proposals to request contributions towards denomination school travel costs – RESPONSE WILL BE FORWARDED TO COUNCILLOR HODGKINSON WHO RAISED THIS POINT.
- b) Response to comments on the forthcoming Choice Based Lettings allocations – NOTED.
- c) Response to Parish Council comments on forthcoming Census – NOTED.
- d) Request for notification of Parish Council members allowances for 2011/2012, if any – RESOLVED: NO CHANGE - NO MEMBERS ALLOWANCES SCHEME.
- e) Details of Addendum to the West Lancs. BC Parish Charter – NO OBJECTIONS.
- f) Invitation to Chairman and Clerk to attend the West Lancs. BC Annual Celebration Event, Fri. 4 February 2011, 12:30 pm, Chapel Gallery, St Helens Road, Ormskirk – APOLOGIES.
- g) Invitation to Councillors and Clerks to attend the “Face the People Event” – Wednesday 2 March 2011, The Ecumenical Centre, Skelmersdale, 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm – APOLOGIES.
- H) Results of Housing Needs Survey, in particular for Wrightington - THE COUNCIL FEEL THE FIGURES IN THE PARISH REPORT FOR WRIGHTINGTON DO NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT THE NUMBER OF PRIVATELY OWNED, TENANTED,

HOUSES IN THE PARISH. THE COUNCIL ARE OF THE OPINION THAT THERE ARE MORE PRIVATE LANDLORDS THAN THE SURVEY INDICATES IN THIS AREA.

- i) Request for completion of survey on travel passes for elderly and disabled bus users – COMPLETED.
- j) Notice from LCC of termination of existing highway verge/grass cutting arrangements with Parish and Town Councils – NOTED. THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN TAKING ON THIS SERVICE UNDER THE NEW DELEGATED SERVICE PROTOCOL.
- k) Info. re: the Great Poppy Party Weekend, 10-12 June, celebrating the Royal British Legions 90th Birthday – SUGGESTED A CAR BOOT SALE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A COFFEE MORNING. COUNCILLOR TAYLOR WILL APPROACH LOCAL TRADERS TO VISIT MLVH CAR PARK ON COFFEE MORNINGS.
- L) Response to Consultation on the Central Lancashire Core Strategy and also corrections to this document. (emailed to Councillors for perusal prior to the meeting) – DESPITE PROMOTING WALKING AND CYCLING THERE IS NO MENTION IN NEITHER PARAGRAPHS 7.7 OR 7.8 OF PROMOTING MULTI-PURPOSE LINKS/BRIDLEWAYS IN RURAL AREAS. SIMILARLY THERE IS NO PROVISION OR PROMOTION OF ENHANCED MULTI-PURPOSE RIGHTS OF WAY FOR HORSE-RIDERS IN POLICIES 23, 24 OR 25 IN RELATION TO HEALTH, SPORT AND RECREATION AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES. THE PARISH COUNCIL BELIEVE THAT HORSE-RIDING AND LIVERIES FORM A SIGNIFICANT PART OF LEISURE FOR MANY PEOPLE LIVING IN RURAL AREAS AND COMMUNITIES AND, THAT MULTI-USE LINKS AND BRIDLEWAYS CAN BE USED BY ALL RIGHTS OF WAY USERS - WALKERS, RUNNERS, CYCLISTS AND HORSE-RIDERS. THE CORE STRATEGY PROMOTES WALKING AND CYCLING AND DIVERSIFICATION BY FARMERS BUT DOES NOT MENTION THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HORSES AND LIVERY PROVISION, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, FROM A SOCIAL, LEISURE, EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS AND COMMERCIAL PERSPECTIVE.
- m) Notification of sites for discussion paper for Chorley, for your info. and comment if necessary – NOTED.
- n) Suggestions for Capital Bids for submission to West Lancs. BC by 11 February 2011 – THE CLERK REPORTED THAT THE FUNDING BID FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE LANCASHIRE WEST LOCAL ACTION GROUP (LAG) EXECUTIVE AND THE NORTH WEST REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (NWD), ACTING AS A DELEGATED DELIVERY BODY OF THE RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY UNDER THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND (RDPE), PARTLY FUNDED THROUGH THE EUROPEAN AGRICULTURAL FUND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND THROUGH FUNDING PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DEFRA). The Clerk reported that this has been a lengthy and complicated application process and from the applications received, filtered down to 18 considered, only 5 have been recently approved. RESOLVED: AN ALTERNATIVE PROJECT FOR SUBMISSION AS A CAPITAL BID TO WEST LANCS. BC. IS FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE FLAG PATH ON THE APPROACH TO ABVH, REMOVING THE POTENTIAL TRIP HAZARD, AND REPLACING THIS WITH TARMAC AS THE EXISTING CAR PARK SURFACE. COUNCILLOR MRS BURTON WILL OBTAIN A QUOTATION FORMING THE BASIS OF THE BID. The Council would still like to pursue the removal of the suspended ceiling in the hall and kitchen at ABVH. This will have to be the subject of a future funding bid however, Councillors agreed to meet on Monday 24 January, 1:00pm to look at this future project in more detail.
- o) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Response from LCC to questions raised re: signs restricting access to footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, for horses – NOTED THE RESPONSE THAT PLANS FOR UPGRADING THE STATUS OF THIS FOOTPATH ARE ONGOING. ii) Notification that Groundwork Pennine Lancashire has been commissioned to provide support and advice to help Parish Councils

address climate change – NOTED. iii) Notification of new funding for Community Amenities – Whitemoss Community Fund – administered by GrantScape, first deadline for applications is 7 March 2011 – THIS WOULD BE A SUITABLE FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT AT ABVH, REMOVAL OF THE SUSPENDED CEILING. THE CLERK WILL ENQUIRE FUTURE DEADLINE DATES FOR APPLICATIONS.

102. 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.

103. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Culvert work on the playing field adjacent to MLVH is now complete however water is still running down the carriageway because the gullies in this vicinity are blocked and need jetting.
- Councillor Mrs Burton continues to pursue the issue of water running down and across the carriageway on Toogood Lane in the vicinity of Toogood Farm.
- Streams at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane are blocked and there is nowhere for the water to go therefore water is holding/flooding the road.
- There are numerous mole-hills on the playing field adjacent to MLVH.
- Recently radio stations have reported that 3 local authorities will be ring-fencing money to safeguard PCSO's. As PCSO Benson is doing an excellent job will his services be protected.
- In the vicinity of the bollard at the Millbank end of Mill Lane there are 3 very large pot-holes in the carriageway affecting approx. 10' of carriageway. The pot-hole on Skull House Lane still required remedial attention.

104. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report.

105. PRECEPT – Request for Precept and notification that Concurrent Contributions from West Lancs. BC will remain the same as last years contributions. The Clerk presented those present with figures from previous years and calculations on the current precept for percentage increases for the forthcoming year. It has become obvious from previous budget meetings that some Councillors are reluctant to increase the Precept by a significant amount. Despite advice from the Clerk on potential items of expenditure for the 2011/2012 financial year and the fact that the Concurrent Contributions received from West Lancs. BC will remain unchanged for the third year running (no increase) - It was proposed that the precept be increased by 3.5%. An Amendment was put forward for an increase of 5% on the current precept. Voting on the Amendment revealed 2 in favour of a 5% increase. 3 in favour of a 3.5% increase. **RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST A PRECEPT OF £6,600.00 FOR THE 2011/2012 FINANCIAL YEAR – AN INCREASE OF 3.5% ON THE CURRENT PRECEPT.**

106. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – The Clerk had already reported on the success of the application for funding from LAG, Rural Development Programme for England. Work can commence on this project as soon as an offer letter has been received but not before. The Parish Walk on the 28 December 2010 in aid of Cancer Research UK was a great success, despite the wet weather, raising just over £1000. 32 people attended, including 2 from Charnock Richard. Councillor Mrs Burton would like to write and thank them for supporting fundraising activities in Wrightington. This was approved.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Car Park Marking.

The Clerk will contact the Project Supervisor for the Community Payback Scheme to discuss the possibility of work being undertaken in the Parish – possibly painting or clearance work at ABVH.

107. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

Applications received for discussion:

- 1) 2010/1406/FUL Two storey rear extension. 188 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS. (Case 827137)
- 2) 2010/1114/FUL Alterations including part two storey/part single storey extensions at rear and front porch. Conversion of existing outbuildings and erection of new garage block and

stable building. Closure of existing vehicular/pedestrian access and erection of 1.8m high boundary walls. New vehicular/pedestrian access, driveway, wall and gates. Lathom's Charity Farm, 248 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington (Amended)
NO OBJECTIONS. (Case 827138)

108. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Notification next meeting of Area Committee will take place on Thursday 20 January 2011, Derby Street, 7:30 pm – Workshops:- Finance February; Quality Parish Scheme March; Chairmanship April – NOTED.

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

For Payment this month:

Mencap West Lancs. Donation		£25.00
Standish Print Stationery		£4.75
C Taylor Reimburse Web-hosting (£70) + Domain Name (£6.56) costs paid		£76.56
British Gas Gas supplied at ABVH		£447.18
Mrs C A Cross Clerk's Salary – Net		£552.85
HM Rev. & Customs Tax & NI due by Clerk	£15.79)	
HM Rev. & Customs Employers NI liability	£11.86)	£27.65

Receipts:

ABVH Committee Quarterly Transfer	£2130.00
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RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts be approved.

110. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21 February 2011 at Appley Bridge Village Hall, Budget Meeting 7:00 pm, Parish Council Meeting 7:30 pm

Minutes 97 to 110 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 February 2011.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 11:05 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Police Newsletter.
- b) Copy Winter Service Updates – from LCC.
- c) Info. from SELRAP on issues they are currently working on.
- d) Notification of Clerk's Liaison Meeting – Friday 4 February 2011, Chapel Gallery, Ormskirk.