

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 21 February 2011 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, 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 fly-tipping is occurring on Tunley Lane and a litter pick is required. Water is running from the downspout at 311 Mossy Lea Road, overflowing the grid and flowing across Broadhurst Lane and onto Mossy Lea Road. Vehicles continue to churn up the grass verges in-front of Mossfields, children are now using the vehicle tracks as slides. Interior repair works as Mossfields flats have been poorly undertaken and work is still required to rectify heating and extraction problems. Borough Councillor Gartside agreed to pursue this matter. The Parish Council and the residents do not feel that boulders on the grass verges would not be a suitable solution to the parking problems, they would merely provide a climbing structure for the young people and produce serious Health & Safety issues.

111. **APOLOGIES** - Were received from Councillors Mrs Burton (prior commitment) and Taylor (illness).
112. **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.
113. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 January 2011 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
114. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific which is not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
115. **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) Confirmation that Mossy Lea Village Hall will be required for the Borough & Parish Elections and possible National Referendum, 5 May 2011 – NOTED.
- b) Response to various items reported re: Mossfields – NOTED – THE COUNCIL WILL CONFIRM SERIOUS HEALTH & SAFETY CONCERNS RELATING TO THE USE OF BOULDERS ON THE GRASS VERGES. THEY WOULD ONLY AGREE TO BOULDERS IF CLEARED FOR USE BY THE HEALTH & SAFETY EXECUTIVE.
- c) Response to flooding items reported on Mossy Lea Road – NOTED, WILL BE MONITORED AS WATER IS STILL COMING OFF THE FIELDS OPPOSITE MLVH.
- d) Response to enquiries made re: new funding for Community Amenities – NOTED FOR REFERENCE WITH THE ABVH CEILING PROJECT NEXT YEAR.
- e) Notices from VIP re: Trustees Wanted & Community Grants Programme Spring 2011 – THE CLERK WILL FORMULATE A BID FOR KITCHEN SHELVING AT MLVH.
- f) Info. from Police, including advice notes and Newsletter and the suggestion that attendance at the regular Coffee Mornings would promote better relations with the Community than the current poorly attended PACT Meetings – THE COUNCIL THINK THAT ATTENDANCE AT THE COFFEE MORNINGS WILL BE MORE BENEFICIAL THAT THE CURRENT POORLY ATTENDED PACT MEETINGS.
- g) Request for a Donation from North West Air Ambulance –RESOLVED: DONATE £25.00.

- h) Invitation to Chairman & Guest to attend the Mayor's Civic Dinner and Dance, Friday 25 March 2011, Civic Hall, Ormskirk, tickets £25 each – APOLOGIES.
- i) Notification from Eon of possibility of changes to electricity supply pricing – THE CLERK WILL OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER.
- j) Confirmation submission of Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC - Access Improvement Scheme at Appley Bridge Village Hall, total cost £1600.00 (£1100.00 requested from West Lancs. BC and £500 contribution from the Parish Council) – CONFIRMED BY THE COUNCIL.
- k) Confirmation from West Lancs. BC there is no requirement to fill the 2 current casual vacancies by co-option due to forthcoming Parish Council elections in May 2011 –NOTED.
- l) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations
 - i) Request for nominations for 2011 West Lancs. Design Awards – NOTHING THIS YEAR.
 - ii) Request received for a litter pick Carr House Lane – REQUEST WILL BE SUBMITTED.
 - iii) Invitation to attend Public Meetings to discuss changes to the NHS – NOTED.
 - iv) Details of the election timetable and related issues for Parish Councillors – THE CLERK WILL COLLECT NOMINATION PAPERS FOR CURRENTLY SERVING PARISH COUNCILLORS HOWEVER, IT IS THE CANDIDATES RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THEIR ELECTION PAPERS ARE SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE DATE AND TIME.

116. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Litter picks are required at the following locations: Broadhurst Lane, Mossy Lea Road, the playing field at the rear of Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road/Crow Orchard Road near the junction with the BP Petrol Station and Bluebird Garage and Carr House Lane.
- Flooding on Broadhurst Lane as the gullies are blocked and the flow of water in the stream/brook at the bottom of the lane is congested. The road requires sweeping from end to end.
- There is a mound in the tarmac in the carriageway on Mossy Lea Road, near lamp post No178.
- Carriageway is breaking up near lamp post No.184 and water running of the fields is flowing across the inspection chamber on the grass verge into the road gully leaving sand and silt in the road channel.
- Tarmac has been washed away from around the road gully near lamp post No186, Mossy Lea Rd.
- There have been several accidents over the winter months, ice related, on Mossy Lea Road, near the marker posts just past Raby Fold Farm driveway. Additional signage is required to indicate the bend and possibly the addition of an anti-skid road surface prior to next winter.
- Hedges need cutting back at the following locations: in-front of 266 Mossy Lea Road, 225 Mossy Lea Road (Diglake Farm), from 15 Mossy Lea Road up to lamp post No.11 towards Boundary Lane.
- The hedges and grass verges require cutting back at the following locations: On Mossy Lea Road from street lamp No.214 up to the sub-station on the opposite side of the road to Lathom's Charity Farm; on Mossy Lea Road from the barn at Lathom's Charity Farm up to street lamp No.246; on Mossy Lea Road/Crow Orchard Road between Boundary Lane and the junction and in the vicinity of BP Crow Orchard Garage and Bluebird Garage.
- The grass needs spading back from the footway from 100 Mossy Lea Road to the telephone box near BP Crow Orchard Garage as the width of the footway is severely restricted by the overgrowth from the grass verges.
- The 'Eccleston & Mawdesley' sign on Toogood Lane, near the junction of Toogood Lane/Tunley Lane/Courage Low Lane needs turning around as it appears to have been hit by a vehicle and is now pointing in the wrong direction.
- Pot holes and sunken road workings are still a significant problem on Skull House Lane.
- The carriageway is eroding away on the motorway roundabout near junction 27 M6.
- Editorial relating to the possible closure of Wrightington Hospital was related to the Council. The Parish Council that this is a valuable amenity which should be retained and protected.

- 117. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – The Clerk reported her attendance at a Project Management Workshop prior to the commencement of the Mossy Lea Village Hall enhancement/improvement project the subject of the successful LAG Bid. Councillor Clinch reported his receipt of donations for the Peter Lathom Charity – he has received

a booklet in relation to his representation on this body. Future donations will be discussed at their next meeting scheduled for November 2011.

118. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA - Current position re: funding from LAG, Rural Development Programme for England – The Clerk reported that work forming part of the successful LAG bid will be underway shortly to improve the toilet, kitchen and small meeting room at the village hall, followed by electrical work forming part of this years Capital Bid before the hall is painted throughout, the final part of the LAG Bid. **APPLEY BRIDGE** – Car Park Marking – on hold pending the outcome of the recent Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC for improvements to the access to the village hall. The Clerk reported a telephone conversation between Councillor Mrs Burton and the WI regarding their request to use the car park whilst they go on a walk around the Parish. Councillor Mrs Burton could not allow this, even if they sign a disclaimer, as they would not be covered by insurance should an incident occur as they would not, strictly speaking, be village hall users. The Council agreed that a resolution to this situation could be achieved if the WI booked the village hall for 2 hours on the afternoon of their walks they could then use the car park and return to the village hall for refreshments at the end of their walk.

119. PLANNING Discussing the following applications:

Applications received for discussion:

- 1) 2010/1452/FUL Erection of replacement agricultural storage building. Building south-west of 14, Speakmans Drive Appley Bridge, Wrightington – **THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECT TO THESE PROPOSALS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF NEIGHBOURS, THEIR CHILDREN AND OTHER ROAD USERS, WILL BE SERIOUSLY COMPROMISED BY THE INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL VEHICLES USING THE PROPOSED ACCESS OFF SPEAKMANS DRIVE TO THE AGRICULTURAL STORAGE BUILDING.**
- 2) 2011/0039/ADV Display of non-illuminated wall-mounted sign. Utilise Ltd, Utilise House, 4 Stonecrop, North Quarry Business Park, Appley Bridge, Wrightington – **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 3) 2011/0041/FUL Change of use of building to offices (Use Class B1). Installation of two vents on front elevation and new external air conditioning condenser on rear elevation. 4 Stonecrop, North Quarry Business Park, Appley Bridge, Wrightington – **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 4) 2011/0055/FUL Replacement stable block. Harrock Lodge, Jacksons Lane, Bispham – **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 5) 2011/0135/FUL Form opening in existing front wall to provide new vehicular access. 91 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – **NO OBJECTIONS.**

120. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Notification of change of date for next meeting of Area Committee to Thursday 28 April - **NOTED** – Invitation to nominate Chairman to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party – **THE CHAIRMAN WILL BE NOMINATED TO ATTEND** – Invitation to nominate a Parish Councillor as the Parish Councils' representative on the proposed 3 Tier Forums – **THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL NOT BE NOMINATING A REPRESENTATIVE AS THEY FEEL 1 PARISH COUNCILLOR ON THIS FORUM WILL NOT BE TRULY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE 21 PARISHES IN THE COUNTY AND WOULD MERELY SERVE AS TOKEN REPRESENTATION ON THIS BODY, PROVING POINTLESS IN THE LONG-RUN.**

121. ACCOUNTS - To receive the following list of accounts and Bank Reconciliation for Approval:

For Payment this month:

Standish Print	Stationery		£26.68
United Utilities	Water Charges ABVH		£97.69
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 – Utd Utilities	Water Charges MLVH		£20.31
Minutes – Wrightington Parish Council			

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	2 nd half Concurrent Contributions	£2365.00
LCC	Reimburse Amenity Grass Cutting Expenses	£340.52

RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts be approved.

122. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21 March 2011 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm

Minutes 111 to 122 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 March 2011.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:05 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification of diesel and grain spill, Toogood Lane/Smithy Brow – reported to LCC, action taken.
- b) Notification, and CD copy of, Wigan Local Development Framework Draft Core Strategy (proposed submission version), for your information.
- c) Notification planning permission granted for: - 1) extension at Northern Diver 2) Alterations at Lathoms Charity Farm, Mossy Lea Road 3) Front porch at Harrock Lodge, Jacksons Lane, Bispham.
- d) Copy Lancs. Fire & Rescue Service Draft Risk Management Plan 2011-13.
- e) Update info. on the Sustainable Communities Act (emailed to Councillors for information).
- f) Notification of road closure from Bank Road to Ayrefield Lane, 7/2/11-11/2/2011, collapse in carriageway requiring urgent investigation.
- g) Notification of road closure, Mill Lane at railway bridge, 28/3/11-2/4/11, defective reinstatement to be rectified.
- h) Play equipment information from Monster Play.