

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 June 2011 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

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

## OPEN FORUM

There is a board on the pavement covering a manhole near 259 Mossy Lea Road which is a trip hazard. Grass verge cutting is required on Broadhurst Lane as it is impossible to use the grass verges in an emergency. Grass cutting this year by West Lancs. BC is poor as they have not lifted the cuttings. The Clerk had been informed that they have neither the manpower nor the machinery to do this. The Council will request strimming at the junction of Courage Low Lane/Moss Lane to improve the site lines. Officers were present and inspecting Mossfields car park last week. Rodent reports and investigations at Chisnall Avenue remain ongoing, the response of the residents is awaited. It was suggested that the residents contact the Citizens Advice Bureau or Help the Aged for further assistance with this matter. Rumours are again circulating regarding a possible change at Rivaj, Mossy Lea Road. Any changes cannot include the Bowling Green as it is understood this is privately owned by the Bowling Club.

21. **APOLOGIES** – Were received from County Councillor Ms Evans and Borough Councillors Mrs Baybutt and Mr Gartside.
22. **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.
23. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 May 2011 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. .
24. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** –  
Flag Poles – Have been manufactured and will be erected at both village halls at a total cost of £55.00.

## 25. 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 issues reported to West Lancs. Estate Management and Tenant Participation Team are being investigated – NOTED.
- b) Request for a Donation from Appley Bridge Pensioners Social Club – RESOLVED: THAT A DONATION OF £100 WILL BE MADE AT THE NEXT MEETING.
- c) Results of LCC Community Transport Review – NOTED.
- d) Response to Parish Council suggestion to submit the playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall for QEII Fields in Trust status – NOTED.
- e) Notification of revised arrangements for Highway Grass Verges from West Lancs. BC – THE CLERK REPORTED THAT AMENITY GRASS CUTTING HAS BEEN DEVOLVED FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCIL TO THE PARISH COUNCIL AT THE SAME RATE AND ON THE SAME TERMS AS LAST YEARS CONTRACT WITH LCC.
- f) Confirmation of results of LCC/Parish & Town Council Delegated Services Pilot Projects – Public Rights of Way – NOTED.
- g) Request from Aon as to steps taken to prevent similar lead theft in the future – THE CLERK REPORTED THAT IMPROVED/ENHANCED SECURITY LIGHTING AND SENSORS CAN BE ERECTED AT A COST OF £150 OR £185 DEPENDING ON THE QUALITY OF

THE INSTALLATION. RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL WILL INSTALL THE BETTER QUALITY SENSOR AND LIGHTING.

- h) Notification of plans by Network Rail to roll out a nationwide Railway Communications System across the entire rail network, including a site for a mast at Appley Bridge – NOTED.
- i) Notification of changes to Refuse/Recycling Collection services from 20 Jun 2011 – NOTED.
- j) West Lancs. Highway Bulletin – May 2011 – NOTED.
- k) Notification of proposals under the Sustainable Communities Act which would help Parish & Town Councils and how the Parish Council can assist – RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS.
- l) Copy of Code of Conduct Training Pack from West Lancs. BC – NOTED.
- m) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Confirmation of details for Parish Council Vacancy Notices – CONFIRMED FOR DISPLAY. ii) Notification of road closure, Crow Orchard Road, 12-19 September - NOTED. iii) Editorial describing the impact of Boundary Review – NOTED.

## 26. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The play area adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall is now extremely well used however the dog-leg barriers at the entrance have not yet been installed.
- The public footpath from Appley Lane North to Lees Lane, past Halliwells Farm, is very overgrown and needs cutting back.
- The Council will enquire as to the up-to-date position with upgrading of the public footpath from Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road to a bridleway.
- Stakes are still in the grass verge on Appley Lane North.
- Brambles and bushes recently cut back near the motorway roundabout have not been removed but merely thrown at the side of the road.
- Councillor Mr Johnson recently used the LCC report a fault system to enquire about road sweeping and gully emptying. The response was reported and an interim sweep was requested. There are now green spots near some road gullies (12 on Mossy Lea Road and some on Hall Lane). Councillor Mr Johnson was informed that the footways were swept in May but, only some were swept, not all in the Parish. Councillor Mr Johnson will contact Rosemary Hurst at West Lancs. BC.

27. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Councillor Mr McRae was unable to attend the recent Community Centre Trust Meeting.

28. **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER** – RESOLVED: THE DRAFT IS APPROVED TO GO TO PRINT.

## 29. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Remaining work is in progress in relation to the LAG bid. The first claim has already been submitted however payment can take up to 3 months be credited to the Parish Councils account.

Once the remaining items have been purchased the final claim will be submitted for payment.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Councillor Mrs Burton attended an Appley Bridge Village Hall Committee Meeting, the next meeting is scheduled for 27 July 2011. Several ladies have been in to the village hall to undertake a thorough clean as they were unhappy with the standard of cleaning. No progress has been made with enquiries relating to the removal of the false ceiling in the hall and kitchen. Councillor Mr Hodgkinson agreed to ask the surveyor for a quote. It was reported that recent refurbishments at the Community Centre in Appley Bridge have resulted in increased bookings. The plumber will be asked to look at the boiler which has no pressure tonight, a radiator which is coming away from the wall in the kitchen, a further radiator in the main hall requires attention and there is a possible leak in the kitchen cupboards. It was agreed that if the Clerk does not have enough time to move items from Mossy Lea Village Hall to the secure room at Appley Bridge Village Hall, Dave Proe will be asked to undertake this work along with any additional work relating to the completion of the LAG project.

30. **PLANNING** To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2011/0508/FUL Two storey rear/side extension and erection of part single/part two store

- (Case 909751) outbuilding. 4 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.  
 2) 2011/0539/FUL Single storey side extension to existing detached garage to form two car garage  
 (Case 909771) including alterations to existing roof. 8 Speakmans Drive, Appley Bridge.  
 NO OBJECTIONS.  
 3) 2011/0580/COU Retention of change of use of land from agriculture to cemetery including  
 (Case 909762) associated paths and fencing. St Josephs Presbytery, Crow Orchard Road,  
 Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

**31. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** –NALC Legal Briefing on Councillors’ Notification under the Data Protection Act 1998 – LALC Briefing – Notes of concern from the External Auditors – Details of Training for Clerks to achieve CiLCA –NOTED.

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

**For Payment:**

Standish Print	Copying		£10.80
Ainscough Bldg Spls	Fluorescent lights for ABVH		£6.01
United Utilities	Water and wastewater services at ABVH		£99.62
E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH		£129.16
Heskin Plmbg/Htg	Additional work at MLVH associated with LAG Bid		£140.00
D Proe	Additional Painting work at MLVH		£160.00
D Proe	Grass Cutting ABVH	£69.00	
	Weed spraying ABVH	£15.00	
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	Minor kitchen repairs ABVH	£15.00	£114.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net		£584.83
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk		£2.40
D/D – E.on	Electricity supplied at MLVH		£128.45
CPRE	Annual Membership		£29.00

**Receipts:**

ABVH Committee	Quarterly Transfer		£2470.00
West Lancs. BC	1 <sup>st</sup> Half Concurrent Contributions		£2365.00

RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts and ABVH Committee end of year Accounts be approved.

**33. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 July 2011 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 21 to 33 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 June 2011.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

## **REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission for first floor extensions to front, rear and side elevations and single storey extension at rear. 25 Glenside, Appley Bridge. WITHDRAWN.
- b) Confirmation appeal granted for demolition of existing garage and erection of replacement garage and fitness room. 8 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
- c) Notification of application for 1 vehicle authorisation for new operating centre, Hesketh House, Toogood Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Copy In Touch, Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter.
- e) Current position with regard to Lancs. Minerals and Waste Development Framework: submission of site allocations and development management policies and proposals map
- f) Copy the Preston , South Ribble, Chorley Central Lancs. LDF News.
- g) Sustainable Gov. Newsletter.
- h) Contact and Information leaflet from TIC Euxton Insurances.
- i) Notification of temporary road closure – Carr House lane, Wrightington – 9:30-15:30 Tuesday 5 July 2011 to allow BT works access to renew arial cable and tree cutting.
- j) Copy Open Spaces Society – Open Space, Annual Report and Accounts and AGM – 5 July, London.
- k) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.