

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 July 2011 at Mossy Lea 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.

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 - Residents of Chisnall Avenue are still experiencing problems with rats. Some have now paid for pest control measures but this defeats the object of collectively requesting that West Lancs. BC pay for the treatment as the landlord of these properties. It was confirmed that treatment has taken place in another area in the Parish but the officer would not confirm where. It is still believed that West Lancs. BC had a duty of care to these residents and that this was a health and safety issue as it relates to elderly residents. The residents were again advised to contact the Citizens Advice Bureaux and/or Age Concern, via Help Direct if necessary. It was reported that the yellow lines on the left hand side of the entrance to Hinds Head Avenue are damaged, broken and a trip hazard. The grid on the right hand side of Hinds Head Avenue is blocked, the water is now running onto Mossy Lea Road as it is not being taken away. There are two broken windows in the Telephone Kiosk on Mossy Lea Road. The piece of wood covering the hole in the footway in-front of 259 Mossy Lea Road, is a trip hazard. Hedges in front of 261-263 and 265A,B,C, are overgrown together with those at Orchard Cottages. The overgrown electricity substation near Ainscoughs is an eyesore. There are still pot-holes in Mossfields Car Park. Saville's have been engaged to undertake a survey of West Lancs. BC housing stock, from July-Sept.

- 34. APOLOGIES** – None received.
- 35. 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. Councillor Mrs Burton declared an interest in Planning 2011/0188/FUL.
- 36. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 June 2011 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 37. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - - Nothing specific which is not dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
- 38. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Request for nomination of a Parish Representative on the WLBC Standards Committee – RESOLVED: SUBJECT TO HIS AGREEMENT, COUNCILLOR CLINCH NOMINATED.
- b) Confirmation of changes to Locality Working at LCC – NOTED.
- c) Notification of the proposal to introduce 20 mph sign only schemes in residential areas and outside schools in Lancashire by the end of 2013 – NOTED.
- d) Consultation from LCC on the Draft Policy for Managing Unauthorised Encampments on County Council owned land and on the highways for which the County Council is the Responsible Authority – NOTED.
- e) Request to circulate Parish Council documentation electronically – RESOLVED: COUNCILLORS ARE HAPPY TO RECEIVE DOCUMENTATION ELECTRONICALLY AND WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A REAM OF PAPER TO ASSIST WITH PRINTING.
- f) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Invitation to attend West Lancashire Borough Council Civic Sunday Service, 11 Sept 2011, 3pm Parish Church, Ormskirk – APOLOGIES WILL BE FORWARDED.

39. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Public Footpath No.1, Appley Lane South to Lees Lane, is impassable in places.
- A barbed wire fence has been erected around land at the rear of the terraced houses on Appley Lane South which is considered dangerous for public footpath users.
- Public Footpath No.21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, is very overgrown.
- Public Footpath No.3, Appley Lane North to Finch Lane, is very overgrown.
- Pot-holes still require attention on Skull House Lane despite numerous reports to LCC.
- Hedges require cutting back on Carr House Lane.
- Public Footpath No.5, which follows the River Douglas on Appley Lane South, is in very poor condition.
- Councillor Johnson reported information from an LCC Officer stating that no further action will be taken to prevent accidents on the bend near Raby Fold Farm as signage is adequate.
- Councillor Johnson reported that it is now 16 weeks since the roads were swept but the motorway roundabout was swept overnight, 9-10 July.
- There was flooding on both sides of Mossy Lea Road between 5-11 July and also at Wrightington Fish Ponds on 10 July.
- The gully emptier seen on Mossy Lea Road, although stopped, did not appear to do anything.
- None of the overgrown hedges reported to LCC earlier in the year have been attended to.
- White lining and slow signs on the carriageway have not yet been repainted following work.
- The Clerk will check MARIO for information on accidents in the Raby Fold Farm vicinity.

40. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to Report.

41. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – Distributed for delivery by Councillors, the Clerk and volunteers.

42. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Progress with the LAG bid remains ongoing, the first claim having been submitted and approved. A request has been received from residents of Mossy Lea to use the village hall for a Charity Event to raise funds for the Corey Ashcroft Appeal. **RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT THIS BY ALLOWING USE OF THE VILLAGE HALL FREE OF CHARGE.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – Nothing specific to report.

It was confirmed that village hall hire agreements for long-term users should be re-signed annually.

43. PLANNING Observations on the following applications are as detailed below:

- 1) 2011/0690/FUL Conversion of existing semi detached dwellings into single 4 bedroom dwelling including two storey front extension, single storey side extension, alterations to roof with front dormers and open front porch. East Lodge, Hall Lane, Wrightington. **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 2) 2011/0188/FUL Amendments to proposals for siting of storage container to provide secure storage of chemicals, medicines and agricultural equipment and diversion of public footpath. Hesketh House Farm, Toogood Lane, Wrightington. **THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECT TO THESE PROPOSALS AS STRONG CONCERNS EXIST REGARDING THE TYPE OF CHEMICALS BEING STORED IN THIS BUILDING/STORE WHICH WILL BE ADJACENT TO A PUBLIC FOOTPATH. ALSO, THE COUNCIL QUESTION WHY THE STORE CANNOT BE SITED ADJACENT TO OTHER BUILDINGS WITHIN THE CURTILAGE OF THE SITE RATHER THAN ON THE OUTSKIRTS. THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL ONLY AGREE TO THE PROPOSED DIVERSION PROVIDED THE EXISTING PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IS CLEARED OF ALL OBSTRUCTIONS**

Adjoining Authority Planning Applications: **RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL LEAVE THESE DECISIONS TO CHORLEY COUNCIL PLANNING OFFICIALS:**

- 1) L/2011476/AAA – Listed Building consent for demolition of existing extensions to the listed farmhouse and demolition of outbuildings and privy. Refurbishment and extension of farmhouse

including reuse of materials from privy. Re-build one gable wall and reposition the chimney (Alterations to 10/00565/LBC). Martin House Farm, Church Lane, Wrightington.

- 2) L/2011/0482/AAA – Conversion of existing barn to single dwelling, including demolition of existing blockwork extensions and erection of new rear single storey extension and associated external works. Demolition of existing blockwork outbuilding. Martin House Farm, Church Lane, Wrightington.
- 3) L/2011/0483/AAA – Application for Listed Building Consent for conversion of existing barn to single dwelling, including demolition of existing blockwork extensions and erection of new rear single storey extension and associated external works. Martin House Farm, Church Lane, Wrightington.

44. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Agenda and associated docs. for LALC Area Committee Meeting 14 July – Notification of LALC Annual General Meeting 2011, Saturday 12 November 2011, 1:45 pm County Hall, Preston – Draft Minutes from the July Area Committee Meeting – NOTED.

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

For Payment:

A B Pensioners	Donation	£100.00
Collins & Darwell Ltd	Printing Newsletters	£100.00
Heskin Plmbg/Htg	Repair work at ABVH + Servicing Central Heating Systems At both Village Halls (ABVH £270+£50) (MLVH £50)	£370.00
MBW Services	Manufacture and fitting of flag poles MLVH & ABVH	£55.00
CSI Security	Improving/Enhancing Security Sensors and Lighting MLVH	£222.00
British Gas	Gas supplied ABVH	£181.67
United Utilities	Water and wastewater services at ABVH	£47.12
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of toilet roll holders MLVH	£11.96
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£585.03
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£2.20

RESOLVED: That payment of the above Accounts be approved.

46. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 September 2011 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 34 to 46 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 September 2011.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 8:55 pm

Chairman:

Date:

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REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission for detached double garage. Harrock Lodge, Jacksons Lane, REFUSED.
- b) Copy In Touch, Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter and recent rural alert.
- c) Reminder from West Lancs. BC to complete Councillors Register of Interest Forms.
- d) Notification of consultation on Wigan Central Area Action Plan Sustainability Appraisal.
- e) Notification from Salford City Council of Core Strategy Pre-publication changes and interim housing figure consultation.
- f) Notification of mini golf course in grounds of Park Hall Hotel and Camelot Theme Park.
- g) Copy OPSTA Connexion.