

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 September 2011 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

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

Member of the Public: Double yellow lines at the junction Hinds Head Avenue/Mossy Lea Road are cracked and a trip hazard. There is still a piece of wood on the footway in front of 259 Mossy Lea Road. Hedges are overgrown in front of 261 Mossy Lea Road. The site of the electricity substation adjacent to Ainscoughs, Wrightington, is in a very untidy state. Pot holes on Mossfields car park have been very poorly filled and some still need attention. The carriageway at the kerb edge near 265A, B and C Mossy Lea Road, is breaking up and dangerous. Grass verges and hedges on Broadhurst Lane are overgrown and severely narrowing the carriageway. Cars parked on Tunley URC car park, Hinds Head Avenue and Manse Avenue, have been damaged and broken into, with items stolen. 2 windows are still broken in the telephone kiosk on Mossy Lea Road. Savilles have been undertaking a housing stock survey for West Lancs. BC. Some homes have substandard kitchens, central heating systems and double glazing with some gas fires being obsolete. The Council will ask Borough Councillors Mrs Baybutt and Mr Gartside to pursue these matters directly with the Borough Council. Borough Councillor Gartside agreed to investigate enquiries relating to height of fences and hedges.

47. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillors Mr McRae (prior commitment) and Councillor Clinch who will be arriving late.
48. **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.
49. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 July 2011 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

50. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Report 1 a)2) – Permission noted however, how can planning give permission for a footpath diversion?

51. 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) Request for vote on nominations for Parish Rep. on the WLBC Standards Committee –
RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL VOTE FOR THEIR NOMINEE, COUNCILLOR CLINCH.
- b) Notification that as part of West Lancs. BC's efficiency measures parishes will longer need to complete concurrent expenditure return forms and provide copies of their Annual Returns -
NOTED.
- c) Request for observations on West Lancs. BC's proposals to save £2m next year - **NOTED**
- d) Invitation to Chairman to attend Lathom PC Civic Service, Sunday 25 September, 3pm –
APOLOGIES.
- e) Notification of completion of Annual External Audit with no matters arising – **RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL NOTE APPROVAL OF THE EXTERNALLY AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2011, WITH NO ISSUES ARISING.**

- f) Request to purchase laser toner cartridges for the shared printer with Charnock Richard PC – RESOLVED: CLERK TO PURCHASE WHAT IS REQUIRED.
- g) Request for donation from Crossroads Care in West Lancashire – RESOLVED: £25.00, NEXT AGENDA.
- h) Notification of LCC's Parish & Town Council Conference, Saturday 12 November – RESOLVED: THE CLERK WILL ATTEND.
- i) Request for Parish Council to write to MP to assist with empowering Parish & Town Councils when assessing major planning applications – RESOLVED: MP WILL BE ASKED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSALS.
- j) Request from West Lancs. BC for completion of the lease for Mossy Lea Village Hall – THE DOCUMENTATION RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL DOES NOT PROVE WEST LANCS. BC OWN THE LAND AND VILLAGE HALL. EVIDENCE WILL BE REQUESTED.
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – None Received.

52. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- 1) Flooding continues on Mossy Lea Road near the Village Hall and No's 5 & 11. Gullies are also blocked with straw and grass.
- 2) The Mossy Lea Road sign, opposite the Tunley Lane junction, needs re-attaching to the post.
- 3) Grass and weeds are growing in the road channels and overgrown hedges are restricting access to the road channels for the road sweeper.
- 4) The area around the Mossy Lea Road/Crow Orchard Road junction, near the BP and Bluebird garages is very untidy, with branches left by contractors lying in the grass.
- 5) Illegal signs and diverted route at Footpath No. 5 require attention. Signs indicate that the definitive route is boggy.
- 6) The definitive route of the public footpath at Hesketh House Farm is now completely blocked.
- 7) Public Footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, is un-walk able in places.
- 8) Stakes are still in the grass verges on Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- 9) A recent incident on a footway and public right of way, where a dog knocked over a child – the person involved was referred to Legislation relating to dogs on leads from West Lancs. BC.

53. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillor Clinch attended a Peter Lathom Charity Meeting and reported that money can now be distributed within the Parish.

54. REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS – Sunday 13 November. Policing of the event has been confirmed, a request for a road closure order has been submitted to West Lancs. BC, once confirmed invitations and details of the day will be sent to the necessary organisations and attendees. Wreaths will be collected, orders of service printed and refreshments arranged.

55. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES – The Clerk read aloud a letter of application from Mr David Page, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. RESOLVED: COUNCILLORS BELIEVE THAT MR PAGE WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE PARISH COUNCIL, HIS APPOINTMENT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING, DUE TO HOLIDAY COMMITMENTS IN OCTOBER.

Notices for the remaining posts will be displayed on the Notice Boards and website.

56. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – The Clerk reported a verbal quotation of £35 for manufacture and fitting of a metal cover for electricity cables outside the village hall. RESOLVED: PROCEED WITH THIS ITEM.

APPLEY BRIDGE – The joiner has assessed the work required to replace damaged floorboards, sand and re-seal the floor in the hall. He will submit a quotation in due course.

57. PLANNING The following applications were discussed and observations as detailed:

Applications received for discussion at this meeting:

- 1) 2010/1161/COU Conversion of former stables into one dwelling. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PLANNING PROPOSALS HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE THE PLANNING APPLICATION TO BE USED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO A BRIDLEWAY THEREBY PROTECTING AND CONFIRMING ITS HISTORIC USE AS A TRACK OR LANE FOR THE PAST 60+ YEARS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE UPGRADING WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A VALUABLE PARISH AMENITY FOR USE BY WALKERS, CYCLISTS, HORSE RIDERS AND, A SAFE ROUTE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDING THE LOCAL SCHOOLS.
(Case 970709)
- 2) 2010/1162/LBL Listed Building Consent – Conversion of former stables into one dwelling. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PLANNING PROPOSALS HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE THE PLANNING APPLICATION TO BE USED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO A BRIDLEWAY THEREBY PROTECTING AND CONFIRMING ITS HISTORIC USE AS A TRACK OR LANE FOR THE PAST 60+ YEARS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE UPGRADING WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A VALUABLE PARISH AMENITY FOR USE BY WALKERS, CYCLISTS, HORSE RIDERS AND, A SAFE ROUTE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDING THE LOCAL SCHOOLS.
(Case 970714)
- 3) 2010/1149/COU Conversion of former barn and shippin into three dwellings. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PLANNING PROPOSALS HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE THE PLANNING APPLICATION TO BE USED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO A BRIDLEWAY THEREBY PROTECTING AND CONFIRMING ITS HISTORIC USE AS A TRACK OR LANE FOR THE PAST 60+ YEARS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE UPGRADING WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A VALUABLE PARISH AMENITY FOR USE BY WALKERS, CYCLISTS, HORSE RIDERS AND, A SAFE ROUTE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDING THE LOCAL SCHOOLS.
(Case 970717)
- 4) 2010/1150/LBC Listed Building Consent – Conversion of former barn and shippin into three dwellings. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PLANNING PROPOSALS HOWEVER, WOULD LIKE THE PLANNING APPLICATION TO BE USED AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO UPGRADE THE EXISTING PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO A BRIDLEWAY THEREBY PROTECTING AND CONFIRMING ITS HISTORIC USE AS A TRACK OR LANE FOR THE PAST 60+ YEARS BY LOCAL RESIDENTS. THE UPGRADING WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A VALUABLE PARISH AMENITY FOR USE BY WALKERS, CYCLISTS, HORSE RIDERS AND, A SAFE ROUTE FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN ATTENDING THE LOCAL SCHOOLS.
(Case 970727)
- 5) 2011/0910/FUL Loft conversion incorporating dormers to front and rear. 41 Glenside, Appley Bridge, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
(Case 970686)
- 6) 2011/0859/LDC Certificate of Lawfulness – Use of land for storage of caravans. Land to rear of

(Case 970689) Tunley Moss Farm Cottage, Tunley Moss, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

7) 2011/0964/FUL First floor extensions to front, rear and side elevations. Single storey extension at rear. 25 Glenside, Appley Bridge, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
(Case 970 692)

58. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** –Newsletter Sept. 2011 – End of year accounts – Community Engagement and Chairmanship workshops – NOTED.

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

Payments made during summer recess for ratification – REPORT 3 – page 5 – RESOLVED: PAYMENTS APPROVED.

For Payment this month:

CSI Security	Projector, screen, hearing loop, speakers and headphones MLVH	£1245.00)
	Hearing Loop ABVH	£430.00)
E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH	£121.78
BDO LLP	External Audit Fee	£162.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£585.03
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£2.20
D/D – Utd Utils.	Water charges MLVH	£21.14
E.on	Electricity MLVH	£116.14

Receipts:

Allianz	Lead theft and roof repairs MLVH	£490.00
Rural Paymts Agcy	First claim for LAG Bid	£4495.00

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

60. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 17 October 2011
Mossy Lea Village Hall

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

Minutes 47 to 60 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 October 2011.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:00 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) 1) Notification permission granted for retention of change of use of land from agriculture to cemetery including associated paths and fencing. St Josephs Presbytery, Crow Orchard Road.
- 2) Notification permission granted 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.
- 3) Notification application for conversion, including 2 storey and first floor extensions to existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation. Glen View, Hall Lane, Wrightington, WITHDRAWN.
- b) Notification of temporary road closure, Crow Orchard Road at junction 27, 12-19 Sept, 9pm-6am.
- c) Confirmation issues raised relating to footpath 5, Robin Hood Lane, are being investigated.
- d) Confirmation reports for cutting back footpaths 3, 3a & 4 have been issued to a contractor for clearing.
- e) Email informing that PC Hackney will no longer be Community Beat Manager for the rural parishes from 1 September 2011 as he leaves for his new post in Leyland.
- f) Copy Lancs. Constabulary Estates and Front Counter Reviews Stakeholder Briefing Pack.
- g) Copy Police Newsletter – Rural Watch.

- h) Notification of Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations.
- i) Notification that West Lancs. BC has commenced preparation of a Development Management Policies Development Plan, which will sit alongside the Core Strategy within the LDF.
- j) Notification of consultations on the Greater Manchester Minerals Plan and Manchester Waste Plan.
- k) Notification of funding for 'Community Action against Crime' projects.
- l) Confirmation hedge cutting completed at Mossfields but shrubs as yet uncut are done as winter work.
- m) Invitation to attend NSPCC Wigan Gala Dinner, Saturday 22 October 2011, Kilhey Court, £39.50pp.
- n) Copy CPRE Fieldwork. Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.

REPORT 2

The following applications received, observations were as follows:

- 1) 2011/0781/FUL Conversion, including two storey and first floor extensions to existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation. Glen View, Hall Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2011/0811/FUL Two storey rear extension, single storey rear extension, first floor side extension, first floor front extension and new part render and part brickwork finish. 54A, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2011/0678/COU Change of use from hairdressers (A1) on ground floor to recruitment agency (A2) and provision of new vehicular access and car parking. Altered Image Hair and Beauty Salon, 308, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2011/0793/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building. Charity Farm, Smithy Brow, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 5) 2011/0886/FUL Retention of new window at first floor on side elevation. Flat above 308 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 6) 2011/0889/FUL Siting of a temporary modular theatre. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

REPORT 3

Paid during the summer recess:

Dave Proe	Amenity grass cutting (three cuts) £65 each	
	ABVH cutting £23	£153.00
Heskin Plumb/Htg	New sink ABVH , repair leaks ABVH	£280.00
United Utilities	Water charges ABVH	£78.12
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's attendance at LALC Autumn Conference (50%)	£17.50
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary (Net)	£584.83
HM Rev & Customs	Tax Due By Clerk	£2.40