

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mr J Clinch and Mr I McRae. Also present Borough Councillors Gartside and Mrs Baybutt.

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: A resident of Chisnall Avenue attended to report problems with dead trees on Tunley URC land adjacent to the public footpath at the rear of his garden. An independent tree surgeon has confirmed that nearly all the trees in this area are either dead or dying and if they fall damage could result to property, children attending the play group held at Church or, footpath users could be injured. The Parish Council believe that the land owner is responsible for the trees and their maintenance and suggested that the report from the tree surgeon be forwarded to West Lancs. Borough Council, copied to the Church, for action. Rodents are still a problem for residents of the elderly peoples sheltered accommodation on Chisnall Avenue. The Council and residents still believe West Lancs. Borough Council has a duty of care to their tenants to address this problem.

Mossfields: Pot-holes in the car park have been patched. The broken bollard is being dealt with by LCC. Parking is still an issue for residents of Mossfields. Borough Councillor Baybutt requested a copy of the Minutes of the meeting with Borough Council Officers some time ago, to assist with her attempts to progress with issue. The Clerk reported recent notification from the Estates Management Team of a pot of money, £131,000, available to improve the environment (including parking problems). The Council think the Estates Team should have used some of this money to address long-standing parking problems at Mossfields, whether by the provision of individual parking spaces with lockable parking posts or, by progressing with one of the 2 schemes suggested by the previous County Councillor for this area.

Reports: Hedges in front of 263 Mossy Lea Road still need cutting back. Gutters/road channels along Mossy Lea Road are very uneven and holding water. The footway at the entrance to Mossfields car park has sunk and requires attention. The roof of the bus shelter on Mossy Lea Road near the junction with Chisnall Avenue is broken and requires attention. The sub-station on Mossy Lea Road remains untidy. A resident of Mossfields has erected a very tall fence however, he has been instructed to remove it as it is too high and he has also claimed some of his neighbour's garden.

61. **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received from County Councillor Ms Evans.
62. **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.
63. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 September 2011 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
64. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific to report.
65. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Notification of, and request for observations on, the Annual Review of the Parish and Town Council Charter for West Lancashire – NOTED.

- b) Current position with Public Footpath No.5 off Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington – NOTED.
- c) Notification of funding available for Environmental Improvements in your neighbourhood – THE COUNCIL BELIEVE THAT THE ESTATES MANAGEMENT TEAM SHOULD BE LIAISING WITH THE RESIDENTS OF MOSSFIELDS TO ACCESS THIS FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE LONGSTANDING PARKING PROBLEMS AT MOSSFIELDS.
- d) Request from West Lancs. BC for completion of the lease for Mossy Lea Village Hall and copy of registered title – COUNCILLOR HODGKINSON WILL REVIEW THE LEASE, FORWARDING COPIES TO ALL COUNCILLORS, FOR DISCUSSION ON THE SPECIFIC TERMS AT THE NEXT MEETING.
- e) Notification of consultation on the 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England – NOTED.
- f) Copy new guide “How to respond to Planning Applications” an 8-step guide – OBTAIN COPIES FOR ALL COUNCILLORS.
- g) Enquiry as to planning status for portacabin on the Waters Edge car park – Barbers Shop – THE COUNCIL WERE INFORMED THAT THIS IS THE SUBJECT OF ENFORCEMENT AND A PLANNING APPLICATION MAY HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED RECENTLY.
- h) Request for completion of Parish Council Survey from Community Futures to assist with support of the Parish Council Representative in the new 3 Tier Forums – THE CLERK WILL COMPLETE THE NECESSARY DETAILS.
- i) Request for further information on highway matters reported after last months meeting – COMPLETED.
- j) Queens Diamond Jubilee plans – THE CLERK WILL CHECK ON PLANS BY SCHOOLS AND DETERMINE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING THE 3 SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH. AS PENS WERE GIVEN TO MARK THE GOLDEN JUBILEE IT WAS SUGGESTED SOMETHING DIFFERENT eg: COMMEMORATIVE MUGS, BE GIVEN FOR THE DIAMOND JUBILEE.
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Notification that all funding for bus shelter provision by LCC has been withdrawn, immediately. This means the promised new shelter secured for Mossfields will no longer be provided – NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT. ii) Info/feedback from Clerk’s Liaison Meeting with an enquiry for Councils to allow an elected member to attend a Parish Council Meeting – THE COUNCIL WILL REPORT THAT ELECTED MEMBERS ALREADY ATTEND WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND HOPE THEY ATTEND OTHER PARISHES. iii) Copy of LCC Winter Stakeholder Service Briefing – circulated to Members – NOTED.

66. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- 1) Councillor Johnson reported flooding on Mossy Lea Road to LCC, the contractor cleared roots from the drain the next day.
- 2) The Mossy Lea Road street name sign opposite Tunley Lane needs re-attaching to the post.
- 3) Grass and weeds remain in road channels.
- 4) Overgrown hedges on sections of Mossy Lea Road are preventing the road sweeper getting close to the road channels.
- 5) Both sides of Mossy Lea Road near Bluebird Garage and BP Filling station are untidy.
- 6) Tree branches have been left in the grass verges on the junction 27 roundabout near the north bound slip road.
- 7) Flooding on Broadhurst Lane has been reported but a grass verge and hedge cut is required together with a road sweep and gully clean.
- 8) The carriageway on Church Lane is eroding away at the edges on the double bends.
- 9) Stakes are still in the grass verges on Appley Lane North.
- 10) Boulders are still dangerous on Whittle Lane at Hunters Hill at the junction of Old Pleasant Lane.
- 11) Public Footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, has not been cut back and no further information has been received regarding the proposed upgrading to bridleway.
- 12) Public Footpath 20, Tunley Moss Lane to Courage Low Lane, is obstructed by a gate.

67. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – No Reports.

68. REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS – The road closure order has now been granted. Wreaths are ordered. Invitations, and details of the day, will be forwarded to all participants. Orders of Service will be printed and refreshments arranged. Revd. Hilton from Appley Bridge Methodist Church will be conducting the service this year – NOTED.

69. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Halloween Party Friday 28 October proceeds to the Corey Ashcroft Appeal – Confirmation final RDPE Claim for LAG bid has been submitted – Small sparks bid submitted for small tables and a DVD player for film shows and presentations. A request has been received for a Christmas Craft and Gift Fair – the Clerk will proceed with arrangements provided enough people wish to book a table – a date to be confirmed either at the end of November or beginning of December.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Quotation for repairs to and re-sealing hall floor reported – the Clerk will ascertain whether new boards can be damaged if repaired but not sealed until a decision is made regarding ceiling removal and all associated works. The Clerk reported a meeting with a representative of Chubb Fire regarding fire extinguisher servicing and the fact that a better contract is now available to the Parish Council which will offer a better service at a slightly reduced price – RESOLVED: The Parish Council will take up the new contract for the forthcoming year. Progress should now be made with the successful Capital Bid to remove the flag path and replace with tarmac before the winter weather prevents it. The Clerk reported that VIP will be accepting funding bids upto £500 until 31 October and enquired whether anything was required at Appley Bridge Village Hall. No small scale projects are required at the moment. A Village Hall Committee Meeting will be held on 31 October 2011 at 8:00pm.

70. 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.

71. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2011/1004/FUL Erection of replacement changing room facilities. Appley Bridge Football Club, Pavilion and Playing Fields, Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2011/1022/OUT Outline – Proposed regeneration of site incorporating residential units (on land and on water), hotel, restaurant/boathouse, car park and new community centre (including details of access). East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF LETTERS EXPRESSING SERIOUS CONCERNS AND STRONG OBJECTIONS TO THESE PROPOSALS. THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREE THAT THE PROPOSALS HAVE CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE ORIGINAL CONSULTATION EVENT WHICH INDICATED DEVELOPMENT OVER THE 2 SITES OF EAST AND WEST QUARRY, FEWER HOUSING UNITS AND SEPARATE PARKING ON WEST QUARRY FOR RAIL USERS. THE PARISH COUNCIL THEREFORE OBJECT TO THESE PROPOSALS WHICH SHOW FAR MORE EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT, TO THE POINT OF OVER-INTENSIFICATION OF THE SITE. THE COUNCIL OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED WAVER OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROVISION AND SIGNING OF A s106 AGREEMENT. TO ALLOW THESE WAVERS WOULD SET A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE DEVELOPERS TO AVOID COMPLIANCE WITH THESE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS. THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREE THAT, DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE INITIAL CONSULTATION WAS ON COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PROPOSALS, AND WAS NOT OPEN TO EVERY RESIDENT IN THE PARISH, THERE IS INADEQUATE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT OR SUBSTANTIATE THE CLAIMS IN THE SUPPORTING INFORMATION SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION eg: on crime and fear of crime, on traffic issues, on wildlife, on regeneration and the social and economic impact of the proposals. THE COUNCIL FURTHER OBJECT AND BELIEVE THAT ANY DECISION ON THESE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE DEFERRED PENDING A FURTHER PUBLIC CONSULTATION

ON THESE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, OPEN TO EVERY RESIDENT OF APPELEY BRIDGE TO ATTEND AND, UNTIL ADEQUATE EVIDENCE CAN BE PROVIDED TO INDICATE THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL FULFIL A NEED, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND ITS INHABITANTS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PARISH RATHER THAN TO THE DETRIMENT, WILL BE ECONOMICALLY AND COMMERCIALY VIABLE AND WILL BE A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CURRENT AND FUTURE ECONOMIC CLIMATE.

- 3) 2011/1045/FUL Retention of first floor balcony to rear. 41 Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.

Amendments:

- 4) 2011/0946/FUL First floor extensions to front, rear and side elevations. Single storey extension at rear. 25 Glenside, Appley Bridge, Wrightington – Amendments to design. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 5) 2011/0910/FUL Raising roof height to incorporate loft conversion with first floor front extension and rear dormer. 41 Glenside, Appley Bridge - The description of the proposed development has been amended. NO OBJECTIONS.

72. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Area Committee Meeting – Briefing on Data Transparency for Councils with larger incomes – Finance Workshop – Came & Co. Newsletter – NOTED.

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

Payments:

Crossroads Care WL	Donation	£25.00
West Lancs. BC	Payment for lease ABVH	£1.00
Bentham Ltd	Laser cartridges (50% of total cost)	£80.85
MBW Services	Manufacture/Fitting metal cover for electric cables MLVH	£30.00
Standish Print	Display Boards – MLVH (Capital Bid)	£1044.28
Standish Print	Stationery and Stamps	£34.66
British Gas	Supply/use at ABVH	£163.72
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£584.83
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£2.40
D/D – Open Spaces	Annual Subscriptions	£40.00

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	2 nd Part Concurrent Contributions	£2365.00
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RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts be approved.

74. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 21 November 2011
Appley Bridge Village Hall

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

Minutes 61 to 74 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 November 2011.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) 1) Permission granted for two storey rear, single storey rear, first floor side, first floor front extensions and new part render, part brick finish. 54A Finch Lane, Appley Bridge.
- 2) Permission refused for erection of agricultural storage building. Charity Farm, Smithy Brow.
- 3) Application for retention of new first floor, side elevation window, Flat above 308 Mossy Lea Road – WITHDRAWN.
- 4) Permission granted for siting of temp. modular theatre. Wrightington Hospital.
- b) Confirmation street lamp outside 36 Toogood Lane now repaired and working satisfactorily.
- c) Notification of West Lancs. CVS Annual Meeting, 10am-1pm, 16 November, Hesketh Bank.
- d) Notification of submission of Wigan Local Development Framework Core Strategy.
- e) Notification of Chorley Council consultation on site allocations & development management policies.
- f) Notification of Open Spaces Society special general meeting to discuss incorporation of the society.
- g) Copy Police Newsletter – Rural Watch and notification of Operation Firecrest to target rural crime.