

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 January 2012 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:45 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr I McRae, Mr J Clinch, Mr F Johnson, Mrs D Hanlon and Mr D Page. 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 that the road sweeper had been in Mossy Lea but the brushes were not working. The damage to the telephone kiosk in Mossy Lea has been repaired. The hole at the entrance to Mossfields car park has been filled. The ‘Mossy Lea Road’ sign opposite Tunley Lane has been re-erected. No further progress has been made to solve parking problems at Mossfields.

**102. APOLOGIES** – Were received from Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt.

**103. 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. Councillors Mrs Hanlon and Mr Page declared an interest in Agenda Item 7) Local Plan Preferred Option following the recent WLBC presentation resulting from their interest in East Quarry.

**104. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 December 2011 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **105. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Report 2 – The Clerk explained the details of the Parish Councils submitted letter of objection to the proposals for wind turbines in Mossy Lea and reported that the Planning Officer had confirmed that if the application remains unchanged, it will be refused. It was also reported that reference could have been made to the payment made to farmers for protection of wildlife and also the fact that the right of way and the ‘rural strip’ could both be affected by these proposals.

## **106. 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) Further information required by LCC to pursue some highway matters reported in December – THESE ITEMS HAVE NOW BEEN DEALT WITH HOWEVER, THE ‘ROAD CLOSED’ SIGN NEEDS REMOVING FROM BROADHURST LANE.
- b) Details of the 2012/13 Commissioning Plan for the Environment Directorate which will be discussed at the next LALC Area Committee Meeting – NOTED.
- c) Notes of the Meeting of the West Lancashire 3 Tier Forum in December – NOTED.
- d) Letter of introduction from Adlington Dry Stone Walling, detailing services, and cost, for possible use to mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee – CANNOT JUSTIFY THIS EXPENSE.
- e) Ideas for submission of bids for West Lancs. BC Capital Schemes 2012/13 by 10 Feb. 2012 – DUE TO THE LIKELY COSTS, THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL NEED TO TAKE A PLANNED APPROACH TO UPGRADING APPELEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL HOWEVER, RESOLVED: A CAPITAL BID WILL BE SUBMITTED TO WEST LANCS. BC TO REPAIR AND RESURFACE THE FLOOR IN THE MAIN HALL, A TOTAL COST OF £860 - £260 TO BE CONTRIBUTED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL WITH A REQUEST FOR £600 FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCIL CAPITAL SCHEME.
- f) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Update on Central Lancs. Core Strategy – NOTED. ii) Notification of the West Lancs. BC Celebration Event, Friday 10 February 2012 from 11:30am – THE CLERK WILL BE ATTENDING AND

COUNCILLOR PAGE AGREED TO ATTEND AS THE CHAIRMAN'S

REPRESENTATIVE. iii) Notification of proposed major modifications to site allocations and development management policies and proposals map – NOTED.

**107. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- Request an update on progress with upgrading right of way from Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road.
- Request update following report of possible footpath diversion at Halliwell Farm, Appley Bridge.
- Reports from/by Councillor Johnson to LCC and WLBC – Flooding of footways and carriageway and blocked gullies on Mossy Lea Road, damage to Mossy Lea Fold sign and carriageway and, damage to fence and a tree at Mossy Lea Playing Field.
- Hedges on Robin Hood Lane are very overgrown as are hedges on Whittle Lane from the Rigbye Arms down to Bannister Lane and hedges on Mossy Lea Road, near Diglake Cottage, are overhanging the carriageway.

**108. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES - Report from attendees of the Calico Brook, Appley Bridge, Flood Risk Management Scheme public open day** – Councillors reported that the proposals are to replace the culvert with a 1.5 metre underground pipe, running under Mill Lane and the canal, into the River Douglas. This is required as a result of proposals to develop East Quarry to take overflow from Wrightington Fish Ponds which flows into East Quarry. The anticipated cost is £1.1 million of DEFRA Funding. The effect of this work will be to double the size of existing drainage, the work will be undertaken as permitted development. The Parish Council will request clarification that the company making the presentation is working for WLBC. Councillors Report/response on the Local Plan Preferred Option following the recent WLBC presentation – Housing proposals have been rearranged because, if development proposal targets are not met this will result in a surcharge. The impact of the Local Plan in Wrightington will be related to development at East Quarry, North Quarry, and The Pad and, Dawber Delph and Skull House Lane for industrial use. It is unlikely the Planning Committee will look at the proposals for East Quarry until May at the earliest. On a general note there is nothing in the Local Plan advising on the social and economic impact of the proposals or how the infrastructure will be affected. The document does not relate the proposals back to any specific evidence base for this area which therefore means the evidence does not support the proposals. The proposals appear to come down to achieving numbers and performance levels rather than need and sustainability. It would appear that the proposals for East Quarry do not provide for any alterations/improvements to the infrastructure and wish to avoid contributing s106 funding. The sustainability of the proposed public house, the restaurant and the hotel is questionable and the provision of road transport, health services, education and policing is a necessity as is the provision of improved cycle ways, public footpaths and bridleways. The Parish Council believe that consultation should be from the grass roots level upwards rather than from the top down. The Parish Council believe that if a housing need exists then the infrastructure should be improved however, the evidence used does not always prove the need. The transport infrastructure needs improving, addressing parking issues associated with the railway station at Appley Bridge. Proposals should also include provision for improved leisure facilities to meet the need associated with additional housing developments. It appears that development proposals always under invest in the associated infrastructure. Regarding the proposals for 'Provision of Green Infrastructure' reference is made to proposals for informal countryside recreational activities at Hunters Hill and Fairy Glen – The Council will request specifics on these proposals.

**109. LEASE MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL – RESOLVED:** The Council will inform West Lancs. BC that they cannot agree to the terms of the lease as they believe that they own the village hall building and the car park area with West Lancs. BC owning the playing field. This belief is supported by the fact that the Parish Council have never had a lease before nor have they paid any rent, or ground rent, for the hall or car park. This will appear on the February Agenda.

**110. 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.

**111. PRECEPT** – Following earlier discussions at the Budget Meeting it was RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST A PRECEPT OF £7,095.00 FOR THE 2012/2013 FINANCIAL YEAR – AN INCREASE OF £495.00 ON THE CURRENT PRECEPT.

**112. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba classes, £30. Internal emergency lighting has been repaired however will need further work in the future. There will be a Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-long on Saturday 11 February in the Village Hall, tickets £5, all proceeds to Cancer Research UK.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Fire extinguishers have been serviced, 1 new one will be required as the 10 year shelf-life has expired. It was reported that Vale Methodist Play Group could be looking for an alternative venue. The Clerk was advised to discuss this with Mrs Janice Prescott at St Joseph’s school.

**113. PLANNING** To discuss the following application:

- 1) 2011/1333/FUL Erection of agricultural storage building. Charity Farm, Smithy Brow, (Case 1051743) Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

**114. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Request to nominate the Chairman to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Finance Workshop – Draft Minutes & Agenda for the next West Lancs. Area Committee on 19 January 2012 – Notification of vacancy for LALC Area Committee Secretary – NALC briefing on repeal of regulations relating to retirement and other gratuities – NALC briefing on the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee beacons project – NOTED. THE CHAIRMAN WILL BE NOMINATED TO ATTEND THE BUCKINGHAM PALACE GARDEN PARTY.

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

**Payments:**

NW Air Ambulance	Donation	£25.00
SLCC	Annual Membership (50% - shared with CRPC)	£70.00
CSI Security Systems	Repair/replacement of emergency lighting MLVH	£324.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH	£337.84
Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day Wreaths	£200.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net	£585.03
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£2.20

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

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

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 February 2012 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 102 to 116 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 February 2012.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:25 pm

Chairman:

Date:

**REPORT 1**

- 1) Application WITHDRAWN for conversion of existing semi-detached dwellings into single 4 bed roomed 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.
- 2) Permission GRANTED for insertion of first floor window to north elevation (side elevation). Flat above 308 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- b) Details from petwisozoo.co.uk promoting their mobile zoo and the types of events they cater for.
- c) Details of free cycling commuting to work courses from LCC.
- d) Advice/Info. From LCC on releasing flying lanterns.