

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 February 2012 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, 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 – The Clerk read aloud the current position from West Lancs. BC regarding the possibility of creating 13-17 additional parking spaces by removing the grass verges in front of the flats – The Parish Council confirmed that they had proposed using the grass verges to create additional parking approx. 10 years ago. There will be costs associated with protecting the utilities running under the pavements and grass. This is a practical proposition but will be costly to undertake properly. Cars using the proposed new spaces could cause a disturbance to some residents. Parking will need to be monitored to ensure only tenants are using them. Parking is becoming an increasing issue in the cul-de-sac. It was suggested that if parking bays were created on the carriageway they could act as a natural traffic calming measure. Some tenants cannot park when they arrive home whilst other tenants have up to 4 cars on the car park. Other Reports – Panes of glass in some windows in the flats crack, without warning, the panes are replaced but the units are not true sealed double glazed units. This is causing anxiety and stress for the tenants. The yellow lines at the junction of Mossy Lea Road and Hinds Head Avenue are still broken and a trip hazard. Street lights 191 and 187 are faulty. There is a pot-hole and a hump in the carriageway in front of 199 Mossy Lea Road. The footways on Mossy Lea Road, from Mossfields to the village hall, are undulating and in a poor condition.

County Councillor Evans will be copied into any matters reported to LCC enabling her to raise them in her monthly meetings with Andrew Burrows from LCC.

- 117. APOLOGIES** - Were received from Councillor McRae (prior commitment)
- 118. 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.
- 119. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Budget Meeting and the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 January 2012 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 120. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing specific to report.
- 121. 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) Confirmation of booking of Mossy Lea Village Hall, Thursday 3 May for Borough Elections.
- b) Advance notification that all premises used as polling stations will be required on Thursday 15 November 2012 for Police and Crime Commissioners Elections – NOTED.
- c) Response to questions raised on the Calico Brook – Flood Risk Management Scheme – NOTED AND WEST LANCS. BC COMMENDED FOR SPEED OF ACTION.
- d) Position regarding funding bid for Environmental Improvements at Mossfields as at 30/1/12 – NOTED FOLLOWING EARLIER DISCUSSIONS.
- e) Notification Parish Councillor Mrs Rosie Evans appointed as PC rep. on Standards Committee – NOTED.
- f) Notification VIP AGM will be held, Tuesday 20 March 2012, 7pm, Croston Methodist Church – NOTED.

- g) Info. on The Big Jubilee Lunch initiative as part of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations – SCHOOLS WILL BE ASKED IF THEY WILL BE PRESENTING ANYTHING TO THE CHILDREN.
- h) Request for Donation from Mencap West Lancashire – RESOLVED: £25 (next agenda).
- i) Notification of a Councillor Briefing – Better Working between LCC and Parish & Town Councils – Monday 26 March, 1pm-2pm, County Hall, Preston – COUNCILLOR HODGKINSON WILL ATTEND.
- j) Invitation to Chairman and Guest to attend the Mayor’s Civic Dinner & Dance, Civic Hall, Ormskirk, Friday 16 March 2012, 7pm – APOLOGIES.
- k) Invitation to Chairman and Guest to attend an ‘At Home’ on Monday 26 March 2012, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Civic Hall, Ormskirk – COUNCILLOR PAGE WILL ATTEND.
- l) Copy of Notice and Plan for Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Lancashire County Council, (B5250 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, West Lancashire Borough) (Part-time 20 mph Speed Limit) Order 201* - SUPPORT THESE PROPOSALS.
- m) Request for your views on West Lancs. BC Service Priorities – RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL DO NOT AGREE WITH CUTS TO ANY SERVICES AND FEEL TECHNICALLY, TO BE FAIR AND EQUITABLE, SAVINGS/CUTS SHOULD BE MADE ACROSS THE BOARD. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO JUSTIFY CUTS TO A PARTICULAR SERVICE. THE COUNCIL DO NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION OR KNOWLEDGE BASE TO MAKE A CHOICE. BEFORE MAKING COMMENTS/CHOICES ON COST CUTTING EXERCISES THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SEE AN IMPACT ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECT OF ANY PROPOSED CUTS AND, NEED TO BE SURE ANY CUTS WOULD NOT DETRIMENTALLY AFFECT THOSE ALREADY DISADVANTAGED IN THE COMMUNITY
- n) West Lancs. Sustainability Strategy Consultation for your response – RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL FEEL THE STRATEGY FOCUSES ON PROJECTS/PLANNED PROJECTS INITIATED BY OUTSIDE BODIES AND PARISHES BUT SHOULD BE MORE FOCUSED ON PLANNING AND POLICIES STARTING AT BOROUGH COUNCIL LEVEL AND ROLLING OUT TO PARISHES FOR TAKE-UP, INVOLVEMENT OR ADOPTION. THE BOROUGH SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND THE STRATEGY SHOULD LOOK AT PLANNING AND POLICIES WHICH COULD BE ADOPTED, INCLUDED AND EMBEDDED IN TO LOCAL AUTHORITY IDEAS AND PROTOCOLS.
- o) Informal Electoral Commission Consultation on Neighbourhood Planning Referenda for your views – RESOLVED: THE PROPOSED QUESTIONS ARE CLEAR, SIMPLE AND NEUTRAL. THIS IS CONSIDERED GOOD IN PRINCIPLE BUT WILL BE COSTLY.
- p) Request for further support re: proposal to empower Town & Parish Councils – SUPPORT.
- q) Request for assistance in promoting LCC’s Fostering campaign in the community – REQUEST POSTERS AND POSTCARDS FOR DISPLAY.
- r) Request from Zurich Insurance to quote for the Parish Councils Annual Insurance cover – WILL KEEP ON FILE UNTIL INSURANCE IS REVIEWED.
- s) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Notification of grants of up to £500 from VIP – NEXT AGENDA. ii) Update on reports about footpath No1 Appley Bridge – NOTED. iii) Enquiry about organic growing – NOTED. iv) Details of the Whitemoss Community Fund – NOTED, CHECK CATCHMENT AREA.

122. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- White lines have still not been replaced at the junction of Tunley/Courage Low/Toogood Lanes.
- The Council will remind LCC footpaths officer that money available to assist with upgrading public footpath 21 (Moss Lane-Mossy Lea Road) will only be available until the end of March.
- The fingerpost is missing adjacent to Martin House Farm, off Church Lane.
- Reports by Councillor Johnson related to:-missing Mossy Lea Fold sign, broken fencing around playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall, large trees uprooted at the rear of the playing field, road sweeper only swept some areas of Mossy Lea, blocked road gullies on Mossy Lea Road, water running of the fields on Mossy Lea Road at several locations.

- Further reports:- overgrown hedges on Mossy Lea Road and damage to the stone wall adjacent to Wrightington Fish Ponds.
- 123. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – West Lancs. BC Celebration Event, Councillor Page and the Clerk attended. It was felt that the presentation could have been better. The Clerk will forward any documentation relating to the Localism Act – Clerk’s Liaison Meeting – no Police present, the Clerk reported the response she had received when reporting an enforcement issue – officers were rather shocked and agreed to investigate.
- 124. LEASE MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL** – The Clerk reported West Lancs. BC response stating that the Borough Council own the freehold. There has never been a lease in the past it was always based on a verbal understanding. **RESOLVED: COUNCILLORS WILL REVIEW THE LEASE FOR CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT AT THE NEXT MEETING.**
- 125. PARISH MATTERS** – This was requested at the Budget Meeting however, the Clerk reported that in view of the fact the Council has now set the Budget and Precept for 2012/13 discussions on Parish Matters would be better held later in the year (Sept/Oct) for next years Budget.
- 126. VILLAGE HALLS**
MOSSY LEA – Cheques received for Zumba classes, £50, Yoga classes £80, Payment for use of hall for Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-long £30. Hall Booked 23 February, 9am-12pm, LAG Meeting. It was confirmed that bookings at the village hall are increasing. Further hot-pot suppers were suggested as this was a most enjoyable night – maybe a summer one and a harvest supper.
APPLEY BRIDGE – Confirmation Capital Bid submitted for repair/refurbishment of floor in main hall. A village hall committee meeting will be held at 8pm on Monday 12 March. It was reported that Mainsprint’s application is progressing and the proposals include a new Community Centre, how will this impact on the village hall? It was suggested that the Parish Council may wish to be involved in the already on-going discussions around this application with West Lancs. BC. Some Councillors believe that this is an opportunity for the Parish Council to gain benefits from the developers for Appley Bridge and Wrightington however, other Councillors are of the opinion that any discussion must be guarded and correct and approached systematically ensuring that the Parish Council remain professional at all times continuing to ensure that their actions are representative of the Community they have been elected to serve. It was pointed out that the planning application submitted for the site was completely different to the proposals displayed as part of the public consultation and this in itself was, and remains, misleading. Councillor Mrs Hanlon declared an interest in this subject. Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that the Parish Council always involve the public in discussions on large/major developments. It was suggested that a Parish Council representative should be appointed to meet with West Lancs. BC planners when discussions on large developments are taking place to start/open a dialogue between all parties, including the Parish Council. Some Councillors feel that such involvement would ensure the needs and requests of the community are fulfilled whilst other Councillors feel that this could compromise some Councillors in relation to the Code of Conduct and declarations of interest.
- 127. 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.
- 128. PLANNING** To discuss the following applications:
- 1) 2012/0002/FUL Retention of siting of portable building on car park for use as a barbers shop. The (Case 1073124) Waters Edge, Mill Lane, Appley Bridge. **THE COUNCIL OBJECT AS THE PORTALBE BUILDING DOES NOT FIT IN WITH THE EXISTING STREET-SCENE AND DETRACTS FROM THE AESTHETICS OF THE AREA. ALLOWING RETENTION OF THIS BUILDING CONDONES THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OF SITING IT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING PERMISSION.**
 - 2) 2012/0048/CON Approval of details reserved by condition No3 of planning permission (Case 1073126) 2011/0811/FUL relating to material details. 54A Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. **NO OBJECTIONS.**
 - 3) 2012/0057/FUL Demolition of existing detached double garage and erection of two storey detached

- (Case 1073128) building to form ancillary accommodation. Glen View, Hall Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2012/1251/FUL Retention of wooden fence and entrance gates fronting public highway. 5 Wrightington Bar, Wood Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 5) 2012/0071/FUL Erection of single-storey industrial building comprising 5 units. Land south-east (Case 1073132) of Unit 8 Conway Industrial Estate, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 6) 2012/0078/FUL Retention of change of use of garage to living accommodation. Tunley Moss (Case 1073137) Farmhouse, 10 Tunley Moss, Wrightington. THE COUNCIL OBJECT TO THESE PROPOSALS AS IT WOULD RESULT IN OVERINTENSIFICATION OF THE SITE AND WOULD CONDONE THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITY OF A CONVERSION WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT PLANNING PERMISSION.
- 7) 2010/0081/FUL Erection of a detached garage. Grove Villa, Hall Lane, Wrightington. (Case 1073139) NO OBJECTIONS.
- 8) 2012/0090/FUL Erection of detached garage to rear. 7 Lowther Terrace, Appley Bridge. (Case 1073141) NO OBJECTIONS.
- 9) 2011/1269/FUL – Amendment – Erection of stable block and hardstanding including turning area, (Case 1073143) access and 3 car parking spaces. Tunley Moss Farmhouse, 10 Tunley Moss, Wrightington. THE COUNCILS OBJECTIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED. THEY OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS AS IT WOULD APPEAR THE PROPOSED STABLES AND TURNING AREA WILL AFFECT THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ON THIS LAND. ALSO, THE WOODEN MIDDEN AND PROPOSED SOAK AWAY DRAINAGE WOULD FLOW INTO THE DITCH AND INTO THE NEARBY BROOK POLLUTING THE WATER COURSE WHICH IS ULTIMATELY DRINKING WATER.

129. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS –Draft Minutes from the last Area Committee Meeting – NALC Briefings on PAYE arrangements for Clerks and RFO’s + Information Commissioners Officers guidance on information held in private email accounts – LCTP Chairman Workshop – NOTED.

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

Payments:

Standish Print	Paper and Stationery	£25.90
Chubb Fire	Servicing fire extinguishers ABVH	£31.20
Heskin Plumb/Htg	Repairs to central heating ABVH	£100.00
United Utilities	Water Charges – ABVH	£61.94
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net	£584.83
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£2.40
D/D United Utils.	Water Charges – MLVH	£40.83

Receipts:

HMRC – BACS	VAT Refund	£803.61
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RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts be approved.

131. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 March 2012 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 117 to 131 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 March 2012.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

Minutes – Wrightington Parish Council

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REPORT 1

- a) 1) Permission REFUSED for erection of two 15m high, 10kw wind turbines. Raby Fold Farm, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
2) Permission GRANTED for replacement of existing flat roof with a pitched roof over garage. Applegarth, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Letter of thanks from North West Air Ambulance for the donation received from the Parish Council.
- c) Notification of urgent road closure – Toogood Lane, Tunley Lane and Courage Low Lane, 15 February 2012, 9:30am-3:30pm to allow BT repair works to be carried out. (Emailed to Councillors).
- d) Info. on 20mph zones outside schools and across Lancashire and on email scams, bogus callers and cold calling incidents, from PCSO Benson.
- e) Details of availability of Affordable Housing in Ormskirk.
- f) Copy newspaper advert. of temporary prohibition of use of some public footpaths in Appley Bridge and Shevington during drainage work associated with the Calico Brook flood management scheme.
- g) Copy Lancs. Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report and Action Plan – for information.
- h) Notification of Salford City Council Publication Core Strategy.
- i) Copy Craven Rail from SELRAP.