

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 March 2012 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mr I McRae. Also present Borough Councillor Gartside and County Councillor Ms Evans.

## 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.)

County Councillor Ms Evans – Reported the success of the tenants bid for additional car parking at Mossfields subject to any necessary planning permissions from LCC and West Lancs. BC. The new replacement railings are now installed on Appley Lane South. Recent road closures in Upholland were poorly signed. Sewers have been placed under the carriageway – this was a major problem in the past and it is felt that it has been made worse by the roads use by large tractors and trailers. A further road closure on Mill Lane at the end of March was reported and will involve a very lengthy diversion. Regarding the proposed additional car parking project at Mossfields the Chairman of the Parish Council reconfirmed his previous offer of providing a topographical survey of the site as the Parish Councils contribution toward the project. It was reported that LCC are looking at improving road surfaces in Wrightington over the next couple of years. Overgrown hedges, at various locations in the Parish, have been repeatedly reported to LCC, without any action eg: on Robin Hood Lane which create a blind bend, on Mossy Lea Road where they prevent the road sweeper from getting close enough to the footways and on Bannister Lane where mirrors have been broken on the Library Van by overgrown vegetation. Councillor Johnson also reported that, having spoken directly to Andrew Burrows from LCC, there has still been little response to his reports. This is quite common and it is not unusual to receive no direct response to Parish Council reports. Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to accompany County Councillor Ms Evans on a site visit with LCC officers in the Parish. Councillor Mrs Burton commended the contractor CJ Lyons, employed by LCC, for work recently undertaken to unblock and clear grids and gullies on Courage Low Lane. Using a spade an excellent job was undertaken.

Public Present – Two weeks ago a fence was erected to a flat at Mossfields which was subsequently blown down in the wind. The fence has now been erected between No11 and No12 Mossfields however, the tenants are responsible for the party fence, painting and maintenance. The party fence has not been painted and cannot be accessed. Borough Councillor Gartside will be copied into this correspondence for assistance.

132. **APOLOGIES** - Were received from Councillor Mr Page (holidays), Mr J Clinch (holidays), Mrs D Hanlon (problem with electricity at home) and Borough Councillor Baybutt.
133. **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.
134. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 February 2012 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
135. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The Clerk distributed copy details of Parish Precepts, and their resultant impact on the Community Charge, for all Parishes in the Borough – for comparison and note by Councillors.
136. **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) Confirmation re-scheduled booking of Mossy Lea Village Hall, 24 May, LAG Meeting NOTED.
- b) Discussion/Project for submission of a bid to VIP – THE CLERK REPORTED THE LIKELY COST OF REMOVAL OF FALSE CEILING AND REPLACING, ASSOCIATED

ELECTRICAL AND DECORATING COSTS, IN KITCHEN AT APPELY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL WILL BE £1500.00. Standing Orders were lifted to allow County Councillor Ms Evans to confirm that she would be willing to contribute £1000.00 to a Village Hall Committee bid if they also wished to apply for the remaining £500.00 from VIP. RESOLVED: THE CLERK WILL COMPLETE THE NECESSARY APPLICATION FORMS FOR SUBMISSION. IF THE APPLICATION TO VIP IS UNSUCCESSFUL THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL CONTRIBUTE THE REMAINING COSTS.

- c) Reminder Councillor Briefing – Better Working between LCC and Parish & Town Councils – Mon 26 Mar, 1pm-2pm, County Hall, Preston - COUNCILLOR HODGKINSON TO ATTEND.
- d) Current position re: progress with parking at Mossfields – DISCUSSED IN OPEN FORUM.
- e) Preliminary notification of the County Service of Celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, at the Cathedral Church of St Mary the virgin, Blackburn, Sunday 13 May 2012, commencing at 4pm – invitation to Chairman, or other representative, to attend – RESOLVED: THE CHAIRMAN AND HIS WIFE WILL ATTEND.
- f) Confirmation it is unlikely upgrading of public footpath 21, Moss Lane-Mossy Lea Road, will be ready to proceed by end of March – NOTED. THE CLERK WILL ENQUIRE WHO IS DEALING WITH THIS MATTER AND CORRESPOND DIRECTLY.
- g) Notification of application for operators licence for 3 vehicles and 3 trailers at Dawber Delph Ind. Est. Skull House Lane by Bloodhound Programme Ltd – NO OBJECTIONS.
- h) Request for comments on proposed new addresses for a road off Mossy Lea Road, proposed name – Macey Lane – RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED NAME AS IT IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE HISTORY OF THE LANE AND HAS NO SIGNIFICANCE OR RELEVANCE.
- i) Response to your comments/objections to the proposed diversion of part of public footpath No9, Wrightington – Dwerry House, for your re-consideration – RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIONS REMAIN AS THE ANSWERS GIVEN DO NOT JUSTIFY OR GIVE ADEQUATE/SUFFICIENT REASON FOR THE DIVERSION.
- j) Crime summary figures from PCSO Benson –NOTED. COUNCILLOR MRS BURTON REPORTED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM SOMEONE CLAIMING TO BE FROM MICROSOFT REGARDING AN AGGRESSIVE COMPUTER VIRUS. HAVING GAINED REMOTE ACCESS TO COUNCILLOR MRS BURTON'S COMPUTER SHE REALISED THE IMPLICATIONS OF HIS ACTIONS AND REPORTED THIS TO THE POLICE AND TRADING STANDARDS. A REMINDER TO BE AWARE OF THIS TYPE OF CALLER.
- k) Consultation on proposed new boundary signs for the Heskin/Wrightington boundary from LCC – RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL ARE HAPPY WITH THE NORMAL PARISH BOUNDARY SIGNS & CANNOT JUSTIFY THE ADDITIONAL COST OF MORE ELABORATE SIGNS IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE.
- l) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Request from LCC for information to assist with electronic payments in the future. – THIS WILL BE SUPPLIED. ii) Prior notification of a temporary road closure at Mill Lane, Upholland – NOTED.

### **137. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- Stakes remain in the grass verge on Appley Lane North, County Councillor Ms Evans will be asked to pursue this matter with Andrew Burrows from LCC.
- Councillor Hodgkinson reported receipt of information from the Ramblers Assoc. relating to footpath issues and a proforma for reporting issues to LCC. A similar proforma is also available for highways issues. Both require a two stage reporting process. Councillor Hodgkinson will copy the information to all Councillors.
- Following carriageway works the white lines at the junction of Toogood Lane/Courage Low Land/Tunley Lane require re-marking.

### **138. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing specific to report.**

### **139. ACTION REQUIRED TO SATISFY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS - RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE FOLLOWING ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO SATISFY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS: i) The Risk Assessment/Management Plan/Register – were reviewed and adopted at the May 2011 Parish Council Meeting. ii) The**

effectiveness of the Internal Audit was confirmed – the Internal Auditor is both competent and independent, has no relationship with the Clerk or Councillors. The Audit trail is detailed, planned and the broad scope of the internal audit covers all aspects of the Councils business including financial, administrative, practical and procedural matters. Any issues arising from both the internal and external auditors are reported to the Parish Council at the earliest opportunity and the appropriate action taken. The Parish Council confirmed the continued appointment of Mrs MacDonald as the Parish Councils Internal Auditor.

**140. LEASE MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL - RESOLVED: IN THE ABSENCE OF COUNCILLORS THIS ITEM WILL BE DERERRED AND COUNCILLORS WILL REVIEW THE LEASE FOR CONSIDERATION AND AMENDMENT AT THE NEXT MEETING.**

**141. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba classes £110, LAG Meeting, 23 Feb, cancelled but re-booked for Thursday 24 May, 9am-12pm. Notification received that Non-domestic rates remain the same as last year – Nil – once the small business relief has been applied and confirmation that band 1(the lowest site area charges) surface water and highway drainage charges will remain in force into next year and future years. The Clerk reported damage to the partition wall in the gents toilets following a recent village hall booking for a 17<sup>th</sup> birthday party. Councillor Hodgkinson will provide contact details for the booking and the hirer will be contacted regarding compensation for the damage.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Notification received that Non-domestic rates remain the same as last year – Nil – once the small business relief has been applied and confirmation that band 1(the lowest site area charges) surface water and highway drainage charges will remain in force into next year and future years. The Clerk confirmed that following the recent Village Hall Committee Meeting plumbing and hearing loop issues are being investigated and appropriate action will be taken to rectify. A notice will be placed on the kitchen doors and displayed in the kitchen stating that, for health & safety reasons, children are not allowed in the kitchen. The doorway between the hall and the gents toilets was sealed off from use with warning tape pending appropriate repair work to the raised floor board and damaged asphalt floor. This work will be undertaken at the earliest opportunity. The tarmac work comprised in the access improvement scheme 2011/2012 capital bid to West Lancs. BC has been completed and the old flags which were lifted and left behind the village hall have been removed for safety reasons as has the Christmas Tree.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will request a refund of the credit balance on non-domestic rates for both village halls, currently held by West Lancs. BC.

**142. PLANNING** To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2012/0077/FUL Extension to medical gas compound including the installation of one new VIE tank and one replacement VIE Tank. Erection of 1.8m high boundary fence. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2012/0140/FUL Alterations to the front entrance of the church to create an accessible entrance suitable for disabled persons and installation of a wheelchair accessible WC. The Vale Methodist Church, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2012/0150/FUL Demolition of existing extension and conservatory and erection of a part two storey/part single storey extension to rear. 15 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.  
(Case 1092316)
- 4) 2012/0159/FUL Erection of detached dwelling house including new vehicular/pedestrian access. Land between 53 Appley Lane and 2-4 Spring Bank, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.  
(Case 1092318)
- 5) 2012/0274/FUL – First floor extension to front and side and two storey rear extension. 25 Glenside, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.  
(Case 1092320)

**143. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – March Newsletter 2012 – Quality Parish Scheme Workshop, 23 May 2012, 7-9pm – NOTED.

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

**Payments:**

Mencap West Lancs. Donation	£25.00
John Bowen Tarmac work to entrance at ABVH (Capital Bid)	£1600.00

E.on	Electricity Charges ABVH	£169.66
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Internet Charges 2011 - 2012 (50%)	£60.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Mileage Expenses 2011 - 2012	£283.40
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£585.03
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£2.20
D/D – E.on	Electricity Charges MLVH	£137.01

RESOLVED: That payment of the above Accounts be approved.

#### **145. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 April 2012 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 132 to 145 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 April 2012.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:35 pm

Chairman:

Date:

#### **REPORT 1**

- a) 1) Permission GRANTED for retention of fence and gates, 5 Wrightington Bar, Wood Lane.
- 2) Permission REFUSED for retention of portable building as barbers shop, Waters Edge, Mill Lane.
- 3) Permission GRANTED for demolition of garage and erection of 2 storey building to form ancillary accommodation, Glen View, Hall Lane
- 4) Permission GRANTED for retention of change of use of garage to living accommodation, Tunley Moss Farmhouse, 10 Tunley Lane.
- b) Confirmation street lighting faults, lamp no's 311 and 323, are being investigated.
- c) Notification of road closure, Bank Brow, from junction with Lees Lane to junction with Ayrefield Lane, 5 March to 30 March, 7am-6pm, to allow for urgent carriageway repair work.
- d) Copy correspondence to Rosie Cooper MP from Greg Clark MP in relation to planning application assistance for Parish and Town Councils and strengthening the role of communities in this regard.
- e) Notes/Instructions on how to access planning information online at West Lanes. BC.
- f) Resource guide for Councils wishing to promote Olympic and Diamond Jubilee celebrations.
- g) Copy Open Spaces
- h) Consultation – have your say on Southport and Ormskirk Hospital plans to become a foundation trust.