

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 April 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 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.)

Public Present – Reported that the damaged windows reported in flats at Mossfields will be repaired. The party fence between No's 11 and 12 Mossfields still needs staining despite the fact a bamboo fence has been erected by No.12. With regard to the car park West Lancs. BC and LCC are now investigating the permissions which may be required to proceed.

146. APOLOGIES - Were received from Councillor Mr I McRae (holidays), Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt and County Councillor Ms Evans

147. 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.

148. MINUTES – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 April 2012 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

149. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING - Nothing specific to report.

150. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.
Page 1: Councillor Mrs Buton reported her disappointment at not being invited to attend the site visit in the Parish with Andrew Burrows from LCC, as promised by County Councillor Ms Evans at the previous meeting. The Parish Council will reiterate the list of items for attention and repeat the request to attend the site visit. Councillor Johnson reported that the tree reported on land at the rear of Mossy Lea Village Hall has been inspected but has been confirmed as safe.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Notification that the external Audit of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2012 will take place on 27 July 2012 – NOTED.
- b) Notification that the process for determining successful capital bids has been delayed - NOTED.
- c) Notice of Election and Candidates for Borough Elections – NOTED.
- d) Invitation to attend West Lancs. District Group CPRE Annual General Meeting, Friday 27 April, 7:30pm, the Old Coach House, Hall Lane, Scarisbrick Park, Scarisbrick – NOTED.
- e) Notification that the Parish Council Annual Insurance with Allianz is due for renewal + request from Zurich Insurance and Came & Company to quote for 2012/13 – RESOLVED: INSURANCE TERMS WERE REVIEWED AND CONFIRMED TO BE SATISFACTORY. THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL REMAIN WITH ALLIANZ.
- f) Response from Mr Harrison, Borough Planner, to suggestion of Parish Council involvement in larger planning applications/issues – NOTED HOWEVER, COUNCILLORS WERE REMINDED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL MUST ACT AS A BODY AND THAT COUNCILLORS SHOULD NOT, AND DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY, TO ACT INDIVIDUALLY.
- g) Notification that Wayne Selway, LCC Land Agent, is dealing with public footpath 21 – THE CLERK CONFIRMED THAT MR SELWAY WILL FORWARD A PLAN INDICATING

LAND OWNERSHIP DETAILS ALREADY KNOWN TO LCC, THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THEY CAN.

- h) Current position on proposed new address for a road off Mossy Lea Road – A NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVE NAMES HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED. THE COUNCIL WILL AWAIT THE RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN WLBC AND THE PROPOSER.
- i) Response to issues raised relating to cracked windows and fences at Mossfields – NOTED.
- j) Update on current position with regard to the new standards regime as a result of the Localism Act 2011 – and a reminder to plan to adopt a new code with effect from 1 July 2012 – NOTED.
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations
 - i) Notification of consultation on the Lancashire Minerals & Waste Development Framework – COUNCILLORS WILL REVIEW THE CONSULTATION FOR POSSIBLE COMMENT AT THE NEXT MEETING
 - ii) Report from County Councillor Ms Evans and Borough Councillor Baybutt – NOTED.
 - iii) Notification of CPRE AGM, 12 May, County Hall – NOTED
 - iv) Email from Councillor David Page submitting his resignation from the Parish Council and his reasons for doing so – THE CLERK WILL NOTIFY WEST LANCS. BC, POST THE NECESSARY NOTICES AND INFORM THE PARISH COUNCIL WHEN IT IS POSSIBLE TO RE-ADVERTISE THE VACANCIES FOR BOTH THE MOSSY LEA AND APLEY BRIDGE WARDS.

151. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The Council heard reports of the possible u-turn by central government on wind turbines however, the opposite view was expressed on tv resulting from EU regulations.
- A request has been received for a dog waste bin at the bottom of Finch Lane at the entrance/exit of Fairy Glen.

152. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillor Hodgkinson reported on his attendance at the Parish Councillors Briefing at LCC where discussions took place on delegated services. Councillor Hodgkinson asked for confirmation that if Parish Councils agree to take on delegated service the associated funding will be forthcoming. This was confirmed by LCC officers. It would seem that LCC believe Borough Councils and Parish Councils can source contractors and secure a better price than LCC can – Councillor Clinch reported on his attendance at the Peter Lathom Charity Meeting, confirming that this year's donation was divided between Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge pensioners clubs.

153. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN FOR FORTHCOMING YEAR AND REVIEW DOCUMENTATION IN PARISH COUNCILLORS INFORMATION PACK - RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND ACCEPT THE ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR. DOCUMENTS IN THE PARISH COUNCILLORS INFORMATION PACK WERE REVIEWED. ALL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE RE-ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN MAY 2012.

154. LEASE MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL – Councillors believe this document requires examination by, and explanation from, a legal adviser working on behalf of the Parish Council. The Parish Council confirmed once again that no rent has ever been paid for the village hall and that the Council has always believed that the village hall, together with the land it was built on and the car park belong to the Parish Council, with the playing field belonging to the Borough Council. **RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL WILL OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE BEFORE PROCEEDING.**

155. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba classes, £120, the Clerk will inform village hall users that the hall will be unavailable on Thursday 3 May due to the elections.

APLEY BRIDGE – Projects/bids for submission to VIP and County Councillor Ms Evans are now complete and have been submitted. The Council will await the outcome. A plug-in microphone is required by the pensioners to assist with hearing problems experienced when visiting speakers attend their meetings.

156. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2012/0330/FUL Single storey rear extension. 7 Finch Lane, Appley Bridge – NO OBJECTIONS.

- (Case 1107909
 2) 2012/0401/LDP Certificate of Lawfulness – Proposed siting of concrete base with breeze block walling to be used as a muck heap. The Poplars, Tunley Lane, Wrightington – NO OBJECTIONS.
 3) 2012/0321/FUL Single storey extension to rear. 76 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – NO OBJECTIONS.
 (Case 1107911)

157. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Notification of, and Agenda for, the Area Committee Meeting scheduled for 26 April, 7:30pm, Derby Street, Ormskirk – COUNCILLORS HODGKINSON AND MRS BURTON WILL ATTEND.

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

Payments:

Mrs J Rogers	Honorarium – Booking Secretary ABVH	£200.00
Mrs E Armstrong	Honorarium – Treasurer ABVH	£200.00
Mrs C Hodgkinson	Honorarium – Booking Secretary/Treasurer MLVH	£400.00
LALC	Annual Subscriptions	£411.62
Standish Print Co	Stationery and Stamps	£5.60
JC Property Services	Repairs to floorboard and asphalt floor ABVH	£48.00
Autocross Plastics	Repairs to bus shelter including notice board	£950.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABHV	£748.56
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net	£586.43
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£0.80
Aon	Annual Insurance Premium	£1635.57

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	Capital Bid for access improvements ABVH	£1100.00
West Lancs. BC	Parish Precept	£7095.00
West Lancs. BC	1 st part of Concurrent Contributions	£2365.00
LCC	Library Rent	£100.00

NB: Notification that E.on has reduced electricity prices at both Village Halls.

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

159. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21 May 2012, 7:00pm Annual Parish Meeting and 7:30 pm Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at Appley Bridge Village Hall.

Minutes 146 to 159 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 May 2012.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:28 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Letter of thanks for Donation from Mencap West Lanes.
- b) Notification of success of proposals to empower Town and Parish Councils.
- c) Copy Safe Trader News – Partner Edition Issue 1 (emailed to Councillors).
- d) Fostering posters and postcards.
- e) Copy OPSTA Connexion Newsletter.
- f) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.