

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 June 2012 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr J Clinch, Mr F Johnson and Mr I McRae.

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 ‘Telephone’ marked glass is missing from the kiosk on Mossy Lea Road. The pot-hole in front of the double gates at Mossy Lea School still requires attention. There is a very large pot-hole in the carriageway on Mossy Lea Road, just before Broadhurst Lane. Weeds need removing from the kerb edges in front of the recruitment agency, Mossy Lea Road. Grass and hedges are very overgrown at Mossfields. No further information received with regard to progress with increased parking provision at Mossfields.

22. **APOLOGIES** – Were received from Councillor McRae (who will be late), Councillor Mrs Hanlon (family commitment) Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt and Borough/County Councillor Ms Evans.
23. **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.
24. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 May 2012 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
25. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minute 12 – Councillor Mrs Burton will be meeting Mr Burrows, LCC, to discuss highways issues requiring attention in the Parish. It was suggested that a short piece of editorial on the website relating to the damage and subsequent removal of trees at Beacon View, would be an interesting item for the website. The Clerk will attend to this.
Minute 16 – Appley Bridge Village Hall Committee Meeting – it was confirmed that bookings are not taken at this village hall for young adults’ birthday parties.
26. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 – ACCEPTED.
Item c) – the Parish Council will look into the administrative and cost implications of pursuing the street naming of the street off Mossy Lea Road.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Reminder of Seminar/Workshop on the new Standards Regime and Code of Conduct – Monday 2 July 2012, 7:30 pm – 9pm at the Council Offices, Derby Street, Ormskirk – CONFIRMED COUNCILLORS MRS BURTON AND MR CLINCH WILL ATTEND.
- b) Confirmation that the Hinds Head/Rivaj is 278 Mossy Lea Road and Charity Farm/Mossy Lea Farm is 248 Mossy Lea Road – NOTED.
- c) Notification of, and Invitation for Councillors to attend, a united sing on St Bartholomew’s Day. 24th August 2012 at 7pm at Tunley URC – THE CHAIRMAN AND HER HUSBAND WILL ATTEND. COUNCILLOR McRAE AND THE CLERK WILL TRY TO ATTEND.
- d) Notification from West Lancs. BC that funding from LCC for grass cutting has been reduced by approx. 30%. West Lancs. BC will make up the difference this year but will be reducing their contribution towards amenity grass cutting, in line with the sum received from LCC, next year – THE CLERK HAS REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF THIS FACT FROM LCC.
- e) Notification of NALC request for adoption of the Planning Applications (Appeals by Town and Parish Councils) Bill – NOTED.
- f) Notification of Neighbourhood Planning Getting Started Workshops from CPRE – MONITOR.

- g) Info. and documentation following the West Lancs. Three Tier Forum Meeting – for your perusal and comment (already circulated by email to Councillors for consideration) – NOTED.
- h) Notification of Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan – Consultation on Major Modification – New Policy from National Planning Policy Framework to be inserted in the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Document – NOTED.
- i) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations
 - i) Residents Meeting, 20 June 2012, Mossy Lea VH, 7:30pm – THE CLERK REPORTED, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS MRS BAYBUTT AND MS EVANS WILL BE ATTENDING HOWEVER, COUNCILLOR MRS BAYBUTT WILL NOT BE COMMENTING, AS SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE. COUNCILLOR MS EVANS HAS AGREED TO TAKE ALL CONSTITUENTS VIEWS ON BOARD AND DEAL WITH THEM TO THE BEST OF HER ABILITY. COUNCILLORS AGREED TURBINES WOULD BE BETTER SITED ON INDUSTRIAL ESTATES AS THEY ARE OF NO BENEFIT TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY.
 - ii) Speed limit alterations proposed for Wood Lane, Heskin – ACCEPTED.
 - iii) Police Crime Statistics for comparison with last year and with other Parishes – COUNCILLORS ARE DISAPPOINTED WITH POLICE RESPONSE TO RECENT INCIDENTS. THE POLICE WILL BE ASKED TO RE-INTRODUCE PACT MEETINGS IN WRIGHTINGTON. REPORTED STATISTICS INDICATE AN INCREASE IN CRIME IN THE PARISH.
 - iv) Invitation for Chairman to attend the “At Home”, 11 July 2012, Ormskirk – THE CHAIRMAN’S APOLOGIES WILL BE SUBMITTED.

27. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- There are several large pot-holes in the carriageway on Appley Lane North, from Finch Lane to Skull House Lane, which are extremely dangerous for cyclists.
- Stakes on Appley Lane North remain a danger and, if someone is injured the Insurance Company could sue LCC for failing to remove a dangerous obstruction. Councillor Mrs Burton will raise this when she meets Mr Burrows, LCC.
- There is water bubbling through the tarmac surface of the footway on Toogood Lane.
- A blocked drain is causing flooding near Toogood Farm, Toogood Lane/Smithy Brow.
- Flooding Mossy Lea Road, near lamp posts 184 and 186, road gullies are running very slow resulting in flooding across the whole road width. Flooding also near 9 and 11 Mossy Lea Road.
- It is now 18 weeks since the last road sweep on Mossy Lea Road.
- Footways on sections of Mossy Lea Road are in a poor state and require attention.
- Elderly residents of Chisnall Avenue are again forced to have their lights on during the day as overgrown trees and hedges opposite are obstructing natural light from entering their homes.

28. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing specific to report.

29. ADOPTION OF CODE OF CONDUCT – RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL ADOPT THE SAME CODE OF CONDUCT PRODUCED AND ADOPTED BY THE PRINCIPAL AUTHORITY, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL, WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 2012 – DECLARATION OF INTEREST FORMS WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN 28 DAYS OF 1 JULY, AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE COUNCIL WEBSITE.

30. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – RESOLVED: FOLLOWING MINOR AMENDMENTS TO TELEPHONE NUMBERS, REMOVAL OF SOME USEFUL CONTACTS AND, INCLUSION OF DETAILS OF PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – THE NEWSLETTER CAN GO TO PRINT. The suggestion of a competition for schoolchildren in relation to Bird, Bat and Animal Watch will be discussed in more detail at the next Parish Council Meeting.

31. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba classes, £110. Following discussions on bookings for young adults birthday parties it was RESOLVED: IN LINE WITH THE POLICIES OF APPELEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE, NO BOOKINGS FOR YOUNG ADULTS PARTIES WILL BE TAKEN UNLESS THE HIRER HAS TAKEN OUT APPROPRIATE INSURANCE COVER AND, A COPY OF THE INSURANCE CERTIFICATE IS PROVIDED FOR PARISH COUNCIL RECORDS.

APPLEY BRIDGE – The Clerk reported a successful response to submission of bid to VIP for funding towards the replacement ceiling in the kitchen. Repairs to the radiator, kitchen drawers and difficulties with using the hatch have been resolved, gutter repairs and grass cutting outside has been attended to.

32. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2012/0517/FUL Erection of single storey detached boat house. Lake House, Moss Lane, Wrightington (Case 1141637) NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2012/0576/FUL Erection of single detached garage. Grove Villa, Hall Lane, Wrightington – NO (Case 1141640) OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2012/0593/FUL First floor side extension. High Gables, 110 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – NO (Case 1141641) OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2012/0565/FUL Erection of new pitched roof incorporating window at the side to replace existing flat (Case 1141643) roof over detached garage at the rear. 113 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge, Wrightington – NO OBJECTIONS.

NOTED: 2012/0613/FUL – Reported an application for 1 wind turbine in a farm at Bispham – it was reported that this could jeopardise the route of a right of way.

33. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Newsletter June 2012 – Draft Minutes of the West Lancs. Area Committee meeting, 26 April 2012 – Notification of the Autumn Conference, 22 September, Leyland – Details of Training Workshop on the General Power of Competence, 25 July 2012 – Vitalise Circular, requesting a donation – RESOLVED: THE CLERK WILL ATTEND THE AUTUMN CONFERENCE AND THE TRAINING WORKSHOP – THE COST TO BE SHARED WITH CHARNOCK RICHARD PC. A DONATION TO VITALISE WILL BE MADE AT THE JULY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

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

Payments:

AB Pensioners SClub.	Donation	£100.00
Sue Ryder	Donation	£25.00
Fire Eqpt. Services	Servicing extinguishers MLVH	£48.42
E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH	£132.73
United Utilities	Water and wastewater services at ABVH	£81.72
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£586.23
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£1.00
TWC	Hand Towels and Toilet Rolls for MLVH	£46.80
D/D – E.on	Electricity supplied at MLVH	£124.39
D/D – CPRE	Annual Subscriptions	£29.00

RESOLVED: That payment of the above accounts be approved and that the Clerk order Laser Ink Cartridges, cost to be shared with Charnock Richard PC.

35. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 July 2012 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 22 to 35 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 July 2012.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:55 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension. 7 Finch Lane, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification that temporary closure of a number of public footpaths in Appley Bridge, during work related to improve the watercourse near Calico Brook, has been extended until 18 January 2013.
- c) Notification application for street naming – road off Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – has been ceased.
- d) Notification that a pre-application public meeting to discuss the possible proposed wind turbine applications in the Parish will take place at Mossy Lea Village Hall on Wednesday 20 June.
- e) Confirmation that an advisory 20mph speed limit is proposed on the stretch of road outside St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- f) Notification of Parish Clerk's Liaison Meeting, Friday 15 June, 10:30am, West Lincs. BC offices.
- g) Request to display Posters for Parbold Festival, 14 July 2012 at Douglas School.
- h) Notification of the Submission of Salford Core Strategy to the Secretary of State.