

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15 October 2012 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr F Johnson, Mr P Gartside 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 – A representative from Shevington PC was present to obtain Parish Council consent to the extension of planting for the Appley Bridge in Bloom project into Appley Bridge e.g.: at the railway station. The Council confirmed support for this project. Shevington PC will be informed shortly of the results of this year's competition.

Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt – In her absence, the Clerk reported the following on behalf of Councillor Baybutt – Confirmation the bus stop has now been erected in the correct place opposite Appley Bridge railway station. Flooding was averted at Millbank in recent heavy rainfall with residents ensuring the grids were cleared of debris and kept flowing. Mrs Baybutt personally replaced a manhole cover left off on Appley Lane North. The large pothole near the railway station at Appley Bridge has finally been filled.

67. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Mr Clinch (prior Meeting) and Mrs Hanlon (work and family commitments). Apologies were also received from County/Borough Councillor Ms Evans and Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt.
68. **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.
69. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 September 2012 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
70. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minute 56(i) – Trees at Tunley URC – Councillor Johnson will speak to a church representative regarding the possibility of cutting back the trees.
71. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.
b) Confirmed a clause was added to this planning permission that no more building could take place on site.
d) LCC Capital Programme only says the schemes 'may' be undertaken. Page 13, item 21, parking at Mossfields – the Parish Council and residents understood that funding was secured to undertake this work. Questions on these issues and the condition of footways in Mossy Lea, will be put to the three tier forum.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Confirmation trees at Beacon View are not considered a hazard to the highway at the moment – NOTED.
- b) Confirmation LCC are continuing investigations to determine responsibility for overgrown vegetation on Robin Hood Lane – NOTED.
- c) Confirmation LCC will be treating Japanese knotweed at Coalgate Depot but have no proposals to undertake clearance works on the land - NOTED
- d) Notification of a Winter Briefing, Tuesday 16 October, 6:30pm, Derby Street – NOTED.
- e) Notification from Lancs. & Merseyside County Training Partnership & LCC of a Winter Services Conference, 10am-3pm, 20 October, Leyland Hotel – COUNCILLOR GARTSIDE WILL ATTEND.
- f) Confirmation LCC will contact landowner re: boulders/banking top of Harrock Hill – NOTED.
- g) Confirmation stakes have been removed from grass verge on Appley Lane North – NOTED.

- h) Confirmation the small street off Mossy Lea Road is officially called “Crow Orchard Road” and will be sign posted as such – NOTED.
- i) Response to questions raised re: Council Tax Support consultation – NOTED.
- j) Response from Shevington PC to questions re: Community Meeting – THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY MEETING.
- k) Request for items for the Three Tier Forum Meeting – ITEMS RELATING TO THE LCC CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2013 WILL BE RAISED.
- l) Notification of Consultation on Statement of Policy for the Gambling Act 2005 – NOTED.
- m) Notification from BDO LLP of completion of audit of the Parish Councils accounts for the year ending 31 March 2012, with no matters arising - RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL NOTE APPROVAL OF THE EXTERNALLY AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2012, WITH NO ISSUES ARISING.
- N) Consultation on proposed diversion of part of public footpath No. 5, Wrightington – RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL BELIEVE DETAILS ON THE PLAN SUPPLIED ARE INCORRECT. THAT THE SECTION OF FOOTPATH MARKED D-C-B IS THE CONTINUATION OF THE ORIGINAL ROUTE OF FOOTPATH 5B, WITH B BEING THE POINT WHERE PUBLIC FOOTPATH 5 ENDED AS PART OF THE EARLIER DIVERSION, THEREFORE D-C-B SHOULD BE MARKED AS FP 5B. THE COUNCIL OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS AS THIS WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF A SIGNIFICANT AMENITY, ACCESS TO AND VIEWS OF THE BEAUTIFUL POND ENJOYED FOR MANY YEARS BY FOOTPATH USERS. THE PARISH COUNCIL REGISTERED STRONG CONCERNS ABOUT THE ERECTION OF THE TALL, SOLID FENCE AT THE TIME OF ITS ERECTION AND THE ACTS OF INTIMIDATION WHICH TOOK PLACE AT THAT TIME TO DETER USE OF THE ORIGINAL ROUTE PAST THE POND. CONCERNS RELATING TO THE FENCE REMAIN UNCHANGED. THE COUNCIL FEEL PROMISES MADE RELATING TO THE ORIGINAL DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 5 HAVE STILL NOT BEEN FULFILLED. IT WAS STATED, THE SURFACE OF THE DIVERTED ROUTE WOULD BE SUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIR AND PUSHCHAIR USERS, WHICH IT IS DEFINITELY NOT. WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICANTS ARGUMENT THAT THE PROPOSED DIVERSION WILL IMPROVE SECURITY TO THEIR PROPERTY, THE PARISH COUNCIL DO NOT FEEL THIS IS JUSTIFIED AS THE PREVIOUSLY DIVERTED ROUTE OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.5 GOES TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY ANYWAY AND THE PROPOSALS WILL NOT HAVE ANY MORE OF A BENEFICIAL EFFECT ON SECURITY THAN THE CURRENT ROUTE. THE COUNCIL CANNOT SEE ANY BENEFIT WHATSOEVER TO FOOTPATH USERS, THE PARISH, OR ANY ADDITIONAL AMENITY BENEFITS JUSTIFYING THE PROPOSED DIVERSION AND THEREFORE OBJECT STRONGLY TO THE PROPOSALS WHICH WILL BE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE APPLICANT ONLY. THE BOROUGH COUNCIL MUST CONSIDER THE EFFECT THE PROPOSED DIVERSION WILL HAVE ON PUBLIC ENJOYMENT OF THIS RIGHT OF WAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF SECTION 119(6)(a) OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980.
- o) Response to request for PACT Meetings in the Parish – VILLAGE HALL USE ON WEDNESDAYS WILL BE CHECKED. THE SUGGESTION THAT A POLICE SURGERY BE HELD FOR 30 minutes PRIOR TO PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS, TWICE PER YEAR, WILL BE PROPOSED.
- p) Request from Electricity North West for your views on how and where they should invest in the local electricity over the next 10 years – NOTED AND KEPT ON FILE.
- q) Notification of a conference for listed property owners and invitation to Councillors to attend should they wish – 18 October, regarding Heritage Crime – NOTED.
- r) Ideas for Schools Competition – Bird & Bat Watch – THE COUNCIL NEED TO PROVIDE A MEANS FOR THE SCHOOLS TO ACCESS THE WEBSITE TO LOG THIS INFORMATION. COUNCILLORS REMAIN DISAPPOINTED WITH THE WEBSITE AT THE MOMENT WHICH NEEDS TO BE MORE CURRENT AND UPDATED REGULARLY.
- s) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Receipt of written resignation from Councillor Mrs Hanlon – THE PARISH COUNCIL RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED COUNCILLOR MRS HANLON’S RESIGNATION. A LETTER OF THANKS

WILL BE FORWARDED AND THE BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTIFIED. NOTICES WILL BE POSTED IN DUE COURSE. ii) Notification from PCSO Benson of the appointment of PC Beverley Lodge as the CBM for our area with effect from 1 October 2012 - NOTED.

72. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Footpath 23b – Mossy Lea Road to Tunley Lane – Councillor Johnson (and the Clerk) have reported the missing footpath sign several times. Councillor Johnson was informed that this had been passed to the Parish Council for action. The Clerk confirmed that as the Parish Council has not opted into the Public Rights of Way Maintenance Delivery Scheme, passing the issue to the Parish Council is not an option.
- Carriageway surface is breaking up at the junction of Skull House Lane and Appley Lane North.
- Councillor Johnson has reported pot-holes at the following locations: Mossy Lea Road, near house no. 329 - Chisnall Ave – junction of Mossy Lea Road and Chisnall Ave – Manse Ave.

73. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Public rights of way maintenance delivery – Following attendance at a briefing on this subject the Clerk explained the complexities of the proposed scheme and the fact that Parish Councils could find themselves financially compromised if they choose to take on this function. Meeting with Andrew Burrows – LCC – Councillor Mrs Burton reported on a site meeting with Mr Burrows regarding drainage issues in the Parish. LALC Annual Conference – The Clerk attended this event which was quite useful, information will be kept on file for future reference and use.

74. **REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS** - The road closure order has been applied for but as yet has not been granted. Wreaths are ordered. Policing has been confirmed. Invitations, and details of the day, will be forwarded to all participants. Orders of Service will be printed and refreshments arranged. Revd. Simon Glynn from All Saints and Parbold Churches will be conducting the service this year – Revd. Glynn will be informed that the Pony Club will also be taking part this year and laying a wreath for the animals lost in the war.

75. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba/Pilates classes, £190 – Request from Yoga Teacher for November Parish Council Meeting to commence at 8pm (purely a one-off request) – REQUEST CONFIRMED. Use of Village Hall for Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-long, Friday 16 November, 7pm-10pm. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair, 25 November – BOTH EVENTS CONFIRMED. The Clerk reported another request for a young persons birthday party – IN VIEW OF PAST EVENTS IT WILL BE CONFIRMED THAT THE PARISH COUNCIL DO NOT, FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY AND INSURANCE REASONS, TAKE BOOKINGS FOR YOUNG PERSONS BIRTHDAY PARTIES. IN VIEW OF INCREASED VILLAGE HALL USE THE COUNCIL WILL CONSIDER INCREASING THE CLEANERS HOURS TO 3 HOURS, 1 ½ HOUR VISITS TWICE PER WEEK (Mondays and Thursdays). APPLEY BRIDGE – WORK IN THE KITCHEN WILL COMMENCE SHORTLY AND WILL HOPEFULLY BE COMPLETED FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY. ADDITIONAL WORK REQUIRED WILL BE INCLUDED AT THE SAME TIME AND INVOICED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL.

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

- 1) 2012/1040/PNP Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for details – Agricultural storage building. Lane Farm, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS. (PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT)
- 2) 2012/1045/COU Retention of change of use to mixed use A1 retail and A3 café. Café Alexander, Hall (Case 1209120) Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

77. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Reminder of 68th AGM, Saturday 10 November, County Hall, Preston (Councillor Gartside attending) – Newsletter Sept 2012 - Councillors Training on Chairmanship or Finance or Neighbourhood Plans – Draft Minutes from July Area Committee Meeting and Agenda for next Meeting, 18 October, Derby Street – NOTED.

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

For Payment this month:

BDO LLP Annual Completion of Audit Fee
Minutes – Wrightington Parish Council

£342.00

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West Lancs. BC	Lease of Appley Bridge Village Hall	£1.00
British Gas	Gas supplied ABVH	£127.61
United Utilities	Water supplied at ABVH	£0.20
JC Property Services	Repair work to gents toilets MLVH following vandalism	£160.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£586.23
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£1.00
Open Spaces Society	D/D – Annual Subscription	£40.00
E.on	D/D – Electricity Supplied at MLVH	£102.85

RESOLVED: That payment of the above accounts be approved.

79. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 November 2012 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 67 to 79 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 November 2012.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) – Notification that the proposed major modifications to the West Lancs. Minerals and Waste Local Plan and associated document were submitted to the Secretary of State on 20 September – if found to be sound – it is expected to be adopted by the Joint Authorities in July 2013.
- b) Notification that there is no breach of planning control at Tunley Moss Farm as planning permission has been obtained for a granny annex.
- c) Notice of Election of a Police and Crime Commissioner for the Lancashire Police Area and notification nomination papers must be submitted by noon on 9 October, election taking place 15 November.
- d) Copy LCC Environment Directorate Capital Programme 2013-14, schemes for consideration in West Lancs. – already circulated to Councillors via email.
- e) Copy Agenda for Parish Clerk's Liaison Meeting, Friday 12 October 10:30am – Apologies submitted.
- f) Copy CPRE Field Work.