

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 November 2012 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

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.)

Nothing specific at this point as the public present wished only to observe.

80. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Mr Gartside (prior Meeting). Apologies received from County/Borough Councillor Ms Evans and Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt.
81. **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.
82. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15 October 2012, circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
83. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Accepted.
84. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.
Report 1(a) – Reported that the applicant could re-submit however, the interior has been gutted and it would be a costly exercise to return the building to a public house.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Letter of thanks from Mrs Hanlon following her recent resignation – NOTED.
- b) Response to issues raised with the Three Tier Forum – COUNCILLOR JOHNSON REPORTED FURTHER CONTACT WITH ANDREW DAVIES REGARDING WATER RUNNING OFF THE FIELDS AT RABY FOLD AND THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF THIS IN WINTER. HE WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT ANY RESURFACING OR WHITE LINING OF MOSSY LEA ROAD WILL TAKE PLACE A MINIMUM OF 2 YEARS HENCE, DUE TO LACK OF RESOURCES. IT WAS STRESSED THAT THIS IS POTENTIALLY AN ACCIDENT BLACKSPOT. COUNCILLORS CONFIRMED THAT THE WIDTH OF THE HIGHWAY RUNS FROM STOCK TO STOCK THEREFORE, LCC ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BANKING AND FOR THE DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SMOOTH ROAD SURFACE. THE COUNCIL WILL REQUEST A SITE MEETING WITH MR BURROWS AND MR DAVIES, THE CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLOR JOHNSON.
- c) Notification of forthcoming reductions in Concurrent Grants from West Lancs. BC – 15% next year and a further 15% the following year – NOTED – THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THIS FACT WHEN SETTING THEIR PRECEPT.
- d) Submission of the Local Plan – West Lancashire 2027 to the Secretary of State – NOTED.
- e) Info. from LCC on the Strategy for provision of school places and school's capital investment 2013/14 to 2015/16 – LEAVE TO THE PROFESSIONALS AT LCC.
- f) Response to request for PACT Meetings in the Parish – DISCUSSIONS AT THE LALC AREA COMMITTEE MEETING CENTRED AROUND POLICE RESPONSE AND ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS. THE PARISH COUNCIL CONFIRMED THAT WITHOUT PCSO BENSON THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO POLICING IN WRIGHTINGTON. THE CLERK WILL ENQUIRE HOW RESIDENTS CAN REGISTER FOR POLICING EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS.
- g) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) LCC Response to Parish Council objections to the proposed diversion of Footpath 5, Wrightington – THE PARISH COUNCIL CONSIDERED THE RESPONSE HOWEVER, NO NOTICES HAVE BEEN

ERECTED TO INFORM FOOTPATH USERS WHO WILL THEREFORE BE UNAWARE OF THE PROPOSED DIVERSION. THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL INFORM LCC THEY WILL NOT BE WITHDRAWING THEIR OBJECTIONS. ii) Details of the Parbold Christmas Fair – NOTED. iii) Confirmation of appointment of Mr Clive Grunshaw as the new Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Lancashire – NOTED.

85. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Pot-holes remain a problem on Appley Lane North and Skull House Lane.
- It was suggested that at the site meeting with LCC officers, the poor state of the bottom of Broadhurst Lane be discussed. Flooding, blocked grids, lack of road sweeping and water running off the fields onto what is actually a very well used route, need to be raised.
- A car, parked partly on/off the footway, outside No. 15 Mossy Lea Road has been parked there for approx. 10 days. The Clerk will obtain the registration number and report to the Police.
- The public footpath sign (footpath No. 1 Heskin), from Church Lane through Martin House Farm, is missing and the 'Private' signs deter many people from using this route.

86. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Lancs. & Merseyside County Training Partnership & LCC of a Winter Services Conference, 20/10/12, Leyland, attended by Councillor Mr Gartside. Parish & Town Council Conference, 10/11/12, attended by the Clerk and Councillor Mr Gartside – A WELL ATTENDED AND INFORMATIVE MEETING – LALC AGM, 10/11/12, attended by Councillor Mr Gartside – Remembrance Sunday – VERY WELL ATTENDED, THE MUSIC AND SOUND QUALITY WERE VERY GOOD – Peter Lathom Charity Meeting, attended by Councillor Mr Clinch – THE CHARITY WILL BE REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES. £329 WILL BE PRESENTED TO MOSSY LEA PENSIONERS, WRIGHTINGTON. A DIFFERENT TRUSTEE REPRESENTS APPELEY BRIDGE – Parish Council Website – THE CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THAT THE PENSIONERS, THE CHURCHES AND THE SCHOOLS MAY WISH TO HAVE AN INPUT TO A BULLETIN BOARD. THE CLERK REPORTED THE WEBSITE IS CURRENTLY EVOLVING INTO A MORE UP-TO-DATE AND MODERN SITE AND WILL REQUEST THE ADDITION OF A PLACE/SPACE WHERE OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS CAN HAVE AN INPUT.

87. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba/Pilates classes, £230 – Notification Monday night Yoga classes have ceased. Notification Monday and Thursday Zumba and Pilates classes will cease in December. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 25 November 11am-3pm, 10 stallholders will be present – Councillors were encouraged to publicise the event and support by attending. Hot-pot Supper £30 received for use of the village hall and reported £280.34 raised for Cancer Research UK, a very enjoyable social night. The hall has been booked on Monday 14 January and Monday 28 January, between 2-3pm, for Craft Classes – The Council agreed to allow this use free of charge whilst the organiser ascertains whether there is sufficient interest in the subject to continue. The Clerk reported that an enquiry has been received about daytime Yoga Classes – It was again agreed that the first class will be free should the organiser wish to go ahead in January. The Clerk confirmed that 10 new smaller folding tables and a wall mountable DVD player have now been purchased using the Small Sparks Funding obtained. A cage to fit the DVD player securely to the wall together with paper and consumables will be purchased with the remaining funding.

APPELEY BRIDGE – Work in the kitchen is now virtually complete. Painting will be finished when the newly plastered wall has completely dried out. The kitchen looks much better for the work completed. The Clerk has approached the Parish Champion with a request for a £200 contribution towards a new cooker which will complete the refurbishments. The floor in the main hall is now in need of action, the joiner has reassessed the work required and repair work, since his last inspection and quotation, has almost doubled therefore costing somewhere in the region of £1000-£1200. He has suggested that it would be more cost effective to remove the existing flooring before it is impossible to repair, ply-board and re-floor in maple (which is likely to be too costly) or oak. Both of these are hard wood and will be more durable however, he has suggested a meeting with the Dancing Teacher to explain that a portable surface must be used for tap dancing in order to extend the life of the new floor otherwise the Parish Council will find themselves in the same position as now, with repeated repair work, sanding and re-sealing required every few years.

Councillor Johnson agreed to speak with a representative of Tunley URC to ascertain whether the temporary roll out matting used for tap dancing in their hall is now surplus to requirements and may therefore be

available to purchase. (Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public present to take part in discussions following which the meeting was resumed).

88. PLANNING Discussing the following applications:

- 1) 2012/1089/FUL Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings (residential annexe to remain) and erection of replacement dwelling and revision to residential curtilage. Tunley Lane Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. (Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public present to take part in discussions following which the meeting was resumed). **THE COUNCIL OBJECT TO THE PROPOSALS TO DEMOLISH THE EXISTING DWELLING. THIS WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON THE STREET SCENE AND COMPLETELY ALTER THE CHARACTER OF THE BUILDING AND FARM. THE PROPOSED NEW DWELLING IS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN THE FOOTPRINT OF THE EXISTING DWELLING AND WOULD CONSTITUTE OVER DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE. THERE ARE ALSO CONCERNS THAT INSTALLING A NEW, SECOND, ACCESS TO THE SITE CLOSER TO THE JUNCTION OF TUNLEY LANE AND MOSSY LEA ROAD WOULD COMPROMISE HIGHWAY SAFETY FOR OTHER ROAD-USERS AND HOMEOWNERS IN THIS VICINITY.**
- 2) 2012/1063/FUL Siting of two temporary modular operating theatres for a period of three years. (Case 1230352) Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington. **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 3) 2012/1182/FUL Retention of conversion of single storey detached outbuilding for use as double garage (Case 1230354) /ancillary accommodation. 355 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **NO OBJECTIONS.**

89. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – NALC Briefing ‘Making it Easier to Set Up New Town/Parish Councils’ – Request for nominations for Climate Week Awards – NOTED

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

For Payment this month:

Standish Print	Stationery	£42.52
Colway Services Ltd	PAT Testing, fire alarm and emergency lighting test MLVH	£218.00
	PAT Testing, fire alarm and emergency lighting test ABVH	£88.00
	Total Price – including VAT (£61.20)	£367.20
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Remembrance Day Refreshments	£47.00
United Utilities	Water charges ABVH	£25.64
Mrs Rogers	Reimburse Remembrance Day Refreshments	£11.62
Adam Birchall	Additional work required at ABVH	£440.00
British Legion	Wreaths for Remembrance Day	£200.00
Petty Cash		£25.00
Mrs Burton	Reimburse call out charges (2 occasions) bollards ABVH	£20.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of lights/fittings/bulbs etc. kitchen ABVH	£169.90
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net	£586.23
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£1.00
D/D – United Utils.	Water Charges MLVH	£46.05
D/D – E.on	Electricity Charges MLVH	£53.87

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC 2nd half Concurrent Funding £2365.00

RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved. A verbal request has been received from Mossy Lea Bowling Club for a Donation – **THEY WILL BE ADVISED TO MAKE A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PARISH COUNCIL.**

91. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 17 December 2012 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 80 to 91 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 December 2012.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:40 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification planning application for proposed change of use of former public house to dwelling with side and rear extensions and front porch and erection of garage/store/gym building, The Brook House, Heskin, was withdrawn.
- b) Notification of persons nominated in elections of a Police and Crime Commissioner.
- c) Copy SELRAP Newsletter.
- d) Copy Open Space – Autumn Newsletter.
- e) Notification of availability of Advice and Support Services from South West Lancashire Independent Community Advice Network.
- f) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.