

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notes from the discussions of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17 December 2012 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson. Also present PC Beverley Lodge.

## 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.)

PC Beverley Lodge introduced herself as the new Community Beat Manager, in post since October, and confirmed that she is looking forward to working in the area. She will be based at Skelmersdale, which presents its own problems, particularly with regard to use of a vehicle to cover an area of approx. 45 square miles. PC Lodge confirmed that PCSO Benson has done a fantastic job, having just received a well-deserved Chief Officers commendation for his work, over the past few years. PC Lodge went on to discuss the recent inaccurate editorial in the local newspaper relating to a leaked letter sent to Parish Councils and local businesses requesting financial support towards the purchase of a dedicated Police vehicle for use in the large geographical area they Police. Funding requested will be for a small second-hand vehicle eg: a Corsa, which will not be a response vehicle, it will not be liveried and will only be for use in the area PC Lodge and PCSO Benson cover. Similar vehicle sponsorship has been on-going in other areas for many years. PC Lodge explained that as well as Neighbourhood Policing Teams there are Planned Response Teams, Police Support Units for drug and traffic issues and a Crime Car dealing with cross-border criminality. PC Lodge can understand the issue of Parishes feeling they are being double rated by contributing towards the purchase of a vehicle however, it is anticipated that contributors will have a say in the vehicle choice and that on-going maintenance will be undertaken at Police expense. Councillors present agreed to think about this and, whilst they may find it difficult to Precept for additional funding to contribute towards the cost of a car it may be possible to speak to local businesses requesting their support.

Representatives of Shevington PC, who were present at the discussions, reported that they have just come out of an agreement to support/fund a Police car, with many objecting to the issue of double rating. PC Lodge confirmed that Lancashire Police now want to build a good relationship with Greater Manchester Police to assist in combatting cross-border criminality.

Councillor Mrs Burton commended the prompt and excellent response when dialling the new 101 non-emergency Police telephone number. Recent reports of deer heads found in the Parish were dealt with via the 101 service. It was confirmed deer are present in Wrightington and Shevington in increasing numbers. Mrs Eileen Longmoor, Co-ordinator of Appley Bridge in Bloom, together with 2 further committee members were present – having successfully initiated planting on the Wigan side of Appley Bridge they would now like to extend the project to work on the West Lancs. side of the village. It was confirmed that Wrightington PC has no objections to making Appley Bridge a nicer place. It was reported that Shevington PC sponsor planting at Appley Bridge Railway Station where last year wild flower seeds were also sown however, they were suffocated by the weeds. It was confirmed the Committee will be liaising with Network Rail and the new Stationmaster at Appley Bridge, requesting their assistance. The judges in the competition advised that not enough was being made of the Canal Bank or the Railway. Additional volunteers are now required to assist in progressing this project in Appley Bridge. 16 micro-plot allotments have now been developed on The Meadows off Canal Bank and they area now hoping to develop this area as a Leisure facility eg: picnic area and hides etc.

Councillors confirmed that it would be more beneficial if they could work together with Appley Bridge Community Association to tackle issues like parking congestion associated with the railway station.

PC Lodge reported the following crime figures: - 11 incidents last month, 10 of which were nuisance or personal to individuals, nothing for the wider community. 1 assault, non-injury on Tunley Lane and 2 assaults, personal. A theft on Appley Lane North, a fraud on Toogood Lane and a drug related incident near Crow Orchard. A criminal damage on Mossy Lea Road, 3 burglaries. A theft from a vehicle on Church Lane and 2 further thefts from vehicles. The Chairman wished all those present All the Best.

**92. APOLOGIES** - Were received from Councillors Mr Gartside (holidays), Mr Johnson (prior commitment), Mr McRae (prior commitment) and Mr Clinch (family commitment). Apologies also received from County/Borough Councillor Ms Evans and Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt.

- 93. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members are asked to consider any disclosable interest they may have to disclose in relation to matters under discussion – not applicable.
- 94. MINUTES** – To Accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 November 2012 – deferred until a full Parish Council Meeting.
- 95. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – NOTED.
- 96. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**  
Items to be reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 2.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Request for Donation the Chairman/Keeper, Hinds Head Bowling Club – NEXT AGENDA.
  - b) Notification that applications for funding from the West Lancs. BC Parish Capital Schemes 2013/14 should be submitted by 8 February 2013 – CEILING IN MAIN HALL AT APPELEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL AND REPLACEMENT RADIATORS IN THE HALL.
  - c) Confirmation that there has been no request for an election for the recent vacancy – NOTED.
  - d) Invitation to Chairman to attend the Lancashire Civic County Carol Service – at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday 3 February 2013 at 6:30pm – THE CHAIRMAN WILL RESPOND.
  - e) Notification, terms and conditions attached to Concurrent Grant for 2013/14 – ACCEPTED.
  - f) Notice of the Making of the Order for the Diversion of part of Public Footpath No.9, Wrightington – NOTED DESPITE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIONS TO THIS.
  - g) Notification of protocol when participating in discussions when setting the precept – REMIND AND DISCUSS AT THE BUDGET MEETING.
  - h) Request for additions or alterations to the list of locally important buildings – NOTED.
  - i) Meeting notes for the November West Lancs. 3Tier Forum Meeting and a request for future Agenda Items – DEFERRED UNTIL THE JANUARY MEETING.
  - j) Written request for financial assistance towards the purchase of a dedicated Neighbourhood vehicle for the Northern Parishes – DEFERRED UNTIL THE JANUARY MEETING.
  - k) Details of West Lancs. BC service operation over Christmas and New Year 2012/13 – (posted in Notice Boards) – NOTED.
  - l) Info. produced following the workshop at the recent Parish & Town Council Conference – (emailed to Councillors for perusal prior to the Meeting) – for your information – NOTED.
  - m) Request from Open Spaces Society for support with the fight to protect existing and possible future village greens – NOTED.
  - n) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations –
    - i) Request from LCC Sustainable Travel Team to use ABVH Car Park for a Park & Stride Scheme to All Saints School – PARISH COUNCIL CANNOT HELP WITH THIS AS THE CAR PARK IS USED REGULARLY BY VILLAGE HALL USERS. SUGGESTED PARKING ON STONEYGATE LANE AND USING THE PUBLIC FOOTPATH TO SCHOOL AS THE PARISH COUNCIL ARRANGED FOR THIS ROUTE TO BE STONED TO CREATE A MUCH SAFER ROUTE.
    - ii) Info. on Precepts and Council Tax Calculations – NOTED FOR DISCUSSION AT THE BUDGET MEETING.
    - iii) Copy Police Newsletter detailing PACT Meeting at Mossy Lea VH, Monday 7 January 2013 at 7:30 pm – NOTED.
- 97. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**  
- Flooding remains an issue on Appley Lane North, Toogood Lane, and Courage Low Lane.
- 98. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – DEFERRED.
- 99. VILLAGE HALLS**  
MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba/Pilates classes, £190 – Final payment of £100 for Yoga classes. Christmas Craft & Gift, use of hall £50 – Payment for use of hall for Police Commissioner Elections £150.  
APPELEY BRIDGE – Floor in the main hall - ongoing.

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

- 1) 2012/1218/FUL Two storey extension to side. 9 North Drive, Appley Bridge, Wrightington – NO

- (Case 1248596) OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2012/1241/FUL Erection of three electrical substations. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane,  
(Case 1248598) Wrightington – NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 12/01063/FUL Change of use of former public house to dwelling with side and rear extensions, front porch and erection of detached garage with open store below (resubmission of withdrawn application ref: 12/00802/FUL). The Brook House, Barmskin Lane, Heskin, Chorley – THE COUNCIL CANNOT SEE ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE APPLICATION WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY AMENDING THEIR OBSERVATIONS THEREFORE, THE PARISH COUNCIL OBJECTIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

**101. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – LALC Annual Report – December Newsletter – LCC Winter Maintenance Leaflet – NOTED.**

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

**For Payment this month:**

Standish Print	Stationery	£43.20
Dave Proe	Amenity Cutting(£36), ABVH grass cutting/leaf sweeping(£68)	£104.00
E.on	Electricity supplied ABVH	£125.42
SLCC	50% contribution towards Annual Subscriptions	£72.50
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of electric pest repellents	£9.98
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

**Receipts:**

West Lancs. BC	Grass Cutting	£340.53
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PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE AND RATIFIED AT THE JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

**103. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 21 January 2013

Mossy Lea Village Hall

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

**REPORT 1**

- Notification listed building application for internal alterations to Long Room and replacement timber windows to side elevation. Wrightington Hospital. Has been WITHDRAWN.  
Notification permission granted for retention of change of use to mixed use A1 retail and A3 café. Café Alexander, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
- Confirmation report of animal carcass on Tunley Lane passed to Police Wildlife Officer, then to Neighbourhood Officer and finally for removal to West Lancs. BC.
- Notification of temporary road closure, Back Lane, Newburgh, from 7-23 December, sewer connections.
- Notification of Consultation Draft – Cadishead South Regeneration Strategy.
- Copy Draft 2012/14 Environment Directorate Commissioning Plan.
- Copy CPRE Fieldwork.