

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 February 2013 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr F Johnson, Mr J Clinch and Mr P Gartside. Also present County Councillor Ms Evans and County Councillor Mike Otter, Parish Champion.

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.)

County Councillor Mike Otter, Parish Champion, attended the Meeting to present the Chairman with a cheque for £200.00 towards a new cooker at Appley Bridge Village Hall. Councillor Otter was thanked for his donation and for attending the Parish Council Meeting. Councillor Otter confirmed it was a pleasure to be back in the Parish and thanked the Council for their request for assistance.

County Councillor Ms Evans – was asked about progress with parking enhancements at Mossfields. Councillor Ms Evans confirmed the money has been allocated by LCC and will be signed off to West Lancs. BC. A number of reported highway matters remain outstanding and Councillor Ms Evans confirmed, Paul Dunn will be dealing with matters whilst Andrew Burrows is on long term sick however, Mr Dunn will now be responsible for Preston, South Ribble, Chorley and West Lancs. Land ownership on Crow Orchard Road/Hall Lane, from the BP Garage to the fish ponds, was discussed as complaints have been received relating to overgrown hedges. Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to meet on site with the complainant and Councillor Ms Evans as it is believed the land belongs to St Joseph's Church.

Member of Shevington PC – attended to discuss 3 matters. Heron's Wharf – a planning application has been submitted to Wigan Council for a further 40-42 houses on this site. The entrance and 3 properties on this development are in West Lancs. and Wrightington PC objected to the original application on highway safety grounds. Shevington PC believe that Wrightington PC and LCC should also be consulted. They have asked about the extent of contamination from the "glue works" which used to occupy the proposed area for additional development. Wrightington PC concerns relating to the access remain unchanged and the fact the traffic calming measures on Mill Lane are inadequate adds to these concerns. Shevington PC will provide details of the application to the Clerk, the Parish Council can still comment despite not having been consulted. West Lancs. Local Plan – is in the final stages of Consultation. Shevington PC commented on Policy DC3 in relation to East Quarry and the local traffic infrastructure on Mill Lane, access and egress, the level of development at the Quarry and the railway pad. It was confirmed that Shevington PC will be attending the public inquiry in March, by invitation. Proposals for re-location of Wigan Athletic Training Ground – 2 proposals have been submitted, one in Wigan to turn the existing training facility at Christopher Park, Standish Lower Ground, into a junior academy and one to build a new, much bigger, training facility at Wrightington Country Club.

Shevington PC are concerned about the traffic impact, including the impact at the Back Lane junction in their Parish. They share concerns relating to development of Green Belt Land. A residents committee has been formed and a meeting will take place on 21 February at St Joseph's Church Hall to discuss dealing with this matter. New planning legislation provides for consultation by developers but does not detail the extent of that consultation. It was confirmed that developers have the right of appeal against refusal of a decision even if everyone ie: Residents, Parish Council and Borough Council object. It is possible for the Borough Councillors to call in an application and it could still go to public inquiry. It was reported that the consultation meeting, though poorly organised, was well attended. The general feeling is that the initial application will be for minimal development and, if permission is granted, the proposals could be expanded on in the future. One of the exceptions to development of Green Belt land is for recreational use however this use would be commercial recreational use, which is very different.

Public Present – the footway in front of Mossfields is muddy, slippery and dangerous, due to vehicles driving on and off the grass verge between 4 and 6 Mossfields, to park.

119. APOLOGIES – Were received from Borough Councillor Baybutt and the Police.

120. 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. No Declarations were made at this point.

121. MINUTES – The Minutes of the Budget Meeting and the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28 January 2013, circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

122. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS – Accepted.

123. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Confirmation consultation event by Stratus Environmental Ltd will take place on Monday 25 February, 12.30pm-18.30pm at St James's Church Hall – NOTED.
- b) Response from LCC to issues raised relating to informal consultation for waiting restrictions on Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – THE PARISH COUNCIL REMAIN UNHAPPY WITH THIS RESPONSE AND WILL REITERATE THAT THE WAITING RESTRICTIONS AGREED ON THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENTATION SHOULD BE AN ACCURATE DEPICTION OF WHAT IS ON THE GROUND.
- c) Notification term of office of Mrs Rees, as Wrightington Parish Council nominee on Richard Durning's Charity, terminates in May and request for nomination of a trustee for next term – RESOLVED: COUNCILLOR GARTSIDE WILL BE THE PARISH COUNCIL NOMINEE WITH EFFECT FROM THE CHARITY'S ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY 2013.
- d) Notification VIP AGM will be held, Wednesday 20 March 2013, 7pm, Croston – COUNCILLOR JOHNSON WILL ATTEND.
- e) Request from Zurich Insurance to quote for the Parish Councils Annual Insurance cover – ON FILE UNTIL A QUOTATION IS REQUIRED.
- f) Consultation on the West Lancs. Community Infrastructure Levy – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule – THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE OPPOSED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF THE CIL AND SEE IT AS A STEALTH TAX ON DEVELOPERS/BUILDERS WHICH WILL DETER THEM FROM BUILDING.
- g) Consultation on Draft West Lancs. Sustainable Energy Strategy – RESOLVED: THE OVERALL POLICY IS AGREEABLE. WITH REGARD TO RENEWABLE ENERGY THEY WOULD SUPPORT THE PROPOSALS PROVIDED THE RIGHT CHOICES ARE MADE REGARDING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY. MORE EMPHASIS ON PROMOTING THE USE OF SOLAR PANELS, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS, WITH DEVELOPMENT OF WIND TURBINES REDUCED TO A MINIMUM. WITH REGARD TO THE REDUCTION OF TRANSPORT RELATED EMISSIONS THE COUNCIL BELIEVE IMPROVEMENTS NEED TO BE MADE TO PUBLIC TRANSPORT, PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTES, CYCLEWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTES TO ENCOURAGE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF CARS AND OTHER VEHICLES ON THE ROAD THUS REDUCING EMISSIONS. A REVIEW OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT CHARGES TO ENCOURAGE GREATER USE WOULD NOT ONLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON THE ROADS BUT WOULD ALSO MAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORT INITIATIVES MORE SUSTAINABLE IN THE LONG TERM.
- h) Info. on payroll services available for Town & Parish Councils – NOTED.
- i) Consultation on Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Supplementary Planning Documents from South Ribble – for comment if Councillors feel it appropriate – THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT THIS.
- j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Info. from Right at Home providing care services in the Community – NOTED. ii) Update on Footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road – THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE PREFERRED A DEFINITIVE UPGRADING HOWEVER, AGREE THAT A CONCESSIONARY ROUTE WOULD BE THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS A DEDICATED OR DEFINITIVE UPGRADE IN THE

FUTURE. iii) A survey of local activities for 11-19 year olds – NOTED. iv) Notification of the proposed Pier to Pier Cycle Route, part of which will use the canal bank through Appley Bridge – (Details will be forwarded to Shevington PC as the route affects their Parish) THE COUNCIL FEEL THAT THE CANAL FOOTPATH REQUIRES UPGRADING TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF A CYCLE ROUTE OTHERWISE IT COULD PROVE DANGEROUS. v) Reported the next Shevington PC meeting in the community will be held on 28 February at 7:30 pm at Appley Bridge Community Centre – NOTED.

- k) County Councillor Otter, the Parish Champion, having been thanked for his attendance and donation by the Chairman, left the Meeting at this point.

124. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Numerous highways issues remain outstanding due to staffing problems at LCC. The Council will look at the reported items to assess issues still outstanding.
- The footway near Raby Fold Farm needs siding back as it is extremely narrow.
- Accident statistics for this location will be determined following a recent accident involving a car and a bus.

125. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES - Public rights of way

Parish/Local delivery update meeting – There are still mixed responses to devolution of this service to the Parishes. Councillors' Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson attended and agreed, presentation of this matter was much better than the previous meeting. Following the pilot, and subsequent roll out of the service, some changes have now been made. The Clerk will request clarification of a number of administrative, procedural, legal and financial issues before proceeding with a possible expression of interest in taking on this delegated function.

126. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba classes, £80. Notification the hall is required as a Polling Station for LCC on 2 May 2013. A cheque was recently presented to Cancer Research UK by Wrightington & Wigan Group of Friends, with the support of the Parish Council, for just over £3800.00. APPLEY BRIDGE – Confirmation new cooker purchased, total cost £299, will be fitted on 25 February (£200 grant from Parish Champion, balance payable by the Parish Council). A Capital Bid has been submitted to West Lancs. BC, for supply and fitting of new radiators in the main hall at a Total Cost of £1750.00 – a bid of £1150 has been requested from West Lancs. BC, with a £600 contribution from the Parish Council. The outcome of the bid will be known in due course. The Clerk explained in full, details of the proposed new floor in the main hall – Engineered Oak, waxed and oiled on installation and every two years in the future. It was pointed out the cupboards and mirrors in the hall will be removed and not replaced, the existing floor will be taken out. Prices will be obtained for painting the hall, white gloss and magnolia emulsion and, assuming the finance is available, this work will be undertaken before, or at the same time, as the new floor is installed. **RESOLVED: THE CONTRACTOR WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED WITH REPLACING THE FLOOR ON 2 APRIL, PAINTING TO BE COMPLETED, PRIOR TO, OR AT THE SAME TIME, DEPENDANT UPON THE PRICE.**

- 127. STANDING ORDERS – RESOLVED:** In Accordance with Standing Order No 19, Standing Order No 18 was suspended to allow the remaining items of business to be conducted.

128. PLANNING

To discuss the following application/s:

- 1) 2012/1318/FUL Erection of detached dwelling house including new vehicular/pedestrian access. (Case 1279162) Land between 53 Appley Lane North and 2-4 Spring Bank, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **NO OBJECTIONS PROVIDED IT COMPLIES WITH DEVELOPMENTS IN CONSERVATION AREAS AND IS SYMPATHETIC TO THE AREA.**
- 2) 2013/0002/FUL Raise height of roof to provide first floor living accommodation including dormer extensions to front. Single storey lounge extension and porch to front and provision of pitched roof to replace existing floor over sun lounge at side. 13 Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 3) 2013/0009/FUL Conservatory to rear. 34 Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge.

- (Case 1279164) NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2013/0118/COU Change of use of land from agricultural to form part of residential curtilage of 10
(Case 1279165) Broadhurst Lane. Land North Of Electricity Substation Mossy Lea Road
Wrightington, Lancashire. NO OBJECITONS.
- 5) 2013/0139/FUL Single storey side extension. Long Acre, Moss Lane, Wrightington.
(Case 1279166) NO OBJECTIONS.
- 6) 08/13/0140 – LCC Application – The installation and operation of a 5MW Bio-Liquid to Power
(Case ENV 291131) Generation Facility. Springfield Environment Ltd, Appley Bridge Depot,
Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. THE COUNCIL OBJECT ON HIGHWAY
SAFETY GROUNDS, THERE WILL BE A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN
VEHICULAR MOVEMENTS WITH THE IMPORTATION OF THE COOKING
OIL. THIS INCREASE WILL RESULT IN FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE
CARRIAGEWAY WHICH IS ALREADY IN A POOR STATE OF REPAIR.
SERIOUS PARKING PROBLEMS ALREADY EXIST ON APPLEY LANE
NORTH ASSOCIATED WITH THE RAILWAY STATION THEREFORE
HIGHWAY SAFETY WILL BE COMPROMISED BY THE INCREASE IN
HGV'S AND POSSIBLE OBSTRUCTIONS/RESTRICTIONS IN ACCESSING
THE SITE CAUSED BY THE PARKED CARS. OBJECTIONS ARE ALSO
RAISED IN RELATION TO THE NUISANCE AND ADVERSE IMPACT ON
THE QUALITY OF LIVES OF LOCAL RESIDENTS CAUSED BY THE
SMELLS ASSOCIATED WITH RECYCLING USED COOKING OIL. IN
ADDITION, THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE AWARE THAT A CONDITION
WAS ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR
INFILL OF THE QUARRIES AND "THE PAD" STATING THAT THE PAD BE
REMOVED ONCE WORK ASSOCIATED WITH THE IMPORTATION OF
WASTE TO THE QUARRIES CEASED. THE PARISH COUNCIL THEREFORE
BELIEVE THE PAD SHOULD EITHER BE REMOVED OR UTILISED AS A
CAR PARK TO ALLEVIATE SEVERE PARKING PROBLEMS ON APPLEY
LANE NORTH ASSOCIATED WITH THE RAILWAY STATION.

129. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Councillors confirmed a good recent Area Committee Meeting.

130. ACCOUNTS

To receive the following list of accounts for Approval:

Payments:

Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of toilet rolls and hand towels MLVH	£40.80
Chorley Cooker Cntr	Cost of Cooker – ABVH	£299.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£586.43
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£0.80
D/D E.on	Electricity Charges MLVH	£136.39

Receipts:

MLVH Committee	Transfer	£3500.00
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RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved.

131. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 March 2013 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 119 to 131 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 March 2013.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:25 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) 1) Permission and listed building consent granted for conversion of former barn and shippon into two dwellings. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- 2) Permission and listed building consent granted for conversion of former stables into one dwelling. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- 3) Permission granted for two storey extension to side. 9 North Drive, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification permission granted for change of use of public house to dwelling with side & rear extensions, front porch and detached garage with open store below. The Brookhouse, Barmskin Lane.
- c) Notification permission granted for 3 substations, Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Confirmation from LCC that public footpath No. 20 is no longer obstructed.
- e) Confirmation from LCC that the report relating to public footpath No. 1, Heskin, is being investigated.