

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 March 2013 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mr J Clinch, 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.)

Planning Application 2013/0158/FUL: A number of residents were present to object to these proposals. Residents object to the detrimental effect and impact granting permission for the dwelling would have on the area of Wrightington Bar. Residents are concerned about the highway safety implications of using the very narrow, single track, access/egress to the site. Residents do not consider that the site is infill but, if the proposals are allowed to go ahead, it will create infill. Residents are concerned that allowing this development will set a precedent for future similar development in the area.

The Chairman explained that as the applicant in this planning application is a Parish Councillor, the Parish Council has today sought the advice of the Borough Solicitor at West Lancashire Borough Council, on the best way to deal with this matter. The advice suggests that, as the applicant is a close associate of all serving Parish Councillors, it could be considered and construed that all Councillors would have a disclosable pecuniary interest by virtue of their office and close working relationship with the Councillor, which could affect their decision. Therefore, in accordance with the Code of Conduct by which Parish Councillors are governed and, to ensure openness and transparency in Parish Council business, the Parish Councillors present will be declaring an interest in this item on the Agenda the result of which will mean they cannot take part in discussions and will have to leave the room. As no discussions can or will take place by the Parish Council, no comments/observations will be submitted. To be fair to those present – the Clerk will make a note of your comments and will forward this note to the Planning Officer dealing with the application however, all residents are advised to submit your comments, observations or objections to any planning application by which you are affected – directly, in writing, to the Planning Department at West Lancashire Borough Council as they are the decision making authority on Borough Planning Applications, whilst the Parish Council are merely a Consultee.

Public Present – The footway is breaking up outside the double gates at Mossy Lea Primary School. The pot-hole at the junction of Mossy Lea Road and Mossfields still needs filling. The current position with the additional car parking at Mossfields will be clarified. Concern was expressed about signs, which appear to restrict/deter access to the public footpath from Mossy Lea Road to Tunley Lane, and vice versa, and the locked gates which have appeared on this right of way. Councillor Johnson confirmed a conversation with the land owner who has erected the signs to stop people with dogs from going into the fields adjacent to the right of way. He did point out that the signs are misleading. The Parish Council believe that permission is required to erect a gate and lock it. It was also reported that the public right of way from Tunley Moss to Courage Low Lane now has 2 rails across. Councillor Mrs Burton will check.

132. **APOLOGIES** – Were received from Councillor Mr F Hodgkinson (Governors Meeting and the applicant in planning 2013/0158/FUL). Borough Councillors Mrs Baybutt and Ms Evans and the Police.
133. **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. All Councillors declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application 2013/0158/FUL by virtue of their close association with the applicant as outlined earlier in the Meeting.
134. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 February 2013, circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as correct records and signed by the Chairman.
135. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS** – Accepted.

136. 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) Re-consultation on street naming of small road off Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, to Rookery Close or Rookery Fold – RESOLVED: PREFER ROOKERY FOLD.
- B) Up-to-date information and details on the Rights of Way Parish Delivery service available to Parishes should they wish to take on the service. (forwarded to Councillors by email) – DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE ON THE ONGOING CHANGES TO THIS DELEGATED SERVICE FOLLOWING WHICH THE COUNCIL RESOLVED: TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, WITH THE OPTION TO OPT OUT IF THE SERVICE PROVES TOO DIFFICULT OR ONEROUS TO DELIVER AFTER A YEAR.
- c) Invitation to 2 representatives from Wrightington PC to attend the Mayor's Civic Dinner & Dance at Lancashire Manor, 19 April, at a cost of £25 per ticket – FORWARD APOLOGIES.
- d) Collision statistic, Jan 2007-Nov 2012, vicinity of Raby Fold, Mossy Lea Road – NOTED.
- e) Copies of Background info. to Proposals for New First Team and Development Squad Training Facility at Wrightington Country Club, Wrightington, for your info. and comment, available to view on planning consultants website – THE COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT AND WILL DEAL WITH THE PLANNING APPLICATION IN DUE COURSE.
- f) Response to consultation on removal of wreaths from war memorials – NOTED.
- g) Request for info. to be advertised in the Parish for relocation of honeybees to be managed in a new home in exchange for payment in honey – COUNCILLOR McRAE MAY KNOW SOMEONE WILLING TO ASSIST.
- h) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations
i) LCC Response to highway issues re: flooding and drainage issues and a request for a site meeting – LCC SAID WOULD TARMAC THE AREA AT THE BOTTOM OF RABY FOLD FARM DRIVE WHERE SCHOOLCHILDREN WAIT BUT, THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE. THE GULLY ON THE PLAYING FIELD APPEARS TO BE COMPLETELY BLOCKED WITH TREE ROOTS. LCC HAVE NOT UNDERTAKEN THE NECESSARY DRAINAGE WORK AT THIS LOCATION. THE PARISH COUNCIL STILL REQUIRE A SITE MEETING.
ii) Request to display info. on Summer school activities for young people in the Parish Council Newsletter and on the website – THE COUNCIL WILL PUT POSTERS IN THE NOTICE BOARDS.
iii) OPSTA Newsletter – NOTED.
iv) Notification of Modifications to the Lancs. Minerals and Waste Local Plan – NOTED.
v) Request from the WRAT Pack to support the formulation of Supplementary Planning Guidance related to renewable energy and, a request for the Parish Council to request the raw data collected from the recent noise survey at the site – THE PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT THE WRAT PACK IN THEIR PLANS TO FORM SPG ON RENEWABLE ENERGY AND, THE CLERK WILL REQUEST THE RAW DATA COLLECTED.
vi) A draft lease for Mossy Lea Village Hall for approval – THIS WILL BE REVIEWED AT THE APRIL MEETING.
vii) A letter of thanks from the Hinds Head Bowling Club for the Donation from the Parish Council – NOTED.

137. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Parking remains a major problem at school opening/closing times, with inconsiderate parents now double parking, in the vicinity of St Joseph's School, Mossy Lea Road.
- Parking is also a problem on Appley Lane North, associated with the Railway Station. Proposals for additional properties at Heron's Wharf will add to these problems.

138. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillor Mrs Burton attended the PACT Meeting, 4 people and the PCSO attended.

139. ACTION REQUIRED TO SATISFY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS – RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL CONFIRMED THE FOLLOWING ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO SATISFY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS: i) The Risk Assessment/Management Plan/Register – were reviewed and adopted at the May 2012 Parish Council Meeting. ii) The effectiveness of the Internal Audit was confirmed – the Internal Auditor

is both competent and independent, has no relationship with the Clerk or Councillors. The Audit trail is detailed, planned and the broad scope of the internal audit covers all aspects of the Councils business including financial, administrative, practical and procedural matters. Any issues arising from both the internal and external auditors are reported to the Parish Council at the earliest opportunity and the appropriate action taken. The Parish Council confirmed the continued appointment of Mrs MacDonald as the Parish Councils Internal Auditor.

140. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba classes, £80. Craft Class £10 received. Computer use/classes, enquiries remain on-going. Enquiries received for a number of children’s birthday parties.
APPLEY BRIDGE – The Clerk reported that the new floor will be laid week commencing 2 April. Quotations are being obtained for painting the main hall, the toilets and the entrance prior to the new floor being laid. The Chairman and Clerk met with the Dancing Teacher this evening and it appears that progress has been made with regard to tap dancing classes. The Dancing Teacher has agreed to use the small meeting room for tap dancing classes to ensure that the new floor is not damaged by the metal taps on the shoes thereby ensuring that other village hall users can also benefit from the huge improvement the new floor will make to the village hall. The best of the existing wooden floor will be re-laid in the small meeting room, and maintained thereafter by the Dancing Teacher, for use for tap dancing. **RESOLVED: THE MOST SUITABLE QUOTATION FOR PAINTING WILL BE ACCEPTED, THIS WILL ALLOW ALL THE WORK TO BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE SAME TIME, WHILST THE HALL IS CLOSED TO VILLAGE HALL USERS. THE OLD SPEAKERS AND WIRES WILL BE REMOVED. IT MAY PROVE NECESSARY TO STORE THE OLD CHAIRS AND TABLES IN THE CELLAR TO ALLOW THE PIANO TO BE MOVED TO THE CHAIR STORE**

141. PLANNING

To discuss the following application/s:

- 1) 2013/0140/CMA The installation and operation of a 5mw bio-liquid to power generation facility. Springfield Environmental Ltd, Appley Lane Landfill Site, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – **DISCUSSED AS A COUNTY APPLICATION IN FEBRUARY. OBJECTIONS SUBMITTED TO LCC HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO WLBC.**
- 2) 2013/0147/FUL Extension to existing dropped kerb. Grove Lodge, Hall Lane, Wrightington – **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 3) 2013/0158/FUL Erection of detached dwelling. Land rear of 9-17 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington. **NO DISCUSSIONS.**
- 4) 2013/0177/FUL An application for the replacement of a barn and a dwelling with two dwellings. The Hermitage, Moss Lane, Wrightington – **NO OBJECTIONS.**
- 5) 2013/0210/FUL Construction of 11m deep test tank, single storey extension to the side of the existing building to provide a foyer, office, changing facilities and WC for male and female, store, training pool and plant room. Northern Divers Building, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – **NO OBJECTIONS PROVIDED ADEQUATE PARKING PROVISION IS INCLUDED IN THE PROPOSALS.**

142. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Quality Parish Scheme Workshop – New Councillors and Clerks Training – Notification that Chief Executive of NALC, John Findlay OBE, is retiring on 31/3/14 – **NOTED.**

143. ACCOUNTS

To receive the following list of accounts for Approval:

Payments:

LALC	Annual Subscriptions	£480.03
E.on	Electricity used at ABVH	£140.35
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Internet Charges 2012 - 2013 (50%)	£60.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Mileage Expenses 2012 - 2013	£306.80
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net	£586.23
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£1.00
Tradewoods Ltd	Flooring ABVH	£3151.20

D/D Utd Utils. Surface water/drainage charges MLVH (1x£51.41+1x£56.41) £107.82

Receipts:

HMRC VAT Refund £1177.71

Notification from E.on that prices will increase from 5 April 2013 – NOTED.

RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved.

144. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15 April 2013 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 132 to 144 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 15 April 2013.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:25 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) 1) Permission granted for conservatory to rear. 34 Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge.
- 2) Permission refused for erection of detached dwelling house including new vehicular/pedestrian access. Land between 53 Appley Lane North and 2-4 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
- 3) Permission granted for erection of forestry equipment store with associated bat roost. The Hermitage, Moss Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Info. from WRAGE – update 2, next meeting Monday 18 March, 7pm, St James’s Parish Hall.
- c) Info. from consultation event by Stratus Environmental Ltd, Monday 25 February + Fact Sheet produced by the WRAT pack on Wind Turbines in our village.
- d) Notification of temporary road closure of Lees Lane, Dalton, from its junction with Hillock Lane for 2097 metres in an easterly direction. For telecommunication pole replacement work.
- e) Advertisements from LCC for people with time to spare and share by fostering an adult.
- f) Copy Spring issue of Open Space
- g) Minutes and Agenda for Parish Clerk’s Liaison Meeting, 8 March 2013.