

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15 July 2013 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson and Mr P Gartside.

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 – Editorial in West Lancs. BC Homefront states that tenants will be able to visit a trailer/bus in several areas where they can ask questions, raise issues or concerns with officers. There are 2 large pot-holes on the bends on Church Lane which are deep and dangerous. The camber of the footway near the bus stop/shelter at the junction of Mossy Lea Road/Chisnall Avenue creates a tipping hazard for users of mobility scooters. The footway is breaking up in the vicinity of the gates at Tunley URC. Hedges, the responsibility of West Lancs. BC opposite St Joseph's RC Church and near the quarry and picnic area at Highmoor, need cutting back. Flags under the bus-shelter near Chisnall Avenue need levelling and the litter bin which is rusting away still needs replacing.

35. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillors Hodgkinson, McRae and Clinch (all due to holidays).
36. **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.
37. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 June 2013 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
38. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific to report.
39. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Confirmation verges on Mossy Lea Road have been mown once already this season and that the second cut is due to commence approx. third week in July – SOME AREAS HAVE BEEN MISSED WHILST MOST OF THE AREAS CUT HAVE BEEN DONE POORLY. LONG GRASS IS OVERHANGING FOOTWAYS THROUGHOUT THE PARISH.
- b) Response to reports of problems experienced by residents on Church Lane caused by parked cars and blocked pavements – STAFF AT THE CHILDREN'S HOME TRY TO PARK CONSIDERATELY HOWEVER, IT IS SOMETIMES DIFFICULT AND THE FEELING IS THAT SOME RESIDENTS DELIBERATELY MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE STAFF. IT WAS NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF RESIDENTS/VISITORS DO PARK ON THE PAVEMENT ON CHURCH LANE HOWEVER, AS THE LANE IS SO NARROW IT IS SOMETIMES UNAVOIDABLE.
- c) Update with regard to parking problems at Mossfields – THE CLERK READ ALOUD THE PROPOSALS WHICH APPEAR TO ENSURE EACH TENANT HAS A SPECIFIC PARKING SPACE WITH A PERMIT TO DISPLAY IN THEIR VEHICLE AND, THAT NEW SIGNAGE SHOULD DETER RESIDENTS OPPOSITE FROM PARKING ON THE CAR PARK. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ONE TREE IS NEARLY DEAD AND THAT THE TREES ARE A NUISANCE, WITH FALLEN APPLES BECOMING DANGEROUS AND A NUISANCE. THE CLERK WILL REQUEST CONFIRMATION THAT EACH TENANT, WHETHER A CAR OWNER OR NOT, WILL BE ALLOCATED A PARKING SPACE. IT IS BELIEVED THE PROPOSALS ARE THE BEST SOLUTION THAT COULD HAVE BEEN HOPED FOR.

- d) Use of s106 monies – RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL WILL REQUEST A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FOR YOUNG TEENAGERS, POSSIBLY A SKATEBOARDING RAMP FOR USE WITH SKATEBOARDS, SCOOTERS OR BIKES AND/OR SWINGS FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND/OR A LARGER SLIDE AGAIN FOR USE BY OLDER CHILDREN.
- e) Invitation for 2 guests to attend the ‘At Home’, Civic Hall, Southport Road, Ormskirk, Thursday 18 July, 7:30pm-9:30pm – THE COUNCIL WILL SEND APOLOGIES.
- f) Invitation for 2 reps. to attend the Civic Sunday Service, 8 September, 3:00pm, Parish Church, Ormskirk – COUNCILLOR GARTSIDE WILL ATTEND
- g) Notification the Woodland Trust is giving away packs of free trees for planting in Nov – NOTED
- h) Suggestion Parish Council may wish to become an affiliated member of the Peak & Northern Footpaths Society – THE CLERK MAY FIND THE INFO. USEFUL. THE COUNCIL AGREED TO BECOME A MEMBER FOR 1 YEAR AND REASSESS THEREAFTER.
- i) Notification of Modification schedules to the Publication version of the site allocations and development management policies DPD – NOTED.
- j) West Lancashire 2027 – Representation on the Local Plan’s Schedule of Main Modifications, for comment if deemed necessary – COUNCILLOR JOHNSON AND THE CLERK WILL ASSESS THE DOCUMENTS AND COMMENT IF IT IS FELT APPROPRIATE.
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Notification from LCC of a temporary road closure affecting Appley Lane South and part of Appley Lane North, 7am-5pm, 22/7/13-19/8/13 – NOTED.

40. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Road and footway sweeping – weeds are growing in the channels at the edge of the carriageway. The footway sweeper never completes the whole of Mossy Lea Road. Last road sweep was 15 April and it is now 15 weeks since that sweep, over last winter it was 23 weeks and prior to that 17 weeks. There appears to be no continuity in the sweeping schedule. It was understood that West Lancs. BC aimed for every 12 weeks but they never seem to manage that schedule.
- Questions were raised with regard to Policing at parades. The process for the Remembrance Day service at Appley Bridge will be initiated over the summer.

41. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing specific to report.

42. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – The Clerk will be collecting the Newsletters this week following which Mossy Lea Primary School will be inserting leaflets regarding the possible foundation of a pre-school. The Clerk agreed to produce a similar flier for inclusion to determine whether there is a demand for computer classes at Mossy Lea Village Hall. Once this exercise is complete the Newsletters will be delivered to Councillors and Volunteers for distribution.

43. LEASE MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL – Councillor Hodgkinson and the clerk have examined the terms of the lease. The Clerk reported on the terms which she believes are unnecessary or unduly restrictive on the Parish Council. Furthermore, the council object to paying the costs of the lease as arrangements have worked satisfactorily to-date without a lease and, the lease is at the request of the Borough Council not the Parish Council. Councillor Hodgkinson believes a meeting is necessary with Borough Council legal officers as he feels the Parish Council own the village hall. It was stressed by Councillors present that registered title to the land, including the hall, has been proved following an earlier request in 2011, when details of the chronological conveyances were given, proving title is now held by West Lancs. BC. The Council will, in line with Councillor Hodgkinson’s suggestion, request that the fact the land was given to the children of Wrightington, be included in the terms of the lease. RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL AGREED THAT IF THE UNNECESSARY AND RESTRICTIVE CLAUSES ARE REMOVED AND, THE DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND IS AMENDED TO INDICATE IT BEING FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN OF WRIGHTINGTON AND, IF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL AGREE TO PAY THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE LEASE, THE PARISHCOUNCIL WILL SIGN THE LEASE.

44. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – £15 received for Craft Class. Reminder, craft day for mums and children will be held on Friday 16 August, learning together. £30 for use of village hall for Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-Long on Friday 28 Jun - £250 raised for Cancer Research UK – Extinguishers serviced, new one required – NOTED. APPLEY BRIDGE – Notification bid submitted to VIP for new lights in the main hall was unsuccessful. Copy Village Hall Receipts and Payments Account for year 2012/2013 – NOTED. THE CLERK WILL ENQUIRE ABOUT THE COST OF THERMOSTATS IN THE VILLAGE HALLS.

45. 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.

46. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2013/0603/FUL Conversion of existing outbuilding to cattery for 6 cats. Ashurst, Hall Lane, (Case 1372864) Wrightington – NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2013/0633/FUL Single storey rear extension to existing garden room. Conversion and re-construction of existing detached garage to form residential annexe. Boars Den Farm, Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington – NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2013/0651/FUL Re-development of part of the existing hospital site to provide a new two storey building comprising wards and ancillary accommodation on the ground floor, and an operating theatre department and admissions unit on the first floor. The formation of a temporary service area in the North-West corner of the application site, including a receiving and dispatch (R&D) storage area, temporary covered walkway, boilerhouse and oil tank serving the proposed first phase of the hospital redevelopment. Demolition of the hip history museum to clear the site for the temporary boilerhouse. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

47. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Agenda for Area Committee Meeting, 18 July, 7:30pm, Ormskirk – Request for observations on the review of the structure and strategy of the NALC – E-bulletin for member council for information – NOTED.

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

Payments:

OPSTA	Annual Subscriptions	£10.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£587.23
Fire Eqpmt Services	Servicing Extinguishers at MLVH	£121.44
Peak& Northern FP's	Affiliated membership	£15.00
HM Rev & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	Nil
D/D – CPRE	Annual Subscriptions	£29.00
D/D – Utd Utils.	Water Charges MLVH	£81.42

RESOLVED: Payment of the above accounts be approved.

49. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 September 2013 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 35 to 49 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 September 2013.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:15 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission REFUSED for erection of detached bungalow. Land adj. to 372 Mossy Lea Rd.
- b) Notification application WITHDRAWN for installation of ring type slurry store including removal of existing banking to raise levels of existing field. Aspinall House Farm, 2 Appley Lane South.
- c) Notification an appeal has been made against the Borough Council decision to refuse planning permission for replacement of a barn and a dwelling with 2 dwellings. The Hermitage, Moss Lane.
- d) Confirmation new sign 'Dogs on Lead' and 'Prosecution for damage to signpost' notice added to footpath sign to Martin House Farm, Wrightington.
- e) Notification Open Spaces Society AGM will be held at 11am, Tuesday 16 July, Birmingham.
- f) Copy Open Spaces Society Magazine, Summer edition.
- g) Notification Wigan Council are revising their Supplementary Planning Document on Provision of Open Space in new housing developments and financial contributions from developers.
- h) Notification of Inspector's Minded Main Modifications of the Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026.