

# Wrightington Parish Council NEWSLETTER

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## TIMETABLE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2013/2014

### 2013

- 20 May Mossy Lea Village Hall  
ANNUAL PARISH  
MEETING 7.00 PM  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL 7.30 PM
- 17 June Appley Bridge Village Hall
- 15 July Mossy Lea Village Hall
- August No Meeting
- 16 Sept Appley Bridge Village Hall
- 21 Oct Mossy Lea Village Hall
- 18 Nov Appley Bridge Village Hall
- 16 Dec Mossy Lea Village Hall

### 2014

- 20 Jan Appley Bridge Village Hall
- 17 Feb Mossy Lea Village Hall
- 17 Mar Appley Bridge Village Hall
- 14 April Mossy Lea Village Hall  
(2nd Monday as Easter Monday is the 3rd Monday)
- 19 May Appley Bridge Village Hall  
ANNUAL PARISH  
MEETING 7.00 PM  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL 7.30 PM  
All Meetings commence at  
7:30 pm with Open Forum unless  
otherwise stated on the Village Hall  
Notice Boards.

*For Further Information regarding Parish Council  
Business or to report incidents,  
occurrences, observations or objections on  
Parish Matters please contact:*

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Clerk to Wrightington Parish Council  
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WN6 0QB  
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Lancs. BC. This resulted in a new litter bin being installed near the Parish Council Notice Board, adjacent to the playing fields at Appley Lane South. The Council agreed to a request from Shevington Parish Council to extend the planting for the Appley Bridge in Bloom project into the West Lancs. side of Appley Bridge. The Council also agreed to West Lancs. BC undertaking cleaning and tidying work to the War Memorial adjacent to the Community Centre. Work was completed before the Remembrance Day Service. Parking problems at Mossfields, are still prominent. The tenants submitted a successful bid for funding to the Estates Management Team to create additional parking at the front of the flats facing Mossy Lea Road. West Lancs. BC and LCC are now investigating the highways and planning implications before proceeding with parking enhancements. Part-time 20mph speed limits have been introduced near Mossy Lea Primary School and St Joseph's RC Primary School. Grass verge cutting was undertaken by the Borough Council this year with a number of amenity areas continuing to be cut by the Parish Council. Several months ago, the Council objected to the proposed diversion of part of public footpath No. 5, off Robin Hood Lane, as the proposals would constitute a considerable loss of amenity and significantly alter the characteristics of the route of this right of way. The Council has been re-consulted however, their objections remain unchanged. Pot-holes in the parish are the subject of continual discussion. Flooding problems in a number of places in the Parish have again given serious cause for concern. Stakes have finally been removed from the grass verge on Appley Lane North. The Council were consulted on, and objected to, a new name, 'Macey Lane', for the road between No.5 Mossy Lea Road and Bluebird Garage off Mossy Lea Road. Recent consultation has been received on renaming this street, the Council preferred option is 'Rookery Fold'. The Council press for progress with upgrading the right of way from Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road to a bridleway. The Council discusses applications for definitive map modification orders and public footpath issues in the Parish which arise during the course of the year.

Reported at the Annual Parish Meeting 20 May 2013

## WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

Following the Annual Meeting your Parish Councillors are:

### MOSSY LEA WARD

- Mrs J Burton 2 Courage Low Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9RY  
CHAIRMAN Tel: 01257 252225  
Mr F Hodgkinson 93, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, WN6 9RE  
VICE-CHAIRMAN Tel: 01257 453428  
Mr F Johnson 351 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, WN6 9SB  
Tel: 01257 425585

Plus 1 Vacancy

### APPLEY BRIDGE WARD

- Mr J Clinch 16 Clifton Crescent, Wigan, WN1 2LB  
Tel: 01942 235092  
Mr I McRae 11 Rookery Avenue, Appley Bridge, WN6 9JX  
Tel: 01257 252673  
Mr P Gartside 2 Chisnall Avenue, Wrightington, WN6 9RR  
Tel: 01257 369441

Plus 1 Vacancy

Vacancies are now advertised on the Parish Council Notice Boards for 1 Mossy Lea Ward Councillor and 1 Appley Bridge Ward Councillor. Anyone wishing to apply for these positions should do so, in writing, to Mrs C A Cross, Clerk to Wrightington Parish Council, 321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan, Lancashire, WN6 0QB

## The following Names and Contact Details could prove useful:

- Borough Councillor Mrs P Baybutt**  
High Moor Farm, High Moor Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9PS. Tel: 01257 255501
- Borough Councillor Ms C Evans**  
3 Carlton Avenue, Upholland, Skelmersdale, WN8 0AE. Tel: 07771338896
- County Councillor Mr J Fillis**  
77 Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1LW. Tel: 07811388153
- Member of Parliament - Mrs Rosie Cooper MP**  
House of Commons, London, SW11 0AA  
(Local Office: 127 Burscough Street, Ormskirk,  
L39 2EP Tel: 01695 570094)

## MOSSY LEA AND APPLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALLS

Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, and Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge, are Parish Council owned village halls for Community Use. Both facilities are available for hire during the daytime and on selected evenings by individuals, organisations, clubs and societies wishing to hold a meeting, party, family celebration or fundraising event.

Details of classes available and organisations using the village halls can be seen on page 2 together with contact details for enquiries.

Should you wish to discuss an event, meeting or booking at the Village Hall in more detail or, wish to view or use either facility, please contact the Booking Secretary for the Hall you wish to use (contact telephone numbers can be found under useful contacts on page 2) or contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

**Annual Report Continued:** Parish Champion, County Councillor Mike Otter, for a financial contribution of £200 towards the cost of a new cooker. Councillor Otter agreed to this and the kitchen was completed in late 2012. In early 2013 discussions resumed in relation to a replacement floor in the main hall. As damage to the floor was due to tap dancing the Chairman and Clerk met with the Dancing Teacher to reach an agreement for future tap dancing classes in the village hall. It was agreed prior to the March Meeting that tap dancing classes would take place in the small meeting room and the new floor was installed in the main hall in early April. The agreement to use the small meeting room was subsequently rescinded and, following discussions at the April Parish Council Meeting, attended by parents and the dancing teacher, it was determined that tap dancing classes should be suspended to prevent damage to the new floor and until an alternative temporary roll out or snap-lock surface could be found on which tap dancing classes could be taught. Most of the dancing classes will now cease at the village hall as the teacher has decided to re-locate to a different venue. A microphone socket was installed in the main hall to assist with the use of the hearing loop. Notification has recently been received that a bid for Borough Council Capital funding towards upgrading radiators has been successful.

**MOSSY LEA** - Coffee Mornings held regularly, are now well attended and continue to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. A Christmas Fair was held in late November. Hot-pot Supper and Sing-a-longs are also held and proving popular. At the beginning of 2013 some classes were lost as their increasing popularity meant the teachers had to look for larger premises. Some unreported damage during a 17th birthday party resulted in a decision that no further bookings would be taken for young persons' birthday parties. A successful application for funding from Small Sparks for a number of small folding tables and a DVD player added to the facility.

**HIGHWAYS AND THE ENVIRONMENT** - A number of litter picks have been requested throughout the year at various locations. A review of litter bin provision in the Parish was also undertaken by the Council at the request of West

### Useful Contacts:

Appley Bridge Village

#### Hall Bookings:

Mrs J Rogers  
01257 253781

Mossy Lea Village Hall

#### Bookings:

Mrs C Hodgkinson  
01257 453428

West Lancashire BC

01695 577177

Lancashire County

Council General Enqs:

0845 053 0000

Lancashire County

Council - Highway and

Street Lighting Faults:

0845 053 0011

NHS Direct: 0845 46 47

Police Southern

Communications Room:

08451 25 35 45

PCSO Dave Benson & PC

Beverley Lodge

(Voicemail) 01695 566051

Police - Non-emergency - 101

**Wrightington Parish Council Website** - Further useful information and contacts can be found by visiting the Parish Council website at: [www.wrightingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.wrightingtonparishcouncil.co.uk)

Contact details, links and newsletters for partner organisations, such as the Police, Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council can also be found on this website.

### CAROLYN'S COFFEE CLUB AT MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL

Cancer Research UK Wrightington & Wigan Group of Friends was founded three and half years ago by Carolyn, the Clerk to Wrightington Parish Council. With the full support of the Parish Council, who allow the use of Mossy Lea Village Hall free of charge, regular Coffee Mornings are now held every two weeks on Fridays, between 10am and 1pm and everyone is welcome. The Coffee Mornings are relaxed and friendly and a great place to socialise and meet friends for tea, coffee and homemade cake. They provide an amenity for local residents and are regularly attended by the Police, Fire & Ambulance Services, Help Direct and West Lincs. Carers, who will all provide help and advice on request. A celebration recently took place as the group has now raised over £21,000 for Cancer Research UK since they began. Please check Parish Council Notice Boards for the list of dates.

## Extracts from the Parish Council Annual Parish Report

Below, across & overleaf. The complete Report can be viewed on the Parish Council Website

The Council began the year with 6 members. Vacancies were advertised and in September 2012 the Council appointed Mr Peter Gartside to the vacant Appley Bridge Ward Councillors post. In October 2012 Mrs Davina Hanlon resigned as Appley Bridge Ward Councillor. There are now once again 2 Parish Council Vacancies, one in each ward. The Chairman and her husband had a very enjoyable evening when they attended a united sing on St Bartholomew's day at Tunley URC and the Induction Service for the new Vicar at St James's Church. The Council and Council-

lors successfully continued to work together throughout the year with Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt and Borough and County Councillor Mrs Evans for the benefit of the Parish. **FINANCE & PROCEDURE** - The Council adopted a New Code of Conduct, the terms of which became effective and binding on 1 July 2012. The Parish Council precepted upon West Lancashire Borough Council for the sum of £7095.00 (an increase of £495.00 on the previous year) for the financial year 2012/2013 and received Concurrent Contributions of £4730.00

### WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING 31 March 2013 RECEIPTS

Balance b/f	£4994.18
WLDC - Precept	7095.00
WLDC - Concurrent Contbtns	4730.00
VAT Reclaimed	1177.71
Amenity Grass Cutting - LCC	340.53
Successful Parish Champion bid	200.00
ABVH Committee	2935.00
MLVH Committee	3500.00
Misc. Income-Library Rent/Interest	103.98
	<b>£25,076.40</b>

#### PAYMENTS

Administration	£1263.16
Clerk's Salary Gross	7046.76
Highways/Open Spaces	981.67
Insurance/Subscriptions	2678.72
Donations - s137	508.62
Village Hall Expenditure:	
Appley Bridge	6972.60
Mossy Lea	1779.29
VAT To Reclaim	1160.35
Total Payments	£22391.17
Plus - Balance In Hand @ Bank	5836.43
	£28227.60
Less - Un-presented Cheques @ 31/3/13	3151.20
	<b>£25,076.40</b>

### CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CLASSES AND ORGANISATIONS USING THE VILLAGE HALLS:

#### MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL:

Andrea - Craft Classes - 07590776912  
John Duffy - Yoga Tuesday evenings  
Sarah - Puppy/Dog Training - 01257 430279  
Carolyn - Coffee Mornings - 07714574478

#### APPLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL:

Pensioners Social Club - 01257 255108  
Womens' Institute - 01257 251813  
Dawn - Yoga - 01704 823685/07841520999  
Sarah - Exercise Classes - 07979406284  
Karate Club - 01257 427620  
Ju-Jitsu - 01744 606314/07890668839

## Bird & Bat Watch

Children, young people and adults are being encouraged to visit the Parish Council website to log sightings of Owls, Bats, Birds and any other protected species. Giving details of dates, times and locations of sightings will enable the Parish Council to compile details of wildlife in the Parish. [www.wrightingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.wrightingtonparishcouncil.co.uk)

## Top 3 Priorities

The Parish Council would again be interested in determining what the residents of Wrightington consider to be their 3 top priorities in the Parish. To indicate your priorities please email the Clerk to register the 3 items you consider to be most important eg: refuse collection, highway matters, street lighting, public footpaths. Once the information has been collated the Council will contact the relevant authority to request assistance with service delivery or improvement to meet the needs of the residents of Wrightington.

(the same as the previous year). The Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31 March 2012 were audited by BDO Stoy Hayward with no matters arising.

**PLANNING** - The Council is notified of all planning applications within the Parish and is able to submit comments, observations and objections when necessary but, has no power of direction or decision making in these matters. 47 Planning Applications have been dealt with by the Parish Council during the year, in comparison to 57 applications last year. E.g: An application for the erection of 3 wind turbines at Stoneleach Farm, Toogood Lane, Wrightington. The Council and residents objected to the proposals on similar grounds to those submitted when the application for a turbine was received at Raby Fold Farm (full details can be found in the Annual Report on the Parish Council website). This application was subsequently withdrawn. The WRAT Pack now find themselves fighting a further planning application for 1x 90m high wind turbine at Hesketh House Farm. Councillors and the Clerk attended a consultation by Stratus Environmental Ltd at St James's Church Hall in February 2013 on these proposals. Once again strong objections to this proposal, similar to those on previous applications, have been submitted to the Borough Council.

The Council, objected strongly, though unsuccessfully, to the application for change of use of The Brookhouse Public House to a dwelling. The Council has recently objected to proposals submitted to Wigan Borough Council for further development at Herons Wharf. The Council has had detailed preliminary discussions, with residents attending Parish Council Meetings, on the proposals to relocate Wigan Athletic Training facilities on land adjacent to, and to the rear of, Wrightington Country Club. A response will be

compiled once an application is received.

**POLICING** - PCSO Benson continued his sole responsibility for Policing this large geographical area admirably and to the best of his ability. In October he reported the appointment of PC Beverley Lodge as the new Community Beat Manager responsible for this Policing area. PACT issues can now be raised at the Coffee Mornings held at Mossy Lea Village Hall which PCSO Benson and PC Lodge try to attend or at the PACT Meetings which have again been reinstated in the Parish, on a less frequent basis and rotationally at the Village Halls. The new 101 telephone number introduced for non-emergency calls is reportedly working well. **VILLAGE HALLS** - Christmas Trees were erected at both Village Halls. The Parish Council installed flag poles holders at both Village Halls. Flags were flown to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, Armed Forces Day, and Remembrance Day.

**APPLEY BRIDGE** - The Council sought the advice of the contractor and determined that the damage to the existing floor from tap dancing classes was so significant that funds would need to be accumulated from both village halls to try to pay for the purchase and installation of a completely new engineered oak floor. Applications were submitted to Villages in Partnership and to County Councillor Ms Evans to assist with the removal of the existing false ceiling in the kitchen and replacement with a more modern ceiling together with associated electrical and re-decoration work. Both bids were successful and the work undertaken has made a tremendous difference to the kitchen facility in the village hall. The Parish Council completed this work by upgrading the radiator and lighting, choosing light fittings to complement the age of the building. Once complete the Council asked the