

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 21 October 2013 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mr P Gartside, Mr F Hodgkinson, and Mr I McRae. Mrs A Kay, an applicant for the vacant post, was also present to observe proceedings.

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 – Reported that minor patching of the footway on Mossy Lea Road has been undertaken but that the majority has been left unattended. There was a considerable amount of mud on the road recently due to farm machinery working in the fields off Mossy Lea Road. It did take a couple of days to completely clean the road. There is a stretch of road at the top of Parbold Hill, near Parbold Hall, which was in the past known as “Sparrow Hill”, if it is still described as this on maps the Council will request that LCC sign it as such. It was reported that reports have been made relating to possible development off Chisnall Avenue, possibly adjacent to, or at the rear of, the bungalow on the right-hand side. The Parish Council have no details on this matter. Hedges in-front of the new houses opposite Ainscoughs, are overhanging the footway. Parking problems at the recruitment agency on Mossy Lea Road have eased slightly however, it may be beneficial to remind them that parking should be within the confines of the white lined box and not on the footway, causing an obstruction.

- 64. APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Mr J Clinch (holidays).
- 65. 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.
- 66. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 September 2013 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 67. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Page 1 – highways/potholes – The Clerk explained detailed discussion with Andrew Burrows - LCC Officer – on these matters. The fact that he will be meeting this week with Borough Council Officers regarding grass cutting and that changes will be made shortly in the way potholes are dealt with. Councillor Johnson has contacted West Lancs. BC and been referred to Andrew Burrows and is now awaiting contact from Mr Burrows. The Clerk reported, further to discussions with Mr Burrows, that LCC has neither the resources nor the manpower to deal with the extreme volume of complaints received. Nor do they have the time or manpower to hold regular meeting with Parish Councils. The Parish Council confirmed, if the response to highway matters/reports remains poor they will have no option but to report to the head of highways that the budget allocated for highway matters is inadequate to deal with matters reported.

68. 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) Reminder - Councillors Code of Conduct Training and Workshop Session has been arranged by West Lancs. BC for Wednesday 20 November, 7:30pm. Derby Street, Ormskirk – NOTED.
- b) Request from West Lancs. BC for amendments for inclusion in the review of polling places – NO SUGGESTIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED.
- c) Notification LCC considering proposed 20mph speed limits various roads in Appley Bridge – THE PROPOSALS ARE EXTREMELY VAGUE, CLARIFICATION WILL BE REQUESTED.
- d) Details of the draft charging schedule for the Borough for the introduction of CIL – NOTED.

- e) Info/details of provision for Traveller Sites Development Plan Document from West Lancs. BC – NOTED HOWEVER, THE TERM “TRAVELLER” SUGGESTS THAT THEY DO NOT REQUIRE A PERMANENT SITE. FURTHERMORE, SHOW PEOPLE WORK FOR PROFIT AND SHOULD THEREFORE BE SUBJECT TO BUSINESS RATES.
- f) Notification of major transport schemes proposed in Lancashire – NOTED.
- g) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations -

69. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Pot holes remain an issue on Skull House Lane and Appley Lane North.
- There is a very large hole adjacent to Northern Diver, which has been excavated as part of developments at Northern Diver. The hole poses a danger for pedestrians and neighbours.
- The following complaints have been pursued by Councillor Johnson, many of which remain unresolved:-
- The Clerk will request an update from Andrew Davies at LCC re: drainage/flooding issues on Mossy Lea Road, near Raby Fold Farm and the village hall playing field.
- Councillor Mrs Burton has obtained a number of completed evidence forms in support of the upgrading of public footpath 21 to a bridleway, one of which goes back approx. 80 years.
- It was confirmed that PCSO Benson has been checking parking issues at St Joseph’s RC Primary School on Mossy Lea Road. Some vehicles are parking on the opposite side of the road from the school. The Council will request that these motorists be informed of the possibility of prosecution. The School will be asked to support the Councils request.
- The large gate at the playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall has dropped whilst the small gate accessing the play equipment doesn’t close properly. Both gates require attention. The Parish Council could not agree to a small gate from the play area onto the car park due to the dangers associated with children running between parked cars, possibly moving/reversing when the village hall is booked for a function.

70. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson were unable to attend the LALC Area Committee Meeting.

71. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – All plans have been confirmed with the Clergy, once the road closure order is confirmed as being in place the Clerk will issue all the invitations and details. Wreaths will be collected and Orders of Service printed. All necessary arrangements are in place.

72. **LEASE – MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL** – Amended lease for acceptance – RESOLVED: ACCEPTED. COUNCILLORS MRS BURTON, MR HODGKINSON AND MR JOHNSON WILL BE THE APPOINTED SIGNATORIES ONCE THE LEASE IS READY FOR SIGNING.

73. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – £20 received for Craft Class. Update on Computer Classes – the Clerk may have found someone to teach the classes. Request to book a Hot-Pot Supper and Sing-a-Long, Friday 22 November 2013 and a Christmas Craft & Gift Fair, Sunday 24 November 2013. A pre-loved clothes sale will be held on Friday 8 November, 7-9pm. A cheque was recently presented to Cancer Research UK, the Charity supported by the Parish Council, for £1850, making a total of approx. £25,000.00 having been raised over the past 4 years. A village hall committee meeting will take place on Monday 4 November at 7pm.

APPLEY BRIDGE – All matters are in place for the Remembrance Day Service. Paul Cornwell has been asked to raise and lower the bollards to prevent cars using the car park, for safety purposes – an invoice for which will be submitted in due course.

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

- 1) 2013/0806/FUL Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form dwelling including new vehicular/pedestrian access. Wakefield House, Carr House Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2013/0980/COU Change of use to garage repairs/MOT centre. AB Tyres & Exhausts, The Railway Sidings, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2013/1000/FUL Erection of external canopy to rear. Appley Bridge All Saints CofE Primary School, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.

75. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – NOTHING TO REPORT

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

Payments:

West Lancs BC	Lease of ABVH	£1.00
British Gas	Gas supplied to ABVH	£162.57
P Cornwell	Repairs to MLVH following vandalism and lead theft	£514.00
P Cornwell	Removal/storage of guttering from MLVH	£25.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£587.23
HM Rev & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	Nil
D/D Open Spaces Soc.	Annual Subscriptions (increased since last year)	£45.00

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	2 nd Part concurrent grant	£2010.00
ABVH Committee	Quarterly Transfer	£1020.00

RESOLVED: THAT PAYMENT AND RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE ACCOUNTS BE APPROVED.

The Clerk reported that she had never claimed any telephone expenses since her appointment however quite a considerable amount of Parish Council business is now undertaken on the telephone or by email. The Clerk has recently taken out a mobile telephone contract enabling her to access emails and make and receive telephone calls whilst away from home. The Clerk enquired whether the Parish Council would consider contributing 1/3 towards the monthly mobile telephone costs and confirmed that Charnock Richard will also be contributing 1/3 of the £21 per month tariff. **RESOLVED: THE PARISH COUNCIL FEEL IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO SHARE THE MONTHLY MOBILE TELEPHONE TARIFF BETWEEN BOTH PARISH COUNCILS, EACH PAYING £11.50, AS A TELEPHONE AND INTERNET ACCESS ARE ABSOLUTE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLERK'S WORK.** The Clerk thanked the Parish Council for this and will report this amendment to Charnock Richard Parish Council.

77. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – Standing Orders were lifted to allow the Chairman to determine whether Mrs Kay, who had attended the Parish Council Meeting to listen and observe the content, nature and proceedings of a Parish Council Meeting prior to an appointment, was still interested in the vacancy on the Parish Council. Mrs Kay confirmed that she still wished to be considered for the post. **RESOLVED: THAT MRS AMANDA KAY BE APPOINTED AS APPELBY BRIDGE WARD COUNCILLOR ON WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL WITH EFFECT FROM HER SIGNING A DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE THEREBY ENABLING MRS KAY TO COMMENCE HER APPOINTMENT AT THE NOVEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND ATTEND THE COUNCILLORS CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING AT WEST LANCS BC IN NOVEMBER.**

78. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 November 2013 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 64 to 78 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 November 2013.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:10 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission GRANTED for two storey side extension. 71 Glenside, Appley Bridge.
Notification permission granted for single storey extensions to side and rear. 4 Broadhurst Lane.
Notification permission granted for retention of wifi aerial. Wrightington Hotel & Country Club.
- b) Notification an Inspector has been appointed to determine the APPEAL against the decision of West Lancs. BC concerning the application to demolish the Hermitage, Moss Lane.
- c) Notification of the adoption of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Site Allocation and Development Management Policies Local Plan on 26 September 2013.
- d) Notification that the final Inspectors Report on the West Lancashire Local Plan 2012-2027 Development Plan Document has been received which will be considered for adoption by the Council on 16 October.
- e) Info. from Right at Home re: home care services available from them in the Borough.
- f) Confirmation that highway matters reported after the last meeting are being investigated: crumbling footway Mossy Lea Road, pothole near Rigbye's Bridge Mossy Lea Road, overgrown verge at Derby House, siding back of verges encroaching on the footway at 2 locations on Mossy Lea Road.
- g) Notification an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of permission by West Lancs. BC for the erection of a detached bungalow on land adjacent to 372 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.