

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr F Johnson, Mr P Gartside, Mr J Clinch, Mr I McRae and Mrs A Kay. The Chairman welcomed Mrs Kay on to the Parish Council.

## 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.)

Members of the Public Reported – Only one of the Mossfields tenants has received details of the proposed parking measures to be installed at the front of the flats, no details were given for proposals in front of the block containing 9-12 Mossfields because of the issue with the removal of trees. The communication stated that all tenants will be allocated a dedicated parking space whether they own a car or not. The indication is that work will commence in approx. 8 weeks. A resident passing the recruitment agency was offered assistance to pass because of the parked vehicles. She was also informed that alterations to the front were in progress. It was questioned how much of the frontage the recruitment agency actually own. The hedges and shrubs at Mossfields need pruning and berries from the Rowan Tree are considered dangerous as they become slippery. The lack of drain at the bottom of the downspout on the property on the right hand side of the Mossy Lea Road/Broadhurst Lane junction, almost opposite the recruitment agency, results in water flowing across the footway and on to the road. This will be dangerous during freezing weather conditions. Hedges in front of the new properties opposite Ainscoughs have been cut back however LCC will asked to check they have been cut back far enough.

- 79. APOLOGIES** – Councillor Mr McRae will be late arriving.
- 80. 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.
- 81. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 October 2013 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 82. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Minute 67 – The Council do not feel that Mr Burrows' response to their concerns of inactivity to reported highways issues is very satisfactory. It was accepted that following repeated complaints from the Parish Council and the Chairman in relation to the unacceptable standard of grass cutting, road sweeping and gully emptying, these matters were attended to very quickly after the last Parish Council Meeting. The Parish Council will monitor grass cutting next year to ensure sufficient cuts are undertaken. The Council will request a copy of the grass cutting and road sweeping schedule. No further information has been received regarding the promised drainage scheme for the end of 2013/beginning of 2014 in the vicinity of Raby Fold Farm and the playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall. LCC officers state that it is impossible to respond to every complaint, each of which is dealt with on a priority basis and, within the confines of the available resources and manpower. The Parish Council believe that the criticism should be lodged at those in LCC who set the inadequate budgets eg: The Chairman of the Highways Committee.
- 83. 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 arranged by West Lancs. BC for Wednesday 20 November, 7:30pm. Derby Street, Ormskirk – NOTED.
- b) Notification of forthcoming reductions in Concurrent Grants from West Lancs. BC – a further 15% reduction again next year – It was noted by Parish Councillors that Wrightington Parish

remains at the bottom of the Precept list with householders paying the lowest contributions in the Borough for the Parish Precept. NOTED FOR CONSIDERATION WHEN DISCUSSING THE BUDGETS FOR 2014/15 AND THE PARISH PRECEPT.

- c) Request for submission of Capital Bids for 2014/15 by 10 February 2014 – suggestions – A PRICE WILL BE OBTAINED FOR A NEW NOTICE BOARD AT MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL, TO BE LOCATED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAR PARK IN A MORE SHELTERED SPOT. POSSIBLY NEW KITCHEN CUPBOARDS AT MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL.
- d) Request for info on whether Parish Council will have a members allowance scheme for 2014/15 – RESOLVED: NO MEMBERS ALLOWANCE SCHEME WILL BE IMPLEMENTED.
- e) Winter Service briefing details from LCC – NOTED.
- f) Notification of Groundwork Training Day – 31 January 2014, Leyland Hotel – NOTED.
- g) Information from Aon on Snow Clearance, Salting and Gritting – NOTED.
- h) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Notification that you must now opt in to be placed on the Planning Consultation Database – THE COUNCIL WILL OPT IN TO BE CONSULTED ON ALL ASPECTS. ii) Notification of the provision of open space CCTV network service by West Lancs. BC, at a significant cost – TOO COSTLY. iii) Confirmation the Inspectors Partial Report on the Chorley Council Local Plan 2012-2026 has been received – NOTED. iv) A positive Police response to parking issues at St Joseph's – NOTED. v) Notification of consultation on the East Lancs. Transport Masterplan – NOTED.

#### **84. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- The safety railings erected on the footway in front of the very large hole adjacent to Northern Diver seem dangerous and raise health & safety issues.
- Overspill parking by rail users is causing problems for pedestrians on Appley Lane North. Vehicles are being parked partly on the pavement and partly on the road and are now parking further up the road towards the village hall.
- Parked vehicles are also an issue from All Saints School. Parking on Finch Lane and on Appley Lane North, either side of the Finch Lane junction, is cause for concern.
- Hedges on the bad bend on Robin Hood Lane are overgrown and require cutting back. Mr Burrows at LCC knows land ownership details for these hedges.
- Hedges near the sub-station on Mossy Lea Road need cutting back.

85. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** - Parish & Town Council Conference, 9/11/13, attended by the Clerk. This was a useful and informative event where it was confirmed that changes in the politics at LCC mean that, under the current leadership, resources would not have been spent on the vast numbers of 20mph signs erected on smaller and estate roads which are of little use and which the Police have neither the manpower nor the resources to enforce. – LALC AGM, 9/11/13, Noted – Remembrance Sunday was exceptionally well attended and went according to plan. Policing was very good, as was the quality of sound and music on the day. It was difficult to find a representative of the British Legion to lay the wreath. This matter will be confirmed in advance next year to allow alternative arrangements to be made if there is no-one appointed from Appley Bridge.

#### **86. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – £15 received for Craft Class. £20 received for Pre-Loved Clothes Sale. Hot-Pot Supper and Sing-a-Long, Friday 22 November 2013. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair, Sunday 24 November 2013. The Clerk will purchase an, artificial Christmas tree for the porch. Transfer of all utility bills for payment from Parish Council bank account will be arranged and confirmed in due course. It was agreed an AGM for the Village hall Committee will be arranged for January 2014 with Councillor Johnson taking the role of Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. Councillor Hodgkinson will make necessary changes to the Village Hall bank account as appropriate to make depositing and withdrawing a more streamlined process. The Clerk reported that on investigation one of the computers is broken and would be too costly to repair. It is possible to obtain an A-grade refurbished model, with the same operating software as the existing computers for approx. £120 including VAT and delivery. RESOLVED: A CHRISTMAS TREE WILL BE PURCHASED. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE ALTERED AS NECESSARY. AN AGM WILL BE HELD IN JANUARY – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED. THE DESKTOP BE PURCHASED.

**APPLEY BRIDGE** – A Xmas Tree will be ordered at the beginning of December. Fire extinguishers have been serviced, 1 x identification sign required as it was removed when the hall was painted. Central Heating systems will be serviced and wireless room thermostats fitted in due course. Amendment to Village Hall Constitutions to bring quorum in line with Parish Council Standing Orders – WILL BE DISCUSSED AND AMENDED AT THE DECEMBER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

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

- 1) 2013/1116/PNP Application for determination as to whether prior approval is required for an agricultural storage building. Toogood Farm, 4 Toogood Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2013/1151/FUL Part two storey/part single storey rear extension. Two new bay windows to front elevation and installation of new door and windows on side elevations. 65 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2013/1158/FUL Removal of condition No.5 imposed on planning permission 2013/0158/FUL relating to the erection of gateposts at the vehicular access; visibility splay fences or walls from the gateposts to the existing highway boundary; and 45 degree splays to be provided between the highway boundary and points on either side of the drive measured 5 metres back from the nearside side of the carriageway should the access remain un gated. Land to the rear of 9-17 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington. ALL COUNCILLORS PRESENT DECLARED AN INTEREST DUE TO THE FACT THE APPLICANT IS A FELLOW PARISH COUNCILLOR. NO DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE AND NO OBERVATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED.

**88. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Nothing specific to report.

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

**Payments:**

Standish Print	Stationery	£27.47
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Remembrance Day Refreshments	£33.94
Mrs J Rogers	Reimburse Remembrance Day Refreshments	£13.15
British Legion	Wreaths for Remembrance Day	£200.00
Petty Cash		£25.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net	£587.23
Chubb Fire Ltd	Extinguishers ABVH	£51.53
SLCC	Annual Subscriptions (50% shared with CRPC)	£73.50
United Utilities	Water ABVH	£72.83
HM Rev & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	Nil
D/D – Eon	Electricity MLVH	£100.78

RESOLVED: THAT PAYMENT OF THE ABOVE ACCOUNTS BE APPROVED.

**90. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 December 2013 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 79 to 90 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 December 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 conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to form dwelling including new vehicular/pedestrian access. Wakefield House, Carr House Lane.  
Notification permission granted for change of use to garage repairs/MOT centre. AB Tyres and Exhausts Ltd, The Railway Sidings, Appley Lane North.
- b) Notification outline planning permission refused for erection of 4 affordable dwellings (all matters reserved). Land to the North of 7 Broadhurst Lane.
- c) Notification the adjourned informal hearing in relation to The Hermitage, Moss Lane, will resume on 10 December at Derby Street.
- d) Notification that an appeal has been lodged against the West Lancs. BC decision to refuse permission for the erection of one detached 3 bedroom bungalow. Tunley Moss Stables, Tunley Moss.
- e) Confirmation highway matters reported following the previous meeting are being investigated.
- f) Copy of Press Release from West Lancs. BC re: a package of savings, efficiency measures and increases in income totalling £191,000 to help balance the budget for 2014/15.
- g) Copy of Press Release from West Lancs. BC re: Yew Tree Farm Masterplan – for your information.
- h) Notification from Wigan Council that they are launching work on the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan.
- i) Copy Open Spaces Society – Autumn volume of Open Space.
- j) Copy CPRE Fieldwork – Winter 2013.                      k) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice – Winter 2013