

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 December 2013 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Acting Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mr P Gartside, Mr J Clinch.

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 – Mr Smith updated the Parish Council on the status of the affordable housing application for development on Broadhurst Lane. It was confirmed that the application had been refused as inappropriate development in the Green Belt which would be detrimental to, and contrary to, the West Lancs. Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. Mr Smith confirmed the land is in a hollow at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane close to a recently refurbished home. He feels that the aforementioned detriments should be weighed against the benefits of 4 affordable homes with strict covenants against resale for profit and with conditions that priority is given to local residents. Mr Smith confirmed that he is likely to appeal against West Lancs. decision as he sees this as a way of putting something back into the village. A pre-application meeting did take place with West Lancs. planners however they were not particularly helpful. Mr Smith reported that many years ago the land was owned by a gypsy who was successful in gaining planning permission to use the land as a breakers yard. The site still contains quite a lot of metal pieces however, Mr Smith is sure that with sensitive development the site could be an asset to the village. It was reported that the land could be put forward as a potential site for gypsies and travellers in the current request from the Borough Council for sites which could be available. This is not a path Mr Smith wishes to take and would rather see the land used for the benefit of the village. The Parish Council thanked Mr Smith for the update and will await the outcome of the current situation.

It was reported that the red van is no longer parked on the grass verge at Mossfields as the owner has recently vacated the property. The white van, parking regularly on Mossy Lea Village Hall car park, has not been seen for a few days since the Chairman explained that this was a private car park for use by village hall users only. The statement by the vehicle owner that the land was left for the community is inaccurate, and the Chairman explained so, the land is owned by West Lancs. BC and the village hall and car park are leased, maintained and are the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Police have also been kept informed of parking issues at the village hall.

Recent work in front of the recruitment agency on Mossy Lea Road has resulted in steps being created and what appears to be a block paved parking area. The Council await completion of the work and how this will affect parking for employees and visitors to the offices.

91. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Burton (prior commitment) and Councillor Mrs Kay (illness).
92. **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.
93. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 November 2013 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
94. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific to report.

95. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Notification of consultation on Draft West Lancs. Transport & Highways Masterplan, 2 Dec – 24 Jan, more info. to follow – **Noted and will be on the January Agenda for possible comment.**

- b) Notification VIP Community Grants Winter Programme is now open to applications – **Notices have been placed in the Notice Boards, possible schemes for submission will be explored.**
- c) Confirmation West Lancs. BC will be passing on the Council Tax support grant to Parishes this year, details of the grant and details of the new approach to Precept Calculations – **Noted and will be taken into account when discussing the budget and setting the Precept for 2014/15.**
- d) Request for a Donation from the Open Spaces Society – **No donation at this time.**
- e) Notification of a consultation on the future of Local Audit – **Noted.**
- f) Invitation to the Chairman to attend the Lancashire Civic County Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday 2 February 2014 at 6:30pm – **The Chairman will be asked to respond.**
- g) Suggestions for submission of Capital Bids for 2014/15 by 10 February 2014 – **A number of schemes have been suggested eg: projector, screen and associated electrical work at ABVH; new kitchen units at MLVH; a new Notice Board at MLVH. It was suggested that it may be necessary to include a sum for landscaping at the Coalgate Depot, Moss Lane, if the transfer from LCC still goes ahead.**
- h) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Notification of consultation on permitted development to upgrade the vodafone base station at Chisnall House Farm – **The Council will ask for the specifics of the proposals.** ii) Budget proposals from LCC to make savings by withdrawing funding for subsidised evening and weekend bus services – **The Council object to the withdrawal of the 113 and 612 bus services in the evenings and at weekends and will ask how much will actually be saved by these cuts. Enquiries will also be made as to the number of people using these services.**

96. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Minute 82 – Councillor Johnson has tried to contact Mr Andrew Davies at LCC, unsuccessfully, in relation to drainage work near the playing field adjacent to MLVH and about footway resurfacing and the smooth road surface on Mossy Lea Road near Raby Fold Farm. The normal standard response, that these matters are under investigation, has been received. The Council still believe that the complaint should be made to the Head of the Committee setting the budget for highways as responses will continue to be poor if finances are so limited that manpower and resources are reduced to the extent that they become almost ineffective.

97. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** - Councillors Code of Conduct Training and Workshop Session attended by Councillors Mrs Kay and Mr Gartside. Copies of the workshop sessions were distributed to those unable to attend. – Signing of Community Covenant at West Lancs. BC attended, and signed on behalf of the Parish Council, by Councillor Mr Gartside. – Councillor Clinch attended the Peter Lathom Charity Meeting and reported - the money has been divided equally between the Appley Bridge and the Mossy Lea Pensioners groups.

98. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – £30 received for Hot Pot Supper. £40 received for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair. £10 received for hire of chairs. Confirmation Puppy Training classes commence Saturday 1 February 2014.

APPLEY BRIDGE – the possibility of a sliding door to the toilets will be looked into.

Amendment to Village Hall Constitutions to bring quorum in line with Parish Council Standing Orders – **Resolved: The Village Hall Constitutions will be amended so that the quorum for a meeting is 3 which now corresponds with the Parish Council Standing Orders**

99. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2013/1260/FUL Single storey garage, kitchen, storage, staff facilities and relocation of waste storage bin. Corner House, 9 Wrightington Bar, Wood Lane, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
- 2) 2013/1183/FUL Two storey extension to rear. 256 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
- 3) 2012/1262/COU Change of use of existing ‘Torch-On’ process manufacturing line building to distribution warehouse building. IKO Plc, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – **No Objections.**

100. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – LALC Annual Report – December Newsletter – Details of Spring Conference 2014 – Details of Finance Workshop – **Noted.**

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

Payments:

Standish Print	Stationery	£44.72
John Birchall	Installation of new radiators ABVH (Capital Bid supported)	£1750.00
John Birchall	Additional work required to remove handrails and paint ABVH	£170.00
Dave Proe	Amenity Cutting & work at ABVH	£257.00/
Bentham Ltd	Computer for use at MLVH	£104.33
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£587.23
HM Rev & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	Nil

Resolved: That payment of the above accounts be approved.

102. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 January 2014 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 91 to 102 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 January 2014.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:05 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission GRANTED for part two storey/part single storey rear extension. Two new bay windows to front and installation of new door and windows on side. 65 Appley Lane North.
- b) Notification committee recommending permission be granted for removal of condition 5 on 2013/0158/FUL – land to the rear of 9-17 Broadhurst Lane.
- c) Copy Press Release relating to the signing of the new Community Covenant.
- d) Notification of urgent temporary road closures of various roads in Upholland 26 Nov – 3 Dec - emailed
- e) Notification Adderbury PC has written to the Prime Minister with significant questions relating to Neighbourhood plans, their impact and effectiveness.
- f) Details of West Lancs. BC service operation over Christmas and New Year 2013/14 – (posted in Notice Boards).