

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 January 2014 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr I McRae, Mr F Johnson, Mr J Clinch and Mrs A Kay.

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 – Further work is required at the bus shelter near Chisnall Avenue to remove trip hazards. A new litter bin is also required at this location. The carriageway is in poor condition and water is still holding on Church Lane, the ditch may need cleaning or the drain may be blocked. It was reported that LCC have said they will be making cuts to non-statutory services however, they did not state which services. Reflectors are also missing on Church Lane. A manhole cover is displaced on the left hand side of Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington Bar. There is a water cover displaced near the recruitment agency. The footway between Boundary Lane and the BP garage does not appear to be swept by the footway sweeper. Water is holding in a hole near the entrance to Gibson's Garage, Mossy Lea Road. It is believed that the yellow lines in this area have been a waste of resources.

103. APOLOGIES - Were received and accepted from Councillor Mr P Gartside (prior meeting)

104. 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.

105. MINUTES – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 December had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

106. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Page 1 – confirmed, the van that used to park on the village hall car park is now parking on Rivaj car park.

107. 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) Consultation on Draft West Lancs. Transport & Highways Masterplan, 2 Dec – extended to 7 February 2014 – for comment if appropriate – **Resolved: The Parish Council will request that adequate provision be made in the Masterplan for the inclusion of multi-purpose routes, usable by pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders. The Council will also request that new and existing bridleways be included in the Masterplan and, these be improved/upgraded to make sure they can be used as multi-purpose routes. The Council will request that parking provision at Appley Bridge Railway Station be improved, enhanced and increased to alleviate significant parking problems and to improve highway safety, which is seriously compromised on Appley Lane North. The Council will suggest that the route from Skull House Lane, around the Quarry, to Mill Lane be improved and enhanced to create a walking and cycle route for use by children and parents to improve access to the school on Finch Lane in Appley Bridge. Councillor Mrs Kay will attend the CVS workshop.**
- b) Consultation draft, and invitation to comment on, West Lancs. BC Housing Strategy 2014-2019 – **Next Agenda.**
- c) Response to questions raised regarding cuts to subsidised bus services – **Resolved: The Parish Council objections remain unchanged.**
- d) Enquiry whether the Parish Council would like to be represented on a Working Group to adopt terms of reference, formulate an action plan and discuss how to progress following the signing of the West Lancs. Community Covenant – **Resolved: Councillor Mrs Kay will represent WPC.**

- e) Response from Chairman of LCC to issues raised relating to the Highways Budget – **Reported: Councillor Johnson is still trying to contact Andrew Davies however, recent correspondence seems to be with LCC Officer Daniel Herbert.**
- f) Response to request that hedges on Robin Hood Lane be cut back – **Noted.**
- g) Notification of public consultation on Lancs. & Blackpool Local Flood Risk Management Strategy, for comment if you feel appropriate – **Noted, on file.**
- h) Invitation for 2 Parish Council reps. to attend the Mayor’s Civic Dinner & Dance, Friday 14 March, Civic Hall, Ormskirk. Tickets £25 each – **No-one can attend.**
- i) Suggestions for VIP Community Grants Winter Programme application – **Resolved: The Village Hall Committee for MLVH will submit a bid for £500 towards a new notice board.**
- j) Suggestions for submission of Capital Bids for 2014/15 by 10 February 2014 – **Resolved: The Clerk will submit a Capital Bid for funding towards new kitchen unites at Mossy Lea Village Hall at a total cost of approx. £2809.12 (Excluding VAT). The Parish Council will request £1800.00 from West Lancs. BC in a Capital Bid the remainder, £939.12, will be paid by the Parish Council.**
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) A request to distribute info. from the Tenant Involvement Team at West Lancs. BC – **The Council agree to do so.**

108. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The footway is extremely narrow and needs sweeping from 100 Mossy Lea Road to the telephone kiosk.
- The footpath sweeper was recently in the Parish however did not sweep the junction of Mossy Lea Road/Crow Orchard garage.
- The fence on the playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall was damaged when the tree fell in high winds. The large tree stump remaining is considered a climbing danger. It is believed that the telephone line damaged when the tree fell is the village hall line.
- The old road at the rear of BP Garage is very untidy and full of litter and is becoming overgrown.
- Parking problems on Appley Lane North, associated with the railway, are becoming worse.
- Rusty railings on Courage Low Lane, in front of the ditch on the left hand side on the way to Toogood Lane, need replacing.
- Overgrown hedges at the junction of Bentley Lane/Bannister Lane are obstructing sightlines.

109. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report.

110. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – A room thermostat has been fitted which will allow a constant room temperature to be maintained.

APPLEY BRIDGE – A room thermostat has been fitted which will allow a constant room temperature to be maintained. A request has been received for a door, sliding or folding, to be fitted to the toilets to prevent the draught from the fire doors. The contractor will be asked to fit draught excluders to the fire doors.

111. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2013/1310/FUL Three storey building incorporating showroom, training pool, plant room, change facilities at ground floor, with two storey office accommodation above. 12m deep test tank facility and alterations to existing car park layout. Demolition of existing lean to to north elevation. Northern Diver Building, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO COMMENT.
- 2) 2013/1313/FUL Retention of retail units, restaurant/café and associated storage with associated parking and lighting columns. Derby House Ltd, Wrightington Equestrian Centre, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2013/1319/FUL Erect a softwood timber post and rail fence to the rear of the existing stone wall that forms the boundary of the property with an adjoining timber gate across the driveway. Cowlings Farm, 13 Church Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2013/1370/FUL Construction of an 11m deep test tank and a single storey extension to the side of the existing building to provide a foyer, office, changing facilities and WC for male &

female, store, training pool and plant room. Northern Divers Building, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO COMMENT.

112. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Request for nomination for Buckingham Palace Garden Party (Chairman nominated) – Notification next Area Committee Meeting will be held on 23 January 2014, 7:30pm, Council Offices, Ormskirk – NOTED.

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

Payments:

P Cornwell Constctn	Levelling flags and repairing concrete, bus shelter, Mossy Lea	£82.50
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH	£414.69
E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH	£142.89
P Cornwell Constctn	Servicing Bollards at ABVH	£15.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£587.23
HM Rev & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	Nil

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC (BACS) – Refund of successful Capital Bid	£1150.00
West Lancs. BC (BACS) – Refund of Amenity Grass Cutting expenses	£246.84

Resolved: That payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved.

114. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 17 February 2014 at Mossy Lea Village Hall, 7:00 pm – Budget Meeting, 7:30 pm – Parish Council Meeting.

Minutes 103 to 114 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 February 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 extension to rear. 256 Mossy Lea Road.
- b) Notification appeal dismissed against West Lancs. BC decision to refuse permission for replacement barn and dwelling with two dwellings. The Hermitage, Moss Lane.
- c) Confirmation footpath walked, no overgrowth found, path way-marked during inspection, FP6, Parbold.
- d) Confirmation footpath inspected and cleared, FP21, Wrightington.
- e) Request from Mr Smith for copy of December Parish Council Minutes once ratified.
- f) Invitation to attend West Lancs. BC Planning Meeting where recommendation for removal of condition No. 5 on application 2013/0158/FUL, land rear of 9-17 Broadhurst Lane, is that permission be granted.
- g) Copy of Signpost, Newsletter of Peak & Northern Footpath Society.
- h) A summary of the consultation outcomes and decisions made on the Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report and Action Plan 2013, Incorporating Emergency Cover Review.