

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 21 July 2014 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mrs A Kay, Mr J Clinch and Mr P Gartside. Also present PCSO Benson

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 – White barriers at the junction of Boundary Lane are broken and need replacing. The litter bin near the Pensioners Hall still needs replacing. The Council could not give an update on the current position with the creation of additional parking at Mossfields. Brambles, hedges and nettles are overhanging the footway on Mossy Lea Road from Raby Fold Farm towards Wrightington Bar. It may be too early to cut the hedges due to nesting birds however, the overgrowth could be construed as a safety hazard. The holly hedge at the top of Appley Lane North also needs cutting back. Hedges from Crow Orchard Road down to St Josephs Church need cutting back. School children cannot walk to Church easily due to the lack of footway on the Church side of the road, it is difficult to see a resolution to this. The work which was supposed to take place on Church Lane in May has still not started. An update on the current situation with the upgrading of public footpath 21 will be requested. Overgrown hedges and trees on Chisnall Avenue have been the subject of discussions between Councillor Johnson and Mr Hull from Tunley URC as they are totally obscuring the first street light on Chisnall Avenue. There is some doubt as to which trees is the responsibility of the Church and which are on the highway. The Church and the Parish Council are aware of the TPO on the trees but are unsure of the exact extent of the TPO. It was suggested that an Arborist be asked to give advice. Some branches have been removed by the Church however a copy of the actual TPO would be beneficial.

34. **APOLOGIES** – Were received from Councillor Clinch (holidays).
35. **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. No declarations were made at this point in the Meeting however, should a Councillor feel he has any interest in later matters he/she will declare it at that point.
36. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 16 June 2014 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman
37. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – It would appear that the original route of the public footpath at Boards Den is overgrown to the extent that it is deterring people from using this route.
38. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 page 3-4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Invitation from Mayor and Consort of West Lancs. BC for 2 representatives to attend the Civic Sunday Service, 7 September 2014, 3:00pm, Parish Church, Ormskirk – **Councillor Gartside will attend this Service.**
- b) Confirmation from West Lancs. BC that the bid for s106 money for play improvement on the field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall has been successful – **The Clerk raised questions regarding payment for this scheme being made from the Parish Council account and how this can be justified to audit as it will constitute capital expenditure on an asset which will not be insured or maintained by the Parish Council nor will it be owned by, or sited on land belonging to, the Parish Council. The VAT implications of this expenditure also raise issues. The Clerk will request clarification on how to record this.**

- c) Request for completion of a survey by the management company employed by West Lancs. BC to assist in carrying out a needs assessment for a Leisure Strategy – **Clerk to complete.**
- d) Invitation to attend the North West Energy Task Force Drinks Reception – **Noted.**
- e) Notification of Scoping Consultation for Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document – **Noted.**
- f) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Residents report of litter on Tunley Lane – **Noted.** ii) Request for Council to choose which route they consider to be the best leisure walk – **The Council chose route 3.** iii) Notification of Dangerous Dog Surgeries – **Noted.**

39. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Japanese knotweed on Mossy Lea Road still requires attention.

40. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson attended the LALC Area Committee Meeting where an LCC officer showed an interest in helping to get the computer classes up and running and agreed to contact the Clerk.

41. **APPLICATION FOR PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY** – The Clerk read aloud a letter of application from Jennifer Patterson. Following discussions it was **Resolved: That Ms Patterson be offered the position as Parish Councillor with effect from the September Meeting.** The Clerk confirmed that notices reporting the resignation of Councillor McRae have been placed in the Notice Boards. **Resolved: Once confirmation has been received from West Lancs. that an election has not been requested, the Clerk will post Notices of the vacancy in the Notice Boards.**

42. **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER** – Was distributed for delivery. It was agreed that due to his recent knee surgery Councillor Gartside will contact the Clerk if Borough Councillors Mrs Evans and Mrs Baybutt are unable to assist with delivery of the Newsletters.

43. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Receipt for payment by WLBC for use of hall as a polling station. It was confirmed that changes to the signatories on the Village Hall bank account are still required. Councillor Hodgkinson agreed to arrange a meeting at the bank and contact Councillor Johnson with the details.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Reported that emergency action had been taken to repair the lock to the main door. As the hatch appears to be closed at the moment, and difficult to open, it was suggested that the hatch be raised and secured and two doors be installed underneath it however, the joiner contacted would rather check the weight and pulley system first to see if the problem can be resolved. It was agreed that the doors will be installed as a last resort. The joiner will also be asked to put a shelf up over the Appley Bridge Pensioners Assoc. photograph to allow the trophy to be displayed in the hall. Regarding the installation of a fence at the edge of the grassed area to prevent vehicle damage to the grass, it was suggested that the unused galvanized gates at Mossy Lea VH could be re-located to Appley Bridge VH and further enquiries could then be made in to acquiring planters which could be attached to the galvanized fence, similar to those in town centres which have been purchased from Glasdon UK.

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

- 1) 2014/0415/FUL Replacement of existing buildings which are attached to Tunley Brook and Ashwood Barn with single detached garages. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
- 2) 2014/0416/LBC Listed Building Consent for replacement of existing buildings which are attached to Tunley Brook and Ashwood Barn with single detached garages. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **Withdrawn.**
- 3) 2014/0663/FUL Demolition of existing office and small workshop buildings and extension of existing traditional portal frame timber storage building. Ramsay Timber & Building Supplies, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge – **No Objections.**
- 4) 2014/0564/FUL First floor side extension with front and rear dormers. 317 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
- 5) 2014/0580/FUL Construction of pitched roof dormer façade to North elevation. 23 Glenside,

- (Case 1565921) Appley Bridge – **No Objections.**
- 6) 2014/0621/ADV Display of freestanding non illuminated sales advertising board. Land on the South (Case 1565927) side of Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – **No Objections.**
- 7) L/2014/0339/AAA – Retrospective Application – Change of use from agricultural barn to Office, storage and Entertainment venue. Swift House Farm, Bentley Lane, Heskin – **The Parish Council strongly object to these proposals as they would constitute inappropriate development in the Green Belt. The proposals would not be in keeping with existing land use in the area. The proposals would have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the neighbours and the proposed access would compromise the safety of other road users and those leaving the site due to the poor site lines and the close proximity to the bad bends at this location.**
- 45. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Newsletter June 2014 – Noted.**
Notification of 70th AGM, Saturday 8 November 2014, 1:45 pm, County Hall, Preston – **Councillor Gartside will attend the AGM.**

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

For Payment:

AB Pensioners SC	Donation		£100.00
Standish Print Co.	Stationery and copying		£36.74
J W Locksmith	Repairs to main door lock – ABVH		£55.00
D Proe	Work at ABVH	£99.00	
	Cleaning Bus Shelter	£20.00	
	Amenity Grass Cutting	£186.00	£305.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH		£459.81
E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH (in credit)		£15.25CR
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£618.72
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk		£4.20
United Utilities	Water charges at ABVH		£51.54
D/D CPRE	Annual Subscriptions		£36.00

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts & bank reconciliation is approved with finances on track

47. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15 September 2014 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 34 to 47 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 15 September 2014.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:55 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- Notification permission GRANTED for extension to and resurfacing/line-marking of existing car park to allow patients to park nearer main hospital wards/depts. Wrightington Hospital.
- Notification permission GRANTED for extensions and alterations to existing bungalow. High Fields, Robin Hood Lane.
- Notification permission REFUSED for one pair of two storey semi-detached houses. Land adjoining 51 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge.
- Notification permission GRANTED for proposed two storey rear extension to delivery area. Northern Divers Ltd, Appley Lane North.
- Notification affordable housing to buy is available in Hesketh Bank, preference will be given to households with a local connection to Hesketh Bank.
- Notification that affordable housing is being built in Scarisbrick, to rent, preference will be given to households with a local connection to Scarisbrick.

- g) Confirmation that alleged breaches of planning control at Howard's Garage and J27 Tyres are being investigated by West Lancs. BC.
- h) Confirmation that overgrown vegetation has been cleared from public footpath 4.
- i) Confirmation that public footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, has been investigated and that the reported hawthorn hedge is down but is not obstructing the footpath. Plus, following a report that the route is overgrown, confirmation that the path is included in the rights of way mowing programme and should be cut in the next couple of weeks with a further cut in late August/early September.
- j) Confirmation that overgrown vegetation on public footpaths 3 and 3A, Appley Lane North to Finch Lane, is included in the rights of way mowing programme and should be cut in the next couple of weeks with a further cut in late August/early September.
- k) Copy of Rural Funding Newsletter – 2nd Edition.
- l) Notification of temporary road closure on Coopers Lane, Wrightington, 3 September 2014 to 17 September 2014, to enable installation of a new water connection.
- m) Notification of cancellation of events and procedural decisions on Whitemoss Landfill.
- n) Notification from Chorley BC of consultation on Chorley Local Plan 2012-2026 Gypsy and Travellers and Travelling showpeople preferred options document – June 2014.
- o) Notification from Chorley BC of draft statement of community involvement June 2014.
- p) Request to place notice in Notice Board of laying down unstable gravestones (old churchyard), St James the Great Church, Wrightington.