

Annual Report Continued:

VILLAGE HALLS - Christmas Trees were erected at both Halls and room thermostats have been fitted to ensure that a comfortable temperature is maintained for all Village Hall users.

APPLEY BRIDGE - An engineered oak floor was laid in the hall and, as damage to the original wooden floor was due to tap dancing, it was determined that tap dancing classes should be suspended to prevent damage to the new floor. Shortly after this dancing classes ceased and were re-located to the Methodist Church Hall, Skull House Lane. Following a successful Capital Bid to West Lancashire Borough Council, new and more efficient radiators were fitted in the building, the ballet rails were removed and the hall was subsequently painted including the ceiling. The building is now very well used and all village hall users are more than happy with the results. A number of constructive Village Hall Committee Meetings have taken place during the course of the year and issues arising have been dealt with in due course.

MOSSY LEA - A Christmas Fair was held in late November, which was well attended and an enjoyable afternoon. Hot-pot Supper and Sing-a-longs are also held periodically and are proving very popular. The hall continues to be used for children's parties and it is hoped that, once the computers are up to date and fully functional, computer classes will commence. The Village Hall Committee, with the agreement of the Parish Council has recently appointed a new Caretaker, who is not only responsible for cleaning the village hall but will also undertake general maintenance, changing light bulbs and touching up paintwork. Bulbs have been planted and wildflower seeds will be sown on the grass verge and on the grassed area to the rear of the hall. He is now working to refurbish the existing Notice Board by sanding, painting and replacing the self-healing interior with metal. This will be more cost effective and prolong the life of the existing Notice Board. In early 2014 the Council submitted a bid to West Lancashire Borough Council Capital Schemes for new kitchen units in the hall to make better use of the space and to allow easier access to the water stop-tap and the gas meter. This bid has

been successful and once the terms and conditions are agreed the project can proceed. The Parish Council has submitted a further scheme for additional play equipment on the playing field adjacent to the village hall from s106 monies accumulated from development in the Parish. The proposals will enhance, improve and complete this existing well used play facility.

HIGHWAYS AND THE ENVIRONMENT - Litter picks have been requested throughout the year at various locations in the Parish. A solution to parking problems at Mossfields, Mossy Lea, is now in sight. The tenants bid for funding to the Estates Management Team resulted in a recent successful planning application to provide 8 parking spaces at the front of blocks 1-4 and 5-8 Mossfields. The original car park will be re-measured and re-marked to provide additional parking spaces and existing signage will be replaced with signs indicating that the parking is for Mossfields tenants only. Each tenant, will be issued with a numbered parking space and there will be 2 spaces left for visitors. Grass verge cutting was undertaken by the Borough Council again this year with amenity areas continuing to be cut by the Parish Council. Initial verge cutting was unsatisfactory and the Parish Council made a number of complaints which were finally resolved when LCC Officers intervened to ensure LCC specifications were adhered to. 20mph speed limits were rolled out to the estate roads in the Parish during the course of the year. Pot-holes in the parish are the subject of continual discussion. Parking problems on Appley Lane North and Skull House Lane, remain an issue, the former being commuters using the railway station and the latter being related to dancing classes in the Church Hall. The Council continue to request the upgrading of the right of way from Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road to a bridleway.

The Council has dealt with a considerable volume and variety of business during the year. Residents requiring help or advice are welcome to bring it to the attention of the Parish Council either through a Councillor, the Clerk or at Open Forum, held at the beginning of each Meeting.

Reported at the Annual Parish Meeting 19 May 2014

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TIMETABLE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2014/2015

2014

19 May Appley Bridge Village Hall
ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING 7.00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL 7.30 PM

16 June Mossy Lea Village Hall

21 July Appley Bridge Village Hall

August No Meeting

15 Sept Mossy Lea Village Hall

20 Oct Appley Bridge Village Hall

17 Nov Mossy Lea Village Hall

15 Dec Appley Bridge Village Hall

2015

19 Jan Mossy Lea Village Hall

16 Feb Appley Bridge Village Hall

16 Mar Mossy Lea Village Hall

20 April Appley Bridge Village Hall

18 May Mossy Lea Village Hall
ANNUAL PARISH
MEETING 7.00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
PARISH COUNCIL 7.30 PM

All Meetings commence at
7:30 pm with Open Forum unless
otherwise stated on the Village Hall
Notice Boards.

For Further Information regarding Parish Council
Business or to report incidents,
occurrences, observations or objections on
Parish Matters please contact:

Mrs C A Cross

Clerk to Wrightington Parish Council
321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan,
WN6 0QB

Tel: 01257 423128 or 0771 457 4478

Email:

Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

Following the Annual Meeting your Parish Councillors are:

MOSSY LEA WARD

Mr F Hodgkinson CHAIRMAN	Acrefield House, 17A Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9RY Tel: 01257 453428
Mrs J Burton VICE-CHAIRMAN	2 Courage Low Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9RY Tel: 01257 252225
Mr F Johnson	351 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, WN6 9SB Tel: 01257 425585

Plus 1 Vacancy

APPLEY BRIDGE WARD

Mr J Clinch	16 Clifton Crescent, Wigan, WN1 2LB Tel: 01942 235092
Mr P Gartside	2 Chisnall Avenue, Wrightington, WN6 9RR Tel: 01257 369441
Mrs A Kay	5 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge, WN6 9DR Tel: 01257 254671

Plus 1 Vacancy

Once due process has been followed vacancies will be advertised on the Parish Council Notice Boards for: 1 Mossy Lea Ward Councillor and 1 Appley Bridge Ward Councillor. Anyone wishing to apply for these positions should do so, in writing, to Mrs C A Cross, Clerk to Wrightington Parish Council, 321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan, Lancashire, WN6 0QB

The following Names and Contact Details could prove useful:

Borough Councillor Mrs P Baybutt

High Moor Farm, High Moor Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9PS. Tel: 01257 255501

Borough Councillor Ms C Evans

30 Manse Avenue, Wrightington, WN6 9RP. Tel: 01257 433067

County Councillor Mr J Fillis

77 Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1LW. Tel: 07811388153

Member of Parliament - Mrs Rosie Cooper MP

House of Commons, London, SW11 0AA

(Local Office: 127 Burscough Street, Ormskirk,
L39 2EP Tel: 01695 570094)

MOSSY LEA AND APPLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALLS

Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, and Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge, are Parish Council owned village halls for Community Use. Both facilities are available for hire during the daytime and on selected evenings by individuals, organisations, clubs and societies wishing to hold a meeting, party, family celebration or fundraising event. Details of classes available and organisations using the village halls can be seen on page 2 together with contact details for enquiries.

Should you wish to discuss an event, meeting or booking at the Village Hall in more detail or, wish to view or use either facility, please contact the Booking Secretary for the Hall you wish to use (contact telephone numbers can be found under useful contacts on page 2) or contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Useful Contacts:

0845 053 0000

Lancashire County

Appley Bridge Village

Hall Bookings:

Mrs J Rogers

01257 253781

Mossy Lea Village Hall

Bookings:

Mrs C A Cross

01257 423128/07714574478

West Lancashire BC

01695 577177

Lancashire County

Council General Enqs:

Council - Highway and

Street Lighting Faults:

0845 053 0011

NHS Direct: 0845 46 47

Police Southern

Communications Room:

08451 25 35 45

PCSO Dave Benson & PC

Beverley Lodge

(Voicemail) 01695 566051

Police - Non-emergency - 101

CAROLYN'S COFFEE CLUB AT MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL

Cancer Research UK Wrightington & Wigan Group of Friends was founded four and half years ago by Carolyn, the Clerk to the Parish Council. With the support of the Parish Council, who allow the use of Mossy Lea Village Hall free of charge, regular Coffee Mornings are now held every two weeks on Fridays, between 10am & 1pm and everyone is welcome. The Coffee Mornings are relaxed, friendly, well attended, and a great place to socialise and meet friends. There are books, a bring and buy table, and during the growing season many local gardeners who attend donate plants and produce. Not only do the Coffee Mornings provide an amenity for local residents but they are regularly attended by the Police, Fire & Ambulance Services, and West Lancs. Carers, who will all provide help and advice on request. All the money raised, now approaching £30,000.00, goes to Cancer Research UK. Please check the Parish Council Notice Boards for the list of future dates.

RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The retiring Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Judith Burton, gave a brief report at the Annual Parish Meeting outlining the work and achievements of the Parish Council during her 2 year Term of Office. Significant improvements and enhancements at both Village Halls have been made as follows:

APPLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

- Suspended ceiling removed in kitchen, new lights more in keeping with the period of the building installed.
- A new cooker was replaced and installed & the whole kitchen painted.
- An engineered oak floor laid in the main hall, wooden cupboards and ballet rails removed.
- New more efficient radiators installed throughout & a wireless room thermostat added to allow a comfortable room temperature to be maintained for all users. Draft excluder fitted to fire doors in the toilets.
- The entrance, hall and toilets painted, including ceiling in the main hall to look tidier and less obvious.
- The Council are now looking to erect a fence to protect the grass from further damage by parked cars.

MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL

- Play equipment for children and adults who wish to exercise installed on the playing field adjacent, part of a successful submission by the Parish Council.
- A wireless room thermostat added to allow a comfortable room temperature to be maintained for all users.
- Bulb planting in the grass verge at the front of the hall & the Notice Board on the car park refurbished.
- Following a successful bid new kitchen units shortly be installed.
- It is hoped that recent discussions between Councillor Mrs Burton and West Lancashire Borough Council Officers will result in additional play equipment on the playing field to make the facility totally age inclusive.

Some of the above was achieved with the help of successful funding bids to West Lancs. BC, VIP and County Councillors. The new floor in Appley Bridge Hall and Notice Board refurbishments at Mossy Lea Hall were paid for by the Parish Council with other projects requiring a minimum 30% contribution by the Parish Council.

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING 31 March 2014 RECEIPTS

Balance b/f	£ 2685.23
WLDC - Precept (including grant)	10000.00
WLDC - Concurrent Contbtns	4021.00
VAT Reclaimed	1160.35
Amenity Grass Cutting - LCC	246.84
Successful Capital Bid	1150.00
ABVH Committee	5835.00
MLVH Committee	2000.00
Misc. Income-Interest	3.54
	£27,101.96

PAYMENTS

Administration	£ 896.36
Clerk's Salary Gross	7046.76
Highways/Open Spaces	454.50
Insurance/Subscriptions	2243.90
Donations - s137	347.09
Village Hall Expenditure:	
Appley Bridge	9493.03
Mossy Lea	2532.72
VAT To Reclaim	382.01
Total Payments	£23396.37
Plus - Balance In Hand @ Bank	4192.25
	£27588.62
Less - Un-presented Cheques @ 31/3/13	486.66
	£27,101.96

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CLASSES AND ORGANISATIONS USING THE VILLAGE HALLS:

MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL:

John Duffy - Yoga Tuesday evenings
Carolyn - Coffee Mornings - 07714574478

APPLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL:

Pensioners Social Club - 01257 255856
Womens' Institute - 01257 400075
Karate Club - 01257 427620
Ju-Jitsu - 01744 606314/07890668839

Top 3 Priorities

The Parish Council would once again like to ascertain what the residents of Wrightington consider to be the top 3 priorities in the Parish.

To indicate your priorities please email the Clerk and register the 3 items you consider to be most important e.g.: refuse collection, highway matters, street lighting, public footpaths, grass verge cutting, street cleansing, fly-tipping, pot-holes etc.

Once the information has been collated and the 3 top priorities are revealed, the Parish Council will contact the relevant authority to request assistance with service delivery or, to suggest what improvements are required to these services to meet the needs of the residents of Wrightington.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The following vacancies exist on Wrightington Parish Council

- 1 Vacancy for the Mossy Lea Ward
- 1 Vacancy for the Appley Bridge Ward

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WN6 0QB

Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com

Indicating which ward they wish to be considered for and giving details of any current activity or involvement in the Parish/Ward, together with any additional information they feel would assist with their application.

Applications should be received by 1 October 2014

Wrightington Parish Council Website - The website is currently being updated however, once work is complete, further useful information and contacts can be found by visiting the Parish Council website at: www.wrightingtonparishcouncil.co.uk. Contact details and links for partner organisations, such as the Police, Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council can also be found on this website.

Extracts from the Parish Council Annual Parish Report Below & overleaf. The complete Report can be viewed on the Parish Council Website

The Parish Council began the year with 6 members. The vacancies were advertised and in November 2013 the Council appointed Mrs Amanda Kay to the vacant Appley Bridge Ward Councillors post. Councillor McRae has recently resigned from the Parish Council which means there are once again 2 Parish Council Vacancies, one in each ward.

The Council, and Councillors, continued to work together throughout the year with Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt, Borough Councillor Mrs Evans and County Councillor Fillis. The Parish Council supported West Lancashire Borough Council's adoption of an Armed Forces Community Covenant during the year.

FINANCE - The Parish Council precepted upon West Lancashire Borough Council for the sum of £9502.00 for the financial year 2013/2014 and received Concurrent Contributions of £4021.00. The Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31 March 2013 were audited by BDO Stoy Hayward with no matters arising.

The Council again produced their Annual Newsletter distributed by Councillors, the Clerk, Borough Councillors and other volunteers in the Parish. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who volunteered to help with delivery for their assistance.

PLANNING - 53 Planning Applications have been dealt with by the Parish Council during the year, in comparison to 47 applications last year. Examples of controversial planning applications can be found in the full Annual Report on the Parish Council website.

POLICING - PC Beverley Lodge and PCSO Dave Benson continue their responsibility for Policing this large geographical area. PACT issues can now be raised at the Coffee Mornings held at Mossy Lea Village Hall which PC Lodge and PCSO Benson try to attend or, at the PACT Meetings which have been re-instated in the Parish, on a less frequent basis.

The new 101 telephone number for non-emergency calls is reportedly working well.