

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 October 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 P Gartside, Mrs J Patterson and Jim 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 Present: Reported the gutters were swept on 13/10/14 poorly, they were swept again on 14/10/14, repeatedly going backwards and forwards, and made a good job. Some gutters still require sweeping on the way to the Village Hall. Residents in Manse Avenue and Moss Lane have received Newsletters this year but say they haven't received them in the past. The inspection plate in the footway outside Rivaj is once again bent, having been repaired once. On 15/10/14 the Champion was delivered to tenants of Mossfields. When questioning this the tenants were informed that they were being delivered instead of the calendars received last year but only tenants, and not homeowners, will receive the Champion. A resident of Mossfields has not had her recycling box back after a delivery whilst some residents haven't received a collections calendar. Residents asked why cardboard cannot be put in the blue bins. It appears that recycling issues are causing confusion. Hedges in front of 11 Mossfields have not been cut for approx. 12 months.

62. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt, County Councillor Fillis, PC Lodge and PCSO Benson.
63. **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. Councillor Mrs Burton declared an interest in planning item 2014/0956/OUT and planning item 2014/1006/COU. No further declarations were made at this point in the Meeting however, should A Councillor feel he/she has any interest in later matters he/she will declare it at that point.
64. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 15 September 2014 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
65. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing to report which will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
66. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 page 5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Request from VIP for Trustees – **Noted on file.**
- b) Notification that VIP are proposing to run networking groups – **Noted on file.**
- c) Posters requesting volunteers for Help Direct – **Noted on file.**
- d) Minutes of the West Lancs. Three Tier Forum Meeting and request for Agenda Items for the next Meeting – **Councillor Mrs Burton asked why there is no 30mph sign once motorists leave the 20mph limit at St Joseph's School on Mossy Lea Road. Discussion took place about Pilot schemes which are being trialled in other Boroughs relating to Parish Council representation on the Three Tier Forum Committees. West Lancs. BC is awaiting the results of the trials elsewhere before deciding whether they will change the level of Parish Council representation on this committee. Resolved: The Council will raise the following matters for discussion as Agenda Items:- 1) Highway safety on derestricted country lanes and the possibility of putting a speed limit on them eg: 40pmh. The Council believe these routes are often used as "rat runs" and the lack of pavements/footways on the majority of rural roads and the excessive speeds of vehicles,**

- seriously compromises the safety of pedestrians/cyclists/horse riders and other road users. The Parish Council would like to see reduced/specific speed limits on some de-restricted rural roads. 2) Training for Stewards of Parades. In view of the fact that the Police may be withdrawing their support in Policing Remembrance Day Parades in the future, could training be arranged for people to properly steward these events. The Parish Council would like to see training put in place for stewardship of parades/events.
- e) Confirmation Councillors Code of Conduct Training will be held at West Lancs. BC offices on Tuesday 25 November at 7:00pm – **Councillors Mrs Patterson & Gartside will attend.**
 - f) Copy of the Rural Development Programme – October 2014 Newsletter – **Noted.**
 - g) Request for renewal of OPSTA Membership for 2014-2015 - £10 per year – **Renew £10.00.**
 - h) Request for the Parish Council to pursue improved play facilities on Appley Lane South – **The land is owned by a private landowner and leased by the Borough Council. It is thought that the existing equipment was put in place by the Borough Council however it is not considered to be safe and the gate doesn't close properly. The Football Club facilities have been improved over time. The Council will ask West Lancs. BC to look at the play equipment with a view to making it safe to use until such times as sufficient s106 money becomes available to improve the play provision at this site. It was confirmed that there are many people now visiting the enhanced play facility adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall many of whom come to the facility by car from both inside and outside the Parish.**
 - i) Notification of blocked/flooding drain and crumbling tarmac on Broadhurst Lane – **The Council will report to LCC along with their concerns that what may appear to be a road surface problem could also be causing significant damage underneath the carriageway.**
 - j) Email outlining residents' concerns about highway safety on Mill Lane – **The Parish Council will outline major concerns about the significant highway safety issues relating to the Herons Wharf junction and the poor traffic management system for vehicles going under the bridge. LCC & County Councillor Fillis will be notified of suggested improvements.**
 - k) Notification of the review of public rights of way improvement plan for Lancashire – **The Council believe that the plan should protect grass verges for vulnerable road users eg: walkers, horse-riders, cyclists and joggers as on many rural roads there are no footways. Also, people should be prevented from obstructing grass verges whilst other routes eg: Mill Lane – around the back of the Quarry – Skull House Lane – public footpath up to Finch Lane and the School – this route could be improved and enhanced for use by children, people with prams and to enable safe access to the school. Next Agenda.**
 - l) Request that the Parish Council apply for a Definitive Map Modification Order to upgrade Public Footpath No.21 to a bridleway – **The Parish Council are extremely disappointed that, after pursuing this upgrade for in excess of 5 years, the Borough Council are now asking the Parish Council to apply for the map modification order to upgrade the route to a bridleway. Resolved: The Parish Council will apply for the upgrade.**
 - m) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations
 - i) Update on parking at Mossfields – **Due to circumstances beyond the control of West Lancs. BC there has been a hold up and if the work has not commenced by mid-November then the work will not start until after the Christmas holidays.**
 - ii) Copy of the replies from County Councillor Fillis to the emails received regarding the 3 priorities raised by residents – **Noted. It was once again suggested that parking associated with the use of the railway station could be eased if the Pad was used as additional parking for commuters.**
 - iii) Response from Borough Councillor Baybutt to highway issues raised – **Noted.**

67. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Pedestrian Safety – Moss Lane – Councillor Hodgkinson requested this item and asked that the Parish Council suggest to LCC that they create a multi-purpose path through the copse of trees between the LCC Depot and the Courage Low Lane junction to allow walkers, cyclists, joggers and horse-riders to avoid the 4 blind bends in both directions and to improve highway safety for road users.
- Tumulus – Boars Den – Councillor Hodgkinson suggested the Parish Council investigate the possibility that signs could be displayed on the public right of way off Robin Hood Lane at Boars Den to indicate that this is the site of an iron age barrow/burial ground.

- Councillor Mrs Burton asked that the Parish Council request a green bin for use by members of the Bowling Club in Mossy Lea as this is a valuable Parish amenity.
- Councillor Johnson continues to correspond with West Lancs. BC officers regarding road sweeping and gully emptying in the Parish. West Lancs. BC officer Graham White met Councillor Johnson on site to discuss. It was suggested that it may be beneficial to hold his contact details on file. Councillor Johnson reinforced his opinion that the roads are not swept often enough and the lengthy delays between sweeps means the debris and detritus becomes compacted and more difficult to remove making it seem like road sweeping is ineffective.
- There is a metal bollard in the footway outside Dawber Delph Farm, to prevent motorists from parking, which is so rusty that it is not clearly visible and could be dangerous.
- The memorial bench on Church Lane is damaged and needs repairing. The bench was not located here by the Parish Council but by the family in memory of Patricia Ann Mather. The Council will ask Dave Proe for a price to repair and repaint the bench.
- Tunley URC officers now have a copy of the TPO for the trees between the car park and Chisnall Avenue and informed Councillor Johnson that they would be speaking to the Arborist at West Lancs. BC before taking any action.
- Residents living near the White Lion and St Joseph's school continue to have difficulty getting out of their drives and have problems with inconsiderate and double parking sometimes preventing the bus getting through. Parents double park and park on the pavements causing obstructions. The Police will be asked to patrol at school times.
- It was suggested the Parish Council enquire about the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at Crow Orchard, from the BP Garage/Mossy Lea Road junction to Back Lane side of the road.
- Councillor Hodgkinson distributed copies of a letter he had received from Peter Dickinson regarding the diversion of public footpaths off Robin Hood Lane at Boars Den. Footpaths 5, 5a & 5c. It was pointed out that the correspondence circulated as evidence related to a footpath diversion which had already taken place and that Councillors should be considering the diversion of the footpath which in effect puts the pond in the applicants garden, which it has never been in the past and, that the diverted path moves the access/exit closer to the highway than the original access/exit, a diversion which the Parish Council have strongly objected to. Councillors were asked to read this for discussion at the next Meeting.

68. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – LALC Area Committee Meeting** attended by Councillors Hodgkinson and Mrs Burton who confirmed that the Parish Council suggestion of working as a body is working well. It was reported that the Police will no longer be Policing Remembrance Day Parades. It was suggested that the Three Tier Forum be asked if they can facilitate any training for stewards at parades/events. There was also discussion about reviewing transport services in rural areas.
69. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – The Clerk confirmed that, Policing is in place, the road closure order is being processed and the invitations to neighbouring Parishes, Churches and uniformed organisations are ready to be sent as soon as confirmation of the road closure has been received. Refreshments will be purchased, wreaths are ordered and orders of service will be agreed with the presiding Clergyman. All arrangements remain ongoing.
70. **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY** – Before discussions began it was suggested that Councillor Gartside would be better serving as a Mossy Lea Ward Councillor as he now lives in Mossy Lea whereas at the time of his appointment he was living in Shevington. **Resolved: That Councillor Gartside is now a Mossy Lea Ward Councillor and that therefore the vacant position is for an Appley Bridge Ward Councillor.** The Clerk confirmed, and read aloud, the 3 applications received for this position. 2 applications were from applicants living in Appley Bridge and 1 application from an applicant in Mossy Lea. Following detailed discussions it was **Resolved: That Mr Greg Horrobin be appointed as the new Appley Bridge Ward Councillor for the remainder of the electoral period (until May 2015), with effect from the November Parish Council Meeting. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified.**
71. **STANDING ORDERS – Resolved:** In Accordance with Standing Order No 19, Standing Order No 18 was suspended to allow the remaining items of business to be conducted.

72. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Pre-Loved Clothes Sale, Saturday 1 November. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair, Sunday 23 November. Confirmation kitchen will be installed 29, 30, 31 October. Payment for 2 children's parties £75. Payment for Craft Class £15. Payment for Hot Pot Supper £30. It was confirmed that a bonfire is being held at St James's Church, the Clerk will ask if the kitchen units removed from the village hall can be put on the bonfire. If this is acceptable Councillor Hodgkinson will transport them to the bonfire. Councillor Johnson suggested that hanging basket type planters be attached to the fence. Planters can be obtained from Glasdon UK and a sum would have to be budgeted per annum for planting and maintenance which could possibly be undertaken by a local garden centre.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Cutting/pruning trees around the hall and car park was discussed and a tree surgeon has submitted a price of £280 to undertake the necessary work **Resolved: The contractor be instructed to proceed with the work required once it has been determined that the trees are neither TPO'd or in a conservation area.** The WI is not happy about the idea of a metal fence on the grass. The Clerk showed photographs taken on the Wednesday the Pensioners were in the hall which showed 1 car parked with its rear wheels clearly on the grass. It was then suggested that the fence be set back on the grass far enough to allow the back of a car to be over the grass but the wheels remain on the tarmac surface. It was suggested that it may be better to mark out the parking spaces on the car park and monitor the situation. The next Village Hall Committee Meeting will be held on 2 February 2015.

73. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2014/0934/FUL Conversion and extensions to existing outbuilding to form dwelling. Wakefield House, Carr House Lane, Wrightington. **No Objections.**
- 2) 2014/0956/OUT Outline – Detached house (including details of access and layout). 6 Toogood Lane, Wrightington. Councillor Mrs Burton left the room during discussions and voting. **No Objections.**
- 3) 2014/0997/FUL Retention of existing conservatory (Amendment to approved application 2004/1066) New first floor window to side elevation. 399 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **No Objections.**
- 4) 2014/1005/COU Change of use of land for keeping of horses. Land at the junction with Tunley Moss, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **No Objections.**
- 5) 2014/1006/COU Change of use of land for military outdoor adventure and retention of associated structures. Hesketh House Farm, Toogood Lane, Wrightington. Councillor Mrs Burton left the room during discussions and voting. **The Council strongly object to these proposals as they would be completely out of character with the rural nature of the area. The small plastic pellets can be found liberally scattered in the wood and extreme concern has been expressed as to the impact and effect these plastic pellets will have if ingested by the wildlife in the wood. The proposals will cause damage to the flora and fauna in the wood, some of which is protected eg: the bluebells. The ecological impact of these proposals will result in a change in the landscape over time and long term, irreversible damage to the woodland and the wildlife which will be forced out of their natural habitat.**
- 6) 2014/0895/OUT Outline – Construction of detached dwelling. 9 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge, Wrightington. **No Objections.**
- 7) 2014/1047/FUL Porch and new window opening to front elevation. Demolition of existing rear single storey structures and erection of part two storey/part single storey extension to rear. 1 Coalgate Cottages, Hall Lane, Wrightington. **No Objections.**

74. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Agenda for Area Committee Meeting 16 October – Copy of Accounts for year ending 31 March 2014 – Reminder that the AGM is on 8 November at 10am – Notification Lancs. County Council Parish Conference will be in Burnley on 21 March 2015 – Briefing Note from NALC on Amendment to NALC's 2013 Model Standing Orders (England) – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

West Lancs. BC	Lease for ABVH	£1.00
Heskin Plmg/Htg	Repairs to central heating thermostat ABVH	£100.00
AJW Joinery	Repairs to the hatch at ABVH	£150.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH	£69.47
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH	£215.54
Howdens Joinery Ltd	Kitchen Units for MLVH	£1589.84
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£618.92
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£4.00
OPSTA	Annual Subscriptions	£10.00
D/D Open Spaces Soc	Annual Subscriptions	£45.00

Receipts:

ABVH Committee	Quarterly Transfer	£1185.00
West Lancs. BC	2 nd Part Precept/Concurrent Exp.	£1655.50

Resolved: Payment and Receipt of the above accounts is approved.

76. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Minutes 62 to 76 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 November 2014.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:55 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Permission REFUSED for pair of semi-detached houses on land adjacent to 51 Skull House Lane.
- b) Permission GRANTED for retention of signs, singwriting and poster cases, The Waters Edge.
- c) Permission REFUSED for removal of dormer roof from bungalow and flat roof from garage. Replace with first floor extension over full width of bungalow & garage. 4 Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Permission GRANTED for MOT bay in auto repair workshop, building adj. to 7 Appley Lane North.
- e) Permission GRANTED for relocation of driveway and access. Thornleigh, 1 High Moor Lane.
- f) Permission GRANTED for replacement of existing buildings attached to Tunley Brook & Ashwood Barns with single detached garages. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane.
- g) Application WITHDRAWN for part two storey/part single storey extension to rear, porch and new window opening to front elevation. 1 Coalgate Cottages, Hall Lane.
- h) Confirmation LCC have cut back overgrown vegetation along Public Footpath No.5, Boars Den.
- i) Letter of thanks for Donation from Appley Bridge Pensioners.