

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15 December 2014 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr G Horrobin. Also present PC Lodge.

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.)

PC Lodge: Reported crime stats. PC Lodge was asked whether there were indications from senior officers that government cuts will lead to a reduction in manpower. Councillors believe that eventually crime figures will rise as manpower reduces. Councillor Mrs Burton reported an increase in speeding vehicles on Courage Low Lane and Toogood Lane. Police presence has increased in rural areas as crime figures increase. Councillor Horrobin would like to be included in emails detailing crime stats and Police info.

89. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Mr Johnson (prior commitment), Councillor Mr Gartside (prior commitment) and Councillor Mrs Kay (childcare).
90. **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/she has any interest in later matters he/she will declare it at that point.
91. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 17 November 2014 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
92. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing to report which will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

93. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 page 4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Confirmation work will commence at Mossfields on Monday 5 January 2015 – **Noted.**
- b) Request for your views on local transport needs, present and future, for public & private use – **It was reported that passengers of the 113 to Standish are often kept waiting, sometimes for just under an hour and this has happened on more than one occasion. It appears that the buses are not adhering to the timetables. Bus services in rural areas are already limited but maybe using a smaller bus, adapted for disabled users, would be more cost effective. It has also been suggested the passenger numbers would increase if bus routes were more direct. Routes are often lengthy and run at the convenience of the operator.**
- c) Response from County Councillor Fillis to a number of issues raised over recent months – Response to highways objections to further development at Herons Wharf – **It was reported that LCC were contacted when the initial planning application was submitted and the Parish Council believe that LCC did raise similar access issues to those raised by the Parish Council. It was suggested that Wigan Council had a statutory duty to contact the Highways Authority (LCC) and that, as they have not done so the permission may be unlawful. The Parish Council are very disappointed that both their observations and those of LCC have been disregarded. The traffic calming measures put in place with the initial development are a waste of time and highway safety remains compromised.**
- d) Request for a donation from Crossroads Care North West – **Resolved: A £25.00 donation.**
- e) Request for applications for Parish Capital Grants from West Lancs. BC – **Discussion took place on the possible options eg: Enhancements to the exterior at the Village Halls, possibly including planters at both Halls, white lining of the car park at Appley Bridge and installation of electrical barriers or bollards at the entrance to the car park to help**

- alleviate a long standing parking problem. Councillor Horrobin agreed to look into, and obtain, ideas and costings for different options to control access/egress at Appley Bridge**
- f) Confirmation West Lancs. BC concurrent grant 15/16 will remain unchanged + confirmation the council tax support grant will be paid over to Parishes – **For use at Budget Meeting.**
 - g) Invitation to the Chairman to attend the Lancashire Civic County Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2015 at 6:30pm – **Councillor Mrs Burton will respond.**
 - h) Confirmation new website is up/running and work to bring it up to date will continue – **Noted.**
 - i) Info. on the Free Christmas Day Lunches available in the Parish (posters in Notice Boards).
 - j) Notification VIP are hoping to set up a project to deliver training and awareness sessions in the use of tablet devices, I-pads or android based systems – **The Parish Council will confirm their support and suggest it may possible to use the Village Halls for delivery.**
 - k) Parish Councils urged to become freeze fighters – **Posters in the Notice Boards.**
 - l) Letter of resignation from Councillor Mrs Patterson – **Resolved: Resignation is accepted.**
 - m) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations
 - i) Request for a donation from the Open Spaces Society – **Resolved: No Donation.**
 - ii) The Clerk reported a telephone call from Ms Jayne Bradbury regarding making a presentation to the Parish Council regarding the possibility of the Pension Fund she represents addressing parking problems in the Parish – **The Parish Council cannot enter these discussions as they are neither the planning authority nor are they the highways authority. Furthermore, in the interests of openness and transparency, the Parish Council do not hold private meetings.**

94. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The Parish Council will report the problems with the 113 bus service to LCC.
- It was reported that the fence adjacent to the public footpath which runs from opposite Skull House Lane to the School at Finch Lane, has fallen over and requires re-erecting. Councillor Horrobin agreed to speak to the supposed landowner and report back.
- It was suggested that some attention be given to the play area at Appley Lane South.

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

96. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Payment for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair £40. Payment for Craft Class £15. Notification the Village Hall is required for Polling on Thursday 7 May 2015.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Village Hall Committee Meeting 2 February 2015. A quotation was received for tree work required to remove dead and dying branches and thin out the tree tops to allow more light and better growing conditions for the grass beneath of £280.00. Councillor Mrs Burton declared an interest in this matter and took no part in the discussion or the vote on whether the work should go ahead.

Resolved: That the works go ahead before the spring growth begins.

97. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2014/0927/FUL Two storey side and rear extension and internal alterations. 11 Millbank, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2014/1174/ADV Siting of two advertisement flag poles. IKO Plc, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2014/1149/FUL Demolition of existing garage, erection of two storey side extension & single storey rear extension. 141 Mossy Lea Rd, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 4) 2014/1275/FUL Erection of single storey detached double garage. 12 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: The Parish Council has No Objections if the applicant proposes to access the garage from Spring Bank however, if the applicant intends to access the garage from Apple Hey, the Parish Council Object to this as it will compromise highway safety of those living in the cul-de-sac.**
- 5) 2014/1288/FUL Variation of condition no.2 imposed on planning permission 2013/0263/FUL to allow the removal of plan reference DH BY PL 001 Rev A replaced by plan reference DH BY PL 100 EXT and plan reference DH BY PL 200 EXT – House type revised so single storey rear extension can be added. Motacroft Engineering Ltd, Mill Lane, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**

98. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Copy Minutes from the LALC Area Committee Meeting and Agenda for the forthcoming Meeting 15 January 2015 – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

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| Mrs J Rogers | Reimburse refreshments expenses Remembrance Sunday | £12.48 |
| Royal British Legion | Payment for Wreaths x 7, Remembrance Day | £175.00 |
| SLCC | Annual Membership 50% (£149- shared with CRPC) | £74.50 |
| Mrs C A Cross | Reimburse cost of flash drive to store Parish Council docs. | £13.49 |
| Mrs C A Cross | Reimburse Water Charges paid between meetings – ABVH | £62.86 |
| British Gas | Gas supplied at MLVH | £246.10 |
| E.on | Electricity at ABVH | £91.85 |
| Standish Print | Printing for Remembrance Day Order of Service | £18.00 |
| Chubb Fire Ltd | Servicing of Fire Extinguishers at ABVH | £66.48 |
| Mrs C A Cross | Clerk's Salary – Net | £618.92 |
| HM Rev. & Customs | Tax due by Clerk | £4.00 |

Receipts:

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| West Lancs. BC | Capital Bid – Kitchen MLVH | £1800.00 |
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Resolved: Payment and Receipt of the above accounts is approved.

100. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 January at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 89 to 100 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 January 2015.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:50 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Outline Permission REFUSED for detached house. 6 Toogood Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Permission GRANTED for retention of conservatory. New first floor window to side elevation. 399 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- c) Permission GRANTED for partial re-plan of planning permission 2013/0263/FUL to erect 6 dwellings (comprising of plot substitution to plot 35 and single storey extension to plot 35). Millbank House, Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge.
- d) Permission GRANTED for 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.
- e) Outline Permission REFUSED for construction of detached dwelling all matters reserved. 9 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- f) Permission GRANTED for provision of ramp to main entrance. St Joseph's Church, Wrightington.
- g) PNC Details REFUSED for application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house. Boggart House Farm, High Moor Lane, Wrightington.
- h) Notification from Chorley BC that a retrospective application for change of use from Agricultural Barn to an office, storage and entertainment venue. Swifts House Farm, Bentley Lane, Heskin.
- i) Notification of completion of examining authority's examination at Whitemoss Landfill site.
- j) Details of West Lancs. BC opening/closing times over Christmas and New Year
- k) Notification of road closure – Chorley Road, Parbold from its junction with Robin Lane to its junction with Bentley Lane, Parbold. Monday 23 Feb 2015-Friday 27 Feb 2015 – carriageway patching.
- l) Notification of road closure – Hill House Fold Lane from its junction with Courage Low Lane to its junction with Robin Hood Lane, Monday 2 Feb 2015-Wednesday 4 Feb 2015, highway drainage work