

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 April 2015 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr P Gartside, and Mr J 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.)

Public Present – Reported that there had been quite a considerable turnout at the recent residents meeting. It was reported that the Parish Council had not directly received a copy of the letter detailing the residents meeting however a copy had been emailed by a concerned resident of Appley Bridge to the Clerk. It was confirmed that the Parish Council are familiar with the originator of the letter, Ms Bradbury, who has been to a Parish Council Meeting to try to influence the Parish Council on a number of matters about which the Parish Council could do nothing. At the residents meeting Ms Bradbury reported how she was able to help the community and what she was going to do. Councillor Mrs Burton suggested that the land in question near the school could be donated to the school however Ms Bradbury said that the school could not afford the land and the work which went with it. As far as the Parish Council are aware no plans have as yet been submitted for her proposals in the Parish. It was confirmed that the proposal is to create an access almost opposite Skull House Lane, following the route of the public footpath, where a car park will be created at the rear of the houses on Appley Lane North providing parking for rail-users. Further up this route towards the school a car park will be created for parents and visitors to the school. Those present have deduced that the landowner is looking to create an access road from Appley Lane North/Skull House Lane through to Finch Lane the creation of which will open up access to Escalibur land for development. The proposals also indicate that double yellow lines will be put in place on Finch Lane. It was confirmed that the Parish Council has been trying for 20+ years to deal with parking problems in Appley Bridge. The most appropriate piece of land for use as a car park is the piece of land adjacent to the railway. This land was once owned by British Rail but was sold some considerable time ago to Maguire's. Both the Parish Council and the residents of Appley Bridge believed that the PAD would be handed over to the Community once transportation of goods ceased, this would have been the ideal location for a commuter's car park. This never happened and the parking problems are now horrendous. Many of the residents present suggested double yellow lines should be in place for the whole length of Appley Lane North. Those present are of the opinion that there is a real threat to Green Belt Land in Appley Bridge from this developer claiming that parking problems can be resolved. The Clerk read aloud Mr Barrett, LCC Officer's, letter informing the Council that, as a short term solution LCC are looking at installing intermittent lengths of double yellow lines which will effectively create passing places however, in the long term the letter suggests the creation of off-street parking as part of a s106 agreement with a developer in connection with future developments. The Parish Council, and the residents present, were very unhappy and disappointed with the implications in this letter and will respond to Mr Barrett expressing their disappointment. A resident who had delivered the letters relating to the residents meeting on behalf of Ms Bradbury expressed her embarrassment at having been 'taken in' by Ms Bradbury's plans to set up a residents association. A representative of the school confirmed that All Saints School has refused to work with Ms Bradbury because she appears to tell different people different things. The letters received indicate that if the school do not agree to the parking provisions Ms Bradbury is proposing, arrangements will be made to fence off the land they currently use for parking. Ms Bradbury would have liked to have the school, the Church and the Parish Council on board however her actions to date have alienated them. Ms Bradbury said that the school had approached her to alleviate their parking problems. In order to do this a significant amount of trees opposite Skull House Lane were removed very quickly as Ms Bradbury said that a roundabout would be created and, in order to pay for the work required to create car parking, development of Escalibur Ltd land would need to be undertaken. This is totally out of the question and the residents of Appley Bridge do not want to see Green Belt land sacrificed to developers. There is serious concern that any development of this type would open the flood gates for further development and erosion of the Green Belt. It was confirmed that there is a report by Escalibur Ltd on West Lancs. BC website included as part of the Green Belt Study in connection with the

release of Green Belt Land in Appley Bridge to alleviate parking problems and to make several junctions safer. The Parish Council will question the status of this report. Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that, if or when Escalibur submit a planning application, the residents would like to call a public meeting the Parish Council will support them.

140. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillor Johnson (illness).
141. **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.
142. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 16 March 2015 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
143. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing to report which will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
144. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**  
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 page 4/5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Notification that the external Audit of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2015 will take place on 27 July 2015 – **Noted.**
- b) Notification of Seminar/Workshop – Standards Regime and Code of Conduct – Thursday 14 May 2015, 7pm, Council Offices, Derby Street, Ormskirk – **Councillors will try to attend.**
- c) Current position and response to parking issues at Mossfields reported following the March Meeting – **Residents are finding it difficult to police the new parking facility and they feel correspondence would be more beneficial if it came from West Lancs. BC officials.**
- d) Negative response to green bin request for use by the Hinds Head Bowling Club – **Noted.**
- e) Response from Shevington PC to report about litter bin on play area opposite shops in Shevington – **This problem is in hand – Noted.**
- f) Response to request for large scale public rights of way maps for display in the Parish – **A licence is required to copy Ordnance Survey maps. One of the Parish Councillors does have a licence to use Ordnance Survey maps, the Clerk will ask if this will allow the maps to be copied and displayed.**
- g) Copy correspondence from Lancs. Highway Services, LCC, in relation to parking concerns on Appley Lane North, received via Rosie Cooper MP – **Following discussions at the commencement of this meeting there is extreme concern about the final paragraph of Mr Barrett, LCC Officer's letter which implies that the long term parking problems in the Parish could be alleviated by the creation of some off-road parking as part of a s106 agreement on future development in Appley Bridge. Both the residents and the Parish Council are concerned that the possible future development referred to is likely to be on land, managed by Escalibur Ltd, which is Green Belt Land. Resolved: The Parish Council will question the long term solution proposed by Mr Barrett and will ask West Lancs. BC planning, what significance is given to the Report from Excalibur Ltd on the release of Green Belt Land in Appley Bridge for development.**
- h) Notification that £227.72 CIL money is available for transfer to the Parish Council to be spent in accordance with CIL Regulation 59C – **Following enquiries it has been determined that CIL money can be spent on white-lining the car park at Appley Bridge Village Hall. Resolved – The Parish Council will accept this money and use it to mark out the car park at Appley Bridge Village Hall. A report will be prepared at the end of the financial year to indicate the amount of CIL money received and how it has been spent.**
- i) Report of poor state of telephone box on Mossy Lea Road and a request for Parish Council assistance in making BT undertake the necessary repairs and painting – **Resolved – The Parish Council will contact BT about this matter.**

- j) Advance warning notes for the Ironman 2015 event – 19 July 2015 – **Noted.**
- k) Info. on Streetlife, local social network hoping to build stronger local communities – **Noted.**
- l) Info. from the Commons Chair for the Speakers Advisory Group for the 2015 Anniversaries within the Houses of Parliament – **Noted.**
- m) Request for your views on the importance of, improvement of, liaison between CPPRE & Parish Councils – **Noted and will be kept on file.**
- n) Request for donation from Action for Children – **Resolved: Noted and will be kept on file.**
- o) Enquiry whether you wish to opt in to Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme for 2015/16 – **This information will remain on file, no take up at the moment.**
- p) Notification from a resident of Appley Bridge of the recent circulation/delivery of a letter headed – Call for Group Members – Appley Bridge Residents Group – which is believed to be headed by the lady representative of the Pension fund which holds responsibility for a significant amount of land in Appley Bridge which they would like to develop – **Noted following detailed discussions on this matter in Open Forum.**
- q) Request from Alt-Crossens Intermediate Drainage Group for a donation from each Parish Council to commence the activities of the group – **Resolved: Following discussions the Parish Council will be withdrawing from attending these meetings.**
- r) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – **Nothing to report.**

#### 145. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The contractor will be asked to repair the bench at the junction of Moss Lane and Hall Lane.

146. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** - Nothing to report by Parish Councillors. The Clerk reported that following her nomination for services to the community of Lancashire she will be attending the Queen's Buckingham Palace Garden Party on Wednesday 20 May 2015.

147. **ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN FOR FORTHCOMING YEAR AND REVIEW DOCUMENTATION IN PARISH COUNCILLORS INFORMATION PACK – Resolved** - **The Parish Council act in accordance with the terms of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Localism Act 2011 and accept the Annual Audit Plan for the forthcoming year. Documents in the Parish Councillors information pack were reviewed. Documentation will be re-adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in May 2015.**

#### 148. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Breast Cancer Awareness Day £30 + Craft Classes £60.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Nothing specific to report.

Funding bids towards the cost of defibrillators were successful, they have now been purchased, and are ready for installation, one in each village hall, following which training will be arranged. Councillor Mrs Burton reported that she had been informed that the Borough Councillors have secured a defibrillator for use in the Parish. The Council felt disappointed that the Borough Councillors had not involved the Parish Council in any discussions as to the location. The defibrillator will be located outside Pesto at the Dicconson Arms. The Parish Council think it would be a good idea to try to locate another defibrillator in the Mossy Lea Ward, possibly near the Pensioners Hall, which would serve the Pensioners Hall, the Church, Rivaj, the Industrial Estate. Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to speak to Huws Grey to see if they will sponsor the purchase of a defibrillator for Mossy Lea

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

- 1) 2015/0223/FUL Two storey rear extension. 16 Toogood Lane, Wrightington – **The Parish Council Object to these proposals as they have a severe detrimental impact on the neighbour's property. The applicant is proposing to tie his extension into the existing party wall of the neighbour's house, without their permission to do so. Should they choose to build a separate end wall to the extension this will significantly narrow the party access ginnell. Furthermore, there are concerns that the water run-off from the proposed apex roof will put additional pressure on the neighbour's flat roof.**
- 2) 2015/0224/FUL Extension to rear enlarging original outrigger. Grove House, Hall Lane,

- (Case 1712219) Wrightington. **No Objections.**
- 3) 2015/0285/FUL Single storey extensions on west side of property, two storey extension on east side of property, creation of front porch and provision of pitched roof over existing bay window and over front of existing garage. 16 Glenside, Appley Bridge. **No Objections.**
- 4) 2015/0291/FUL Conversion of an existing conservatory to an orangery on the same footprint. (Case 1712226) Highmoor Lodge, Broadhey Lane, Parbold. **No Objections.**
- 5) 2015/0296/FUL To build a garage in replacement of the large Dutch Barn. The Old Carriage (Case 1712228) House, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **No Objections.**
- 6) Notification of amendment to 2014/1191/FUL – Proposed roof lift with dormers front and rear, (Case 1712230) various internal and external alterations. Pitched roof to garage and (the amendment) a dropped kerb. 128 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – **No Objections.**

**150. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS - Notification of, and copy Agenda, for the Area Committee Meeting on Thursday 23 April, 7:30 pm, Council Offices, Ormskirk – Copy March 2015 Newsletter – Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson will attend the Area Committee Meeting on 23 April.**

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

**For Payment:**

The Defib Pad	2 x Defibrillators for MLVH & ABVH	£2124.00
SSP CW Tech. Ltd	2 x Lockable boxes for the defibrillators	£240.00
Mrs J Rogers	Honorarium – Booking Secretary ABVH	£200.00
Mrs E Armstrong	Honorarium – Treasurer ABVH	£200.00
Mrs C A Cross	Honorarium - Booking Secretary MLVH	£200.00
Mrs C Hodgkinson	Honorarium – Treasurer MLVH	£200.00
Mr G Ross	Honorarium – Website, creation and maintenance	£240.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABHV	£897.58
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH	£195.49
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of paper towels & toilet rolls for MLVH	£43.20
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£618.92
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£4.00

**Receipts:**

West Lancs. BC	1 <sup>st</sup> Part Parish Precept	£8388.00
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**Resolved: Payment and Receipt of the above accounts is approved.**

**152. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 18 May 2015  
Mossy Lea Village Hall

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 May 2015 at Mossy Lea Village Hall – Annual Parish Meeting at 7:00pm  
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 140 to 152 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 May 2015.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:35 pm

Chairman:

Date:

**REPORT 1**

- Notification permission granted for two storey side and rear extension. Pitched roof to replace flat roof on existing single storey extension and internal alterations. 11 Millbank, Appley Bridge.
- Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension. 78 Appley Lane North.
- Notification permission granted for extensions and alterations. Long Acre, Moss Lane, Wrightington.

- d) Notification permission granted for change of use of part of an existing barn to a teaching kitchen. Barn at South Tunley Hall, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- e) Notification listed building consent granted for change of use of part of an existing barn to a teaching kitchen. Barn at South Tunley Hall, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- f) Notification permission granted for variation of conditions to add additional material to those specified to include a section of render to part of the side and rear elevations. Wrightington Hospital.
- g) Confirmation that the single storey extension under construction at the r/o 321 Mossy Lea Road is permitted development.
- h) Notification of a Parish Council Network Event – an Arts event on 26 June – for information.
- i) Consultation on Draft Lancashire Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan – observations discussed at the last meeting will be submitted re: obstructions on highway verges.
- j) Notes of West Lancs. Three Tier Forum held on 4 March.
- k) Copy Briefing Note on Subsidised/Commercial Local Bus Services in West Lancs.
- l) Right at Home Newsletter – Spring 2015
- m) Copy CPRE Fieldwork
- n) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.