

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 October 2015 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

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.)

With no members of the public present there were no reports received.

62. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Mr J Clinch (car accident) and also from PC Lodge.
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 – 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.
64. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 September 2015 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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing specific to report that 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 3 - ACCEPTED

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Response to Highway Matters raised – The 40mph limit on Robin Hood Lane is currently with Legal – The Police did not support reductions in speed limits on Moss Lane, Courage Low Lane and Toogood Lane – Ice warning signs on Mossy Lea Road will be re-assessed and re-erected as necessary – Intermittent yellow lines on Appley Lane North have been consulted on, 1 objection received, possible approval in November with a hope to implement around Christmas – LCC officers will investigate HGV usage on Skull House Lane – **Noted.**
- b) Notification of options and shortlisted projects for use of CIL funding for Infrastructure Projects in the Borough – **The Parish Council agree that the CIL money should be spent on the 5 projects suggested.**
- c) Notification that Wrightington Parish has received CIL receipts for use in accordance with CIL Regulation 59C in the Parish. Pre-empting questions which may be raised this evening the Clerk contacted West Lancs. BC to enquire whether it may be possible to use this money towards a possible extension at Mossy Lea Village Hall – **A positive response to this request has been received and therefore, the Parish Council will begin to look at the possibilities with regard to the design of an extension, the cost and possible other funding sources.**
- d) Letters of complaint/objection to proposed upgrading of footpath 21, Moss Lane-Mossy Lea Road, from a landowner over which the public right of way passes and from footpath users – **The Clerk reported that 13 letters/emails had been received to date. Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson confirmed that they had attended a site meeting on this footpath with LCC officers however this was over 5 years ago. It was confirmed that the self-made stile has been reported to LCC. It was confirmed that the obstruction will prevent all the items mentioned on the sign at the end of the footpath from using it. The Parish Council reported that there are currently no bridleways in Wrightington Parish. It was confirmed by the Parish Council that LCC are, and always have been, the decisions makers when it comes to the status of rights of way. It was Resolved: that all emails and letters of objection received will be forwarded to LCC for consideration when**

making their decision regarding the possible upgrading of this route from a public footpath to a bridleway.

- e) West Lancs. BC Free Tree Scheme for 2015 – **Noted.**
- f) Request for Parish Council Reps on the West Lancs. Conservation Area Advisory Panel – **No Parish Councillors wish to be involved in this.**
- g) Note of thanks for your donation from Appley Bridge Pensioners – **Noted.**
- h) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Notification of a road closure order on Carr House Lane on 30 November whilst Tree Cutting Work is undertaken – **Noted.** ii) Copy of correspondence from a resident of Robin Hood Lane regarding a request from LCC for removal of the stones on the grass verge at this address – **The grass verge forms part of the highway and if an accident or incident occurred which resulted in damage to a vehicle the insurance company may say the homeowner is liable. It is also understood however, that damage to a well-tended grass verge can be frustrating for the homeowner. Resolved: That this decision be left to LCC.** iii) A letter from VIP regarding the November Networking Meeting – **Noted with apologies.**

67. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Faulty street lights on Church Lane will be checked and reported again if necessary.
- The grass opposite the Pensioners Hall has been cut, possibly by West Lancs. BC.
- The top coat of tarmac on Sandersons Lane has eroded away, down to the basecoat. The surface is now very slippery and could prove dangerous in freezing weather.

68. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillor Mrs Burton reported on a very interesting Area Committee Meeting with discussions on events arranged to encourage people to use and visit the canal network in Lancashire. The Parish Champion was present and reported that LCC cuts will severely impact on Care for the Elderly. It was also reported that there is less funding available for Policing in Lancashire than in any other areas in the Country.

69. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Reminder - Sunday 8 November 2015. Policing is in place. Road closure order applied for. Service and wreaths arrangements on-going – **Noted.**

70. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-long Friday 6 November – Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 29 November 2015. Craft classes £60. Christening Booked £40. Mrs Burton £30.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Central heating problems.

Gas Central Heating Services will be arranged for both Village Halls.

71. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2015/0962/FUL Variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission 2013/0158/FUL to vary the approved plans. Acrefield House, 17A Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington – **Due to the close working relationship between the applicant and Parish Councillors all Councillors declared an interest in the application. No discussion took place.**
- 2) 2015/0919/FUL Part two storey/part single storey rear extension. 3 Coronet Close, Appley Bridge. (Case 1812168) **No Objections.**
- 3) 2015/0977/FUL First floor extension over existing single storey. 11 South Drive, Appley Bridge. (Case 1812170) **No Objections.**
- 4) 2015/0997/FUL One pair of semi-detached houses (two storey) (resubmission of 2014/0666/FUL). (Case 1812172) Land adjacent to 51 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge. **No Objections.**
- 5) 2015/1024/FUL To build a garage in replacement of the large dutch barn. The Old Carriage House, (Case 1812174) Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **No Objections.**
- 6) AMENDMENT to 2015/0552/OUT – Erection of a single detached dwelling including details of means of access. Revised access to the existing Vicarage to be constructed requiring engineering works to provide a suitable levelled platform. All Saints Vicarage, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge – The amendment states that the original description did not include engineering works. **No Objections.**

72. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Next Area Committee Meeting
15 October 2015 – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

Wrightington Pensioners' Welfare Association	Donation	£100.00
Standish Print Co.	Copying and Stationery	£10.40
West Lancs. BC	Rent for ABVH	£1.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH	£405.34
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH	£89.08
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£618.92
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£4.00
D/D Open Spaces Soc	Annual Subscriptions	£45.00

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	2 nd half of the Concurrent Contributions	£1655.50
ABVH Committee	Quarterly Transfer	£1169.00

Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved.

74. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 November 2015 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 62 to 74 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 November 2015.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 8:40 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification details refused for application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – Change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (use Class C3) and for associated operational development. Boggart House Farm, High Moor Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for single storey, front side and rear extensions. Installation of windows and doors. Moss View Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- c) Notification permission refused to convert stable block to one bedroom single storey bungalow. Tunley Moss Stables, Tunley Moss, Wrightington.
- d) Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension, reconfigured fenestration and chimney breast to North elevation. Lower Broadhurst Farm, 8 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
- e) Notification West Lancs. Borough Councils HomeFinder service has set up a new page on Facebook.
- f) Confirmation from West Lancs. BC that clean aluminium foil, foil food containers and foil trays can now be recycled in the blue bin or blue box.
- g) Notification that a new document guiding how West Lancs. BC will determine planning applications for minor developments within the Green Belt has been adopted by the Council.
- h) Confirmation that the reported overgrowth along the route of footpath 21 has now been cleared.
- i) Confirmation the reported obstruction on footpath 21 will be inspected.
- j) Notification of a consultation on the Wigan Allocations and Development Management Local Plan.