

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 April 2016 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mrs J Burton, Mr J Clinch, Mr C House and 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.)

Public Present – Reported – the manhole cover near Gibson's Garage, Mossy Lea Road, is causing a noise nuisance. The recently installed edge of carriageway markers on Carr House Lane are of the small, flexible type which are not clearly visible when in the car and are therefore easily missed and, the flexibility means that they are unlikely to stop anyone from leaving the carriageway and going into the ditch. The ice sign at the junction of Carr House Lane and Whittle Bottoms has been lying on the grass for approx. 6 months. It was reported the kerb edge has been repaired on Tunley Lane.

140. **APOLOGIES** - Were received from PC Lodge.

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 – **Councillor Mrs Burton declared an interest in Accounts (Dale Burton – work at Appley Bridge VH).** 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.

142. **MINUTES** – Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21 March 2016 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record & signed by the Chairman.

143. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Land ownership details – The Chairman reported that responses to land ownership enquiries at the Land Registry in relation to derelict land on Mill Lane and the wooded area of land on Moss Lane will be available in approximately 1 week.
ABCAGE Meeting – It was confirmed that no follow up Minutes/reports had been received in relation to the Meeting with the owners of the Quarry at the beginning of April.

144. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Item g) - Copy of the Severe Weather Update Bulletin – Councillor Johnson raised issues about the number of pot-holes reported and the number repaired and, that the depth of a pot-hole deemed necessary for repair must be in excess of 40mm. Councillor Johnson confirmed he will continue to pursue street cleaning issues.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Notification external Audit of accounts for year ending 31/3/16 takes place 25/7/16 – **Noted.**
- b) Current position with regard to fencing, stones and stone planter in the lay-by Hall Lane – **It was confirmed that this is an LCC highways issue and, that there is no licence in place for the fencing, stones and stone planter and, that the property owner has been instructed to remove them – Noted and will be monitored.**
- c) Advance warning for the Ironman 2016 event – 17 July 2016 – **Councillor Mrs Burton reported that she had personally written to the organisers following an incident of foul and abusive language last year. Resolved – The Parish Council will confirm that a number of local businesses will be detrimentally affected by the road closures on one of the busiest days of the week during summer. If this year's race does not go more smoothly than in previous years, the Parish Council will be forced to withdraw their support for the event and will request an amended route excluding the Parish of Wrightington.**

- d) Current position re: obstruction of public footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road – **It was reported that LCC have instructed the party who installed the obstruction that it must be removed by 29th April. Councillors reported that there are still a lot of cut branches, litter and dog fouling at the Wrightington Country Club end of the footpath. Also, a child tripped and fell on the footpath and a branch penetrated skin on his face.**
- e) Copy confirmation of the order for Diversion of part of public footpath No.5, Wrightington – **The request to display the notice in Parish Council Notice Boards seems ridiculous as none of them are close to this site. It will be suggested they be displayed on lamp-posts.**
- f) Enquiry whether you wish to opt in to Public Rights of Way Local Delivery Scheme 2016/17 – **Resolved – The Parish Council will not be opting in to this scheme.**
- g) Response from Upholland PC to the suggestion that the s106 money available to be spent on creating new or improving areas of existing public open space in Wrightington & Upholland, be used to improve or enhance the play equipment at Appley Lane South – **Councillors, having been copied into the email exchange with the Clerk to Upholland Parish Council, confirmed that they could understand that this was an unusual situation and, following the boundary changes which brought part of Upholland into the Wrightington Ward, understood why they had been consulted on this matter. The Parish Council await the outcome of discussions at the Upholland Parish Council Meeting but, will enquire as to the possibility of sharing the s106 monies allocated from this development.**
- h) Notification of a temporary road closure order on Mossy Lea Road, between 8.00am and 5.00pm, Tuesday 10 May 2016 until Friday 10 June 2016, or until completion of the works, to enable carriageway resurfacing works to take place – **Councillors and the public present will pass on this information to anyone they think will benefit from it.**
- i) Enquiry why the Parish Council feel they cannot alter the position with regard to Wrightington being in West Lancashire rather than in Wigan – **The Parish Council discussed this matter and concluded that if, or when, this matter comes up for discussion the question would have to be considered on its merits, after detailed consideration of the benefits and detriments of the proposed changes and, following full consultation with other neighbouring Parishes and the residents of Appley Bridge and Wrightington.**
- j) Request for additional information with regard to highway matters reported last month – **Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to ascertain the specific addresses on Robin Hood Lane.**
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Response from LCC to the Parish Councils observations on the diversion of public footpath No.9 – **Noted.** ii) The Clerk reported the accident statistics for the roundabout at junction 27 – **Noted.** iii) An enquiry whether Wrightington Parish Councillors would be interested in attending a Planning Training Event if West Lancs. BC would agree to arrange one – **It was confirmed that some Councillors would be interested in attending.**

145. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- 1) It was reported that the overgrowth on the old highway at the rear of the BP garage still needs cutting back to improve access to this route. The route is also strewn with litter and rubbish. Councillors confirmed that LCC reclaimed the land many years ago but then left it to deteriorate then, West Lancs. BC took up the tidying and planting project as a “Gateway Project”. The route has now become neglected and inaccessible due to the overgrowth. Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to pursue this with a contact at Groundwork.
- 2) The reported pot-hole on Mill Lane has been patched but the remainder of Mill Lane is poor.
- 3) Public Footpath 23a/23b – Mossy Lea Road to Tunley Lane, Tunley Lane through the fields at the rear of The Coach House, South Tunley Farm. At the Mossy Lea Road end, the sign on the wooden post has broken off and is lying in the grass. At the other end of the footpath the route goes across the field and behind the pond. Way markers/fingerposts are required to indicate the route. It was also reported that it is difficult to walk some of these paths when the crops are growing because landowners do not flatten the crop to indicate the route across the fields, in effect obstructing the route with crops.
- 4) There are “Kill Your Speed Not a Cyclist” signs on Meadow Lane, Rufford. The Council will enquire who erected them and did they require permission and if so, from whom.
- 5) A litter pick will be requested on Moss Lane.

- 6) It was confirmed that spray painted double white line markings on the edge of the pavement near Mossfields are, so that LCC do not forget where things are when they resurface the road.
- 7) Additional dog fouling posters are required for display around the Parish.

- 146. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – VIP Annual General Meeting** – was attended by Councillor Johnson and was an interesting meeting.
- 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 2016.

148. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – A new monitor for the CCTV is required. The Clerk confirmed that she is meeting representatives of AGE UK and Lancs. Adult Education to discuss the provision of computer courses. It was reported that the wooden ladder in the village hall is dangerous and should be disposed of. The Council **Resolved** – **That a new metal multi-purpose ladder be purchased.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – It was suggested that the small soiled area around the tree in the corner of the car park could also be planted at the same time as the planters on the fencing. It was confirmed that the work undertaken recently to clear, clean and tidy the village hall grounds has made a huge difference. The contractor has quoted an additional £120.00 to complete the work. **Resolved** – **The contractor will be instructed to complete the work at the village hall.** It was reported that the tree roots on the right hand side of the village hall appear to be putting pressure on the wall between the village hall grounds and the walking access to the houses on Lowther Terrace. The Clerk will inform West Lancs. BC of this fact. Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that she has a wooden bench stored at her property which could be located on the grassed area. This will be considered for the future. It was confirmed that the next Village Hall Committee Meeting will take place on Monday 27 June at 8 pm.

Defibrillators and Baby Changing Stations have now been fitted in both Village Halls. Quotations will be obtained by Councillors for painting both halls. The Clerk will contact Dave Proe to request a price.

149. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2016/0382/FUL Demolition of existing rear outbuilding and erection of detached summer house. 10 (Case 1917418) Spring Bank, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 2) 2016/0383/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing rear outbuilding, erection of detached summer house. 10 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 3) 2016/0341/FUL Extensions and alterations to include dormers to front and rear elevations creating accommodation at first floor level. Single storey extension to rear. 1A, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 4) 2016/0331/FUL Demolition of part of the existing building and park home and erection of a single detached bungalow. Land adjacent to 7, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**

- 150. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Notification of, and copy Agenda, for the Area Committee Meeting on Thursday 21 April, 7:30 pm, Council Offices, Ormskirk – Notification of ‘Effective Meetings’ Workshop, 14 June 2016, 7pm-9pm – Notification the Spring Conference 2016 will be held on Saturday 14 May 2016, 10am-4pm – **Resolved** – **The Clerk will attend the Spring Conference on 14 May.**

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

For Payment:

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, updating and maintenance	£240.00

Cornwell Constn.	Roof and downspout repairs – MLVH	£423.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABHV	£1,504.90
Dale Burton	Removing leaves, branches, debris and detritus. Cleaning out Gutters, blocked drains and flags. Skip Hire and removal to skip	£285.00
Huws Gray	Materials to fit defibrillators and baby changing stations	£27.46
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£622.92
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	NIL

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	1 st Part Parish Precept	£8287.00
ABVH Committee	End of year transfer	£1070.00

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

The Clerk will forward all updated documentation for the website after it is approved in May. The Minutes will be brought up to date. Details of the defibrillators, the planters for the village halls and all telephone numbers will be checked. A short discussion on whether the Parish Council should continue to pay for all the wreaths laid by organisations at the Remembrance Day Service took place. This is something for consideration and possible discussion at a future date.

152. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, will be held on Monday 16 May 2016 at Appley Bridge Village Hall 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 16 May 2016 at 7.30pm.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10.00 pm

Chairman:

Date:

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- a) Notification permission granted for retention of existing outbuilding/gym. Internal alterations and external wall material change to existing garage (retrospective). 329 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for external refurbishment of forecourt shop. BP Connect, Crow Orchard Service Station, Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington.
- c) Notification permission granted for two storey front extension. Extension of existing garage, 1st floor extension over. Extension over existing single storey rear extension. 15 The Grove, Appley Bridge.
- d) Notification of Annual Code of Conduct Seminar & Workshop. Tuesday 12 July 2016, 6.30pm-8.00pm, Council Chamber, Derby Street, Ormskirk.
- e) Notification of appeal against West Lancs. BC decision to refuse permission for variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission 2013/1158/FUL to vary the approved plans. Acrefield House, 17A Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
- f) Confirmation from County Councillor Fillis that hazard marker posts have now been installed at the edge of the carriageway on Carr House Lane.
- g) Copy of the Severe Weather Update Bulletin for information.
- h) Final recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission on the Electoral Review of Lancashire. Available to view <http://www.lgbce.org.uk/current-reviews/north-west/lancashire/lancashirecounty-council>. map available at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/5383>
- i) Notification elections for 1 Borough Councillor in Wrightington and a Police & Crime Commissioner.
- j) Confirmation the request for a bus-stop sign near Gibson's garage is being investigated.
- k) Press Release – re: lighting a beacon at Beacon Country Park on Thursday 21 April 2016 at 8.30pm, to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.
- l) Copy Open Spaces Society Spring Issue.
- m) Copy CPRE Fieldwork.
- n) CPRE Countryside Voice.