

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 June 2016 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

21. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Hodgkinson (Prior commitment).
22. **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 on the Agenda. 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.
23. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 May 2016 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
24. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific that will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
25. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 – ACCEPTED.

Item (g) – Flags for armed forces day – The Parish Council have agreed that they will purchase and fly flags in support of the armed forces on armed forces day however, it was confirmed that the Council will instruct a contractor to take them down to prevent them being damaged and, so that they can be used again next year or re-erected for Remembrance Day.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Response to request for West Lancs. BC Tree and Landscape Officer to inspect trees at ABVH – **The Tree Officer's response indicates that there is no immediate problem but that there could be in the future. Once the issue of responsibility for this has been determined the Parish Council will pursue this matter.**
- b) Confirmation that West Lancs. BC does not have the equipment to do a cut and lift at Mossy Lea Village Hall playing fields – **it was confirmed that the grass was cut again approx. 7-10 days ago, that the grass verge at the front of the village hall was given a rough cut whilst the grass at the rear of the village hall has not been cut at all. No strimming or weed killing appears to have been undertaken at all this time. Councillor Johnson reported that the LCC Depot on Moss Lane confirmed that cut backs mean that grass cutting is not being done. Road gullies are also blocked in many places in the Parish. Councillor Johnson walked down Mossy Lea Road to the Cornerhouse, back up to Broadhurst Lane, along Broadhurst Lane to the other end, back onto Mossy Lea Road and back past the village hall to his house. There were 13 gullies blocked along this route. Councillor Mrs Burton reported severe flooding during recent heavy rain in her house, in the paddock, and in her neighbour's house. This was due to the fact that all the gullies from the junction with Moss Lane down to her house on Courage Low Lane are blocked. The flooding was so bad the residents had to go for sand bags to keep the water out and had to try to unblock the gullies as they are so full and compacted that they will not take the water away. The residents cleaned out the gullies in January when their properties were last flooded, a gully sucker cleaned out 1 gully in March and nothing has been done since. All the gullies need checking and emptying regularly. It was confirmed that the water flows down Courage Low Lane on the opposite side of the road to the**

- ditch because the cutting to the ditch is blocked. It was also reported that the drain which crosses the road on Church Lane needs cleaning out as the road is flooding. The Clerk reported that discussions at the recent West Lancs. BC Clerk's Meeting revealed that West Lancs. BC will not be renewing their contract with LCC to undertake grass cutting in the Borough as a delegated function, with effect from the end of June. It was reported that the centre of the roundabout at junction 27 needs cutting back as the vegetation is now so high it obstructs site-lines. There is giant hogweed growing at the side of the slip road when exiting at junction 27 coming from the south. The branches of a very large elderberry tree are significantly overgrowing the footways on the opposite side of the road to St Josephs RC Church. The path at the rear of the BP garage is very overgrown, full of litter and is in a very poor state. Councillor Mrs Burton will request a quotation to cut back, remove overgrowth, tidy and litter pick the path. The hedge on Moss Lane, the responsibility of Wrightington Country Club still needs cutting back as it is dangerous for public footpath users who exit the public right of way onto Moss Lane.
- c) Confirmation that the Dept. of Transport no longer permits mirrors on highways, however your concerns regarding the exit from Herons Wharf on to Mill Lane have been reported to the development support team at LCC – **Noted. The Council will enquire what is permissible.**
 - d) Notification of VIP Community Grants – **Resolved** – **the Council will apply for £250 towards the cost of clearing, tidying and litter picking the old road at the rear of the BP garage.**
 - e) Invitation for 2 representatives of the Parish Council to attend the West Lancs. BC Civic Sunday Service on 3 July 2016 at 3.00pm – **Apologies will be forwarded.**
 - f) Request from Cinnamon Trust for volunteers to assist pet owners who are elderly or terminally ill with looking after, walking or fostering their pets – **Posters in the Notice Boards.**
 - g) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Details have been received of the proposed policing plan for Remembrance Sunday. The plan indicates that policing will be available in Wrightington between 9.30am and 10.00am. The Clerk has informed the Borough Council that these times would not be suitable for the Remembrance Day parade and service which takes place between 10.30am and 11.30am – **Noted.** ii) Notification of a temporary road closure on Mill Lane, Appley Bridge, between 22 August and 23 August to allow utilities work to be undertaken – **Noted.**

26. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Councillor Hodgkinson has been contacted by LCC with regard to the diversion of public footpath 5, Boars Den. The Parish Council asked to be consulted when the work was complete so that they could inspect it. Councillor Hodgkinson has inspected and feels that everything the Parish Council asked for has been undertaken however, he would like other Councillors to visit the site before confirming that the Parish Council are happy for the old route to be closed. Councillors will report back to the Clerk who will respond in due course.
- The recently re-erected fence on Mill Lane seems to be inadequate and something more substantial is required to prevent someone going through it.
- Land ownership details are still required for the derelict land on Mill Lane and for the wooded area on Moss Lane.
- Councillor Mrs Burton raised a complaint about joggers using the rural roads in Wrightington and the fact that some of their actions are intimidating and, the way they run in packs can be quite dangerous. Councillor Mrs Burton was faced with a group of joggers on Tunley Lane when she rounded a bend. She had to stop her car as she almost hit the group. One of the group placed both hands on the bonnet of her car and made comments. It was reported that this is not an isolated incident and that some joggers can be very rude. Running in packs as they do, is very dangerous. It was also reported that some have been seen to go around the back of the substation at the junction of Mossy Lea Road and Boundary Lane to urinate before continuing on their run. The Police will be asked to look in to this matter.
- The stone trough and large boulders on Hall Lane still need removing.
- Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that at a recent British Horse Society Meeting it was reported that the Police are training horse riders in Lancashire so that they are able to undertake basic Policing in rural areas.

- The 3 warning marker posts at the edge of the carriageway on Carr House Lane are obstructed by overgrown vegetation which needs cutting back for highway safety reasons.

27. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillor Christopher House reported that he had recently completed the Marathon he had entered and that he has managed to raise £254.00 towards the cost of purchasing additional defibrillators for the Parish. Councillor Mrs Burton reported that, over the last 4-6 weeks she has been arranging fundraising activities and approaching local businesses and residents in the area who may wish to donate some money towards the purchase of 3 additional defibrillators in the Parish and, to assist in re-locating the 2 defibrillators which are currently inside Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge Village Halls, to an outside location. This would mean that there would be 3 in the Mossy Lea Ward of Wrightington and 3 in the Appley Bridge Ward of Wrightington, all of which would be available for community use and would make the Parish a safer place to live, work and visit. Councillor Mrs Burton has been overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone she has approached and to date has collected over £1550 in cash and has received promises from 2 local businesses of up to £700 each to purchase defibrillators. This means that over £3200 has been raised to date towards the purchase and installation of this valuable life saving machinery for the Parish. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Councillor House and Councillor Mrs Burton for their hard working in raising this fantastic amount which is sure to increase further over the next few weeks. Councillor Johnson reported on his conversations with Susan Bailey, who works on a voluntary basis with Lancashire Ambulance Service in helping to secure defibrillators. It is thought that the cost of a defibrillator is somewhere in the region of £650.00 whilst the button coded boxes to store them in are approx. £550.00. The Clerk will check the British Heart Foundation website for details of their assistance with the purchase of defibrillators and will enquire whether her contact at St John's Ambulance could run training courses in the village halls so that everyone could learn how to use them in an emergency.

28. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – Available for approval at the July Parish Council Meeting. It was suggested that it would be nice to use the Newsletter to thank everyone in the Parish for their generosity in supporting the Parish Councils initiative to purchase additional defibrillators and also to publicise dates for training courses.

29. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Receipt of £150.00 payment for use of the hall for the May elections. Payment for Yoga Classes £140.00. Children's Party £30.00. Village Hall Committee Meeting 18 July (at Appley Bridge Village Hall) at 6.45pm. It was with sadness that the Clerk reported the passing away of Mr John Duffy who has been the teacher of the Yoga Classes at Mossy Lea Village Hall for in excess of 25 years. The Clerk confirmed that the classes will be continued by one of John's students who took over the classes during his illness. The Parish Council express their sympathy to John's family. The Clerk reported that the gentleman she has spoken to about checking the computers will be going to the village hall in the next couple of weeks to determine the specifications and the scope of what can be done with the existing computers and, to ensure that there is up to date anti-virus software loaded on them.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Village Hall Committee Meeting 27 June 2016 at 8pm.

It was reported that the filled planters at the village hall will be erected shortly. The Parish Council would like to make more use of the website, keeping it more up to date and putting information on it about Parish Council activities and achievements. The Clerk explained that she is not qualified to undertake the work required to run the website and that, as this is often the case, many Parish Councils have a web co-ordinator, who is often a Parish Councillor or volunteer in the Parish, who would gather information together and/or produce information for upload or inclusion on the website. This is not something that the Clerk is familiar with.

It was further reported that the electrical safety inspections are still required at both village halls. The Clerk will pursue this with the electrician. Councillors Mrs Burton will obtain quotations for painting inside both village halls and it was suggested that a length of Perspex on the gloss painted wood panelling at Appley Bridge Village Hall will prevent the paint work being damaged by chair backs.

30. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

1) 2016/0475/FUL Part single/part double rear extension. 154 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.

- (Case 1945536) **Resolved: No objections.**
- 2) 2016/0435/FUL Proposed office extension. IKO Plc, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
(Case 1945538) **Resolved: No objections.**
- 3) 2016/0446/FUL Single storey garage side extension. 35 Glenside, Appley Bridge.
(Case 1945540) **Resolved: No objections.**
- 4) 2016/0599/OUT Outline – single detached dwelling including details of means of access. All Saints Vicarage, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 5) 2016/0603/FUL Change of roof from built up felt roof to pitched tiled roof with attic storage to existing detached garage. Mayholme, 17 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
(Case 1945544) **Resolved: No objections.**
- 6) 2016/0645/FUL Replacement dwelling with associated car parking. 48 Manse Avenue, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections in principle provided that planning officers feel that the property will not look out of place within the existing Streetscene.**

31. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Notification next Area Committee Meeting will take place Thursday 14 July 2016, Derby Street, Ormskirk, 7:30pm. Notification of New Councillors & Clerks Courses – Module 1, Saturday 2nd July 2016, 9am-12.30pm – Module 2, Saturday 16th July 2016, 9.15am-12.15pm – both at Howick House, Howick Park Avenue, Penwortham, Preston – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

Aon	Annual Insurance Premium		£1585.58
Standish Print	Stationery		£24.30
E.on	Electricity use at ABVH		£67.75
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH		£84.43
Mrs Cross	Reimburse cost of fluorescent tubes – MLVH		£16.68
Dale Burton	Additional tidying work at ABVH		£120.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£733.77
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£24.56	
	NI due by Parish Council	£11.36	£35.92
D/D CPRE	Annual Subscriptions		£36.00

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts be approved.

33. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 July 2016 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 21 to 33 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 July 2016.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for extension of existing forecourt shop. BP Connect, Crow Orchard Service Station, Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for replacement detached dwelling and associated external works. Whitehouse, Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington.
- c) Notification permission Refused for extensions & alterations to include dormers and rear elevations creating accommodation at first floor level. Single storey extension to rear. 1A Tunley Lane.
- d) Notification permission granted for block paving existing driveway and lawn and extension of existing dropped kerb to allow access and parking for 2 cars. 4 Millbank, Appley Bridge.
- e) Confirmation the engineer will attend soon to clean the payphone on Toogood Lane.
- f) Notification temporary road closure, Crow Orchard Road, 3/7/16-6/7/16 for carriageway resurfacing.
- g) Invitation from West Lancs. BC to fly the flag for Armed Forces Day and to attend the Flag Flying Ceremony on Monday 20 June at 5.00pm at the Cenotaph, Coronation Park, Ormskirk.
- h) Confirmation that following a Meeting with the Chairman, the Ironman team will be preparing information and arranging for one of the local team to visit all the businesses affected by the event.
- i) Invitation to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to attend a workshop organised by Story Homes in connection with potential development of the Camelot site at Charnock Richard.
- j) Copy notices of the forthcoming Referendum on the UK's membership of the EU.
- k) Copy notices from LCC of the Foster Carer recruitment campaign.
- l) Copy Open Spaces Society Summer Magazine.