

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 July 2016 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm the following were present:

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

Mrs Sue Murrin Bailey – attended the Parish Council Meeting to provide a quick overview and demonstration on how to use the defibrillators and, to provide contact information to the Council with a view to the purchase of additional defibrillators by the Parish Council to be placed at strategic locations throughout the Parish for community use. The Parish Council confirmed their intentions to relocate the defibrillators currently inside Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge Village Halls to outside the halls and also, to purchase 3 additional defibrillators to be located 1) on the wall outside Sharrocks, near St Joseph's Primary School. 2) On the wall of the Pensioners Hall at the junction of Chisnall Avenue and Mossy Lea Road. 3) On the outside wall of the white house on Appley Lane North, at the junction of Mill Lane and Appley Lane North. It was confirmed that permission has been sought from the businesses or homeowners involved who have all agreed to the defibrillators being mounted on their property. It was also reported that there is a further defibrillator at the White Lion, Mossy Lea Road and one in St Joseph's School. There was also a promise by Borough Councillor Mrs Evans, that a defibrillator would be installed outside Pesto at Dangerous Corner however, it is not apparent whether this promise has been fulfilled. The Clerk outlined the fact that defibrillators could be purchased at a subsidised cost of £400 from the British Heart Foundation however, the defibrillator must be left in an unlocked, un-coded, box for public access. The Parish Council do not think that this is appropriate as a substantial amount of the money required to purchase these additional defibrillators and cases has been secured in donations from local businesses and by fundraising in the local community. Therefore, it was deemed that it would be irresponsible to put the defibrillators in unlocked boxes. Mrs Murrin Bailey provided the Clerk with contact details for defibrillator suppliers and for key coded box manufacturers and confirmed the defibrillators will cost £650 +VAT and the boxes £525 +VAT. After demonstrating how to use the Lifepack CR+ defibrillator, like the ones in the village halls, Mrs Murrin Bailey confirmed that she would be more than happy to deliver training sessions on how to use them free of charge. Once the defibrillators are in the place the Parish Council will need to inform the Ambulance Service for their records in the event that there is an emergency and access to a defibrillator is required. The Parish Council will look to secure the services of a local friendly electrician who may install the defibrillators free, or as cheaply as possible. The Chairman thanked Mrs Murrin Bailey for attending the Meeting and for the valuable information she had provided.

Ironman 2016 – Residents were present to discuss the chaos caused by this event. Local businesses were significantly detrimentally affected, roads were closed that should not have been eg: Carr House Lane. Shops and businesses were very badly affected on what should be their busiest day of the week. The question was again raised – why do they need to use this route through the village? The access promises to homes and businesses by the event organisers is not happening without confronting and arguing with Stewards about access requirements. Some cyclists cross over to the wrong side of the road in to the path of oncoming traffic which compromises the safety of other road users. They have no thought for rural roads, rural road users or pedestrians on the route. The competitors' attitude towards residents and homeowners along the route is appalling. In some places, eg: Moss Lane, the event organisers allowed spectators to park their cars whilst they viewed the race thereby resulting in the road being blocked by parked cars. Some business owners had to call the Police to assist in the removal of parked cars causing highway safety issues. It was reported that Stewards seem inadequately trained and unprepared for the requirements of running this event and, they are also extremely obstructive and unhelpful when approached. There are drinks bottles and litter in the hedges and verges after the event when there should be specific drinks stations on the route to help reduce the amount of litter generated by this event which, should then be cleaned up after the event. The event organisers are lying when they say they have never

had any problems before with the race. The Parish Council will outline their complaints and concerns in relation to this event to the Police. The Council will also write a letter of complaint to the event organisers stating that they are withdrawing their support for this event in the future and stating that the route should be changed to eliminate the Parish of Wrightington from the planned route. Local businesses should write to the event organisers stating their dissatisfaction and claiming compensation for loss of business on the event day. The whole community should write to Ironmen organisers objecting to the route of the event going through the rural Parishes and having a detrimental impact. The event is of no benefit to our area and is very badly organised. The race is organised in Bolton, Greater Manchester, and it will therefore be suggested that the organisers keep the whole route of the race in Greater Manchester for future events.

34. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Clinch (Holidays) and from PC Lodge and PCSO Benson who are not on duty.
35. **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 Correspondence item d) 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.
36. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 June 2016 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
37. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing specific that will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

38. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Notification from West Lancs. BC of changes to the maintenance of grassed areas adjacent to the district's highway verges and major roads from summer 2016 – **Noted. Councillor Mrs Burton reported on her attendance at a LALC Meeting where grass and hedge cutting was discussed. She reported that Himalayan Balsam is growing in the hedges/verges on Courage Low lane and Church Lane, whilst Ragwort is a problem near the BP Garage on Mossy Lea Road. It was stressed that farmers are being forced to eradicate these invasive weeds when really it is the job of the highways authority, who have a legal duty to remove it from the highway and not allow it to spread to other people's land.**
- b) Request from West Lancs. BC for possible sites for future development in the Borough – **The Council will suggest the derelict site on Mill Lane as a site for future development.**
- c) Request for a Donation from Appley Bridge Pensioners Social Club – **Resolved – A donation of £100 will be made to the Pensioners Social Club.**
- d) Quotation for work to cut back, clear, tidy and litter pick the path at the rear of the BP garage – **Councillor Mrs Burton having declared an interest in this matter, took no part in the discussions or in the decision. It was confirmed, there is a tree on site which could be removed. Some of the brambles and branches are very thick the contractor will need to hire a chipper, the cost of which has been included in the quotation of £420.00. Resolved – The contractor will be instructed to go ahead with this work.**
- e) Quotation for work to paint both village halls – **The quotations obtained appear to be rather expensive and therefore, it was Resolved – That this matter be deferred until the September Meeting to enable further quotations for the work to be obtained.**
- f) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Invitation to attend the Mayor's Charity Ball, Friday 9 September, Hurlston Hall Golf Club, Scarisbrick. Tickets £30 each – **Noted.** ii) Confirmation that the order to upgrade public footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, to a bridleway is still being made – **Noted.** iii) Notification that the Chairman of West Lancs. Footpath Group has notified LCC of problems on 2 footpaths in

Wrightington – damage to the stile at the end of public footpath No.39 (between Higher Barn and Hill House Fold) and, an unsafe bridge along the route of public footpath No. 17 (between Dwerry House and Toogood Farm) – **Noted.** iv) Confirmation that Courage Low Lane does not feature on the priority gully emptying lists for West Lancs. and, that a reactive gully clean will be requested – **Noted.** **The Clerk reported the responses received from Andrew Davies, LCC highways officer, in relation to the removal of boulders and a large stone planter from the lay-by on Hall Lane and gully emptying responses. It was confirmed that all the gullies at the top of Courage Low Lane remain blocked whilst there is a gully on Church Lane which is also blocked. The Parish Council are extremely disappointed with the poor reaction of LCC to flooding at Courage Low Lane.**

39. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- It was reported that hedges on Moss Lane from the Church to the public footpath and from the public footpath to Wrightington Country Club are overgrown and need cutting back.
- The routes of the public footpaths from Stoneygate Lane to Finch Lane and from Finch Lane to Skull House Lane are very overgrown and need cutting back.
- The route of the public footpath from Boars Den to Highmoor is passable until the first stile and then it is very overgrown and needs cutting back.
- The route of the public footpath from High Moor Lane to Hillhouse Lane is very overgrown. The farmer is now beginning to complain when footpath users walk in the field as the footpath is too overgrown. The route is used by mums with prams and pensioners as a circular route.
- The inadequate fence between the carriageway on Mill Lane and the canal bank is very overgrown. A more substantial fence and some cutting back is required.
- A new bus stop sign and specific bus stop road markings are required on Mill Lane near the junction with Appley Lane North. Rail commuters parking on the bus stop and up to the junction with Appley Lane North are causing an obstruction to homeowners trying to exit their driveways and, they are compromising highway safety for other road users at this junction.
- The overgrown rhododendron bushes on Robin Hood Lane have now been significantly cut back and a grass verge has been created on the bad bend resulting in clear visibility ahead when approaching the bend and a much safer route.
- Councillor House confirmed that, having spoken to a friend who is familiar with websites, he would be happy to look at taking over joint responsibility for the website from the current web-co-ordinator once the site is up to date and current again.

40. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillor Mrs Burton attended the LALC Area Committee Meeting where it was reported that a Neighbourhood Watch representative was submitting a bid for assistance to purchase Smart Water. It was also reported that home insurance is cheaper in a Neighbourhood Watch area. It was reported that many Councils are finding it difficult to access information on the NALC database. A password is required to access the database which can be obtained by contacting Marion at LALC. The Clerk reported on a meeting with Lancashire Adult Learning and the specific requirements which must be met at the village hall before Computer Classes can commence ie: electrical safety certificates, fire risk assessments, emergency lighting work etc.

41. DEFIBRILLATORS – Following on from detailed discussions at the beginning of the Meeting the Parish Council **Resolved - that they will be purchasing 3 defibrillators and 5 key coded external boxes, with heating and lighting, to locate the 3 new, and the 2 existing defibrillators at strategic locations around the Parish.** It was agreed that an interim meeting will be held on Monday 15 August at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm to discuss progress with this matter.

42. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – The Clerk will add the fact that, once the defibrillators are in place, training will be available at the Village Halls for anyone wishing to familiarise themselves with the use of the defibrillators. **Resolved: With the addition of this information the Newsletters can go to print and will then be distributed for delivery.**

43. **STANDING ORDERS - Resolved:** In Accordance with Standing Order No 19, Standing Order No 18 was suspended to allow the remaining items of business to be conducted.

44. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Receipt of £90.00 craft class. A Village Hall Committee Meeting, took place this evening prior to the commencement of this Meeting.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Copy Receipts & Payments Accounts for year 2015/16 – **Accepted.** The Council has received a request from the Pensioners that 3 small square tables be purchased to replace the broken card tables they are currently using – **Resolved - 3 tables will be purchased.**

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

- 1) 2016/0623/FUL First floor rear extension over existing. 7 Canal Bank, Appley Bridge. **Resolved:** (Case 1968797) **No objections.**
- 2) 2016/0674/FUL Erection of detached dwelling. Land adjoining 51, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**

46. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Notification of 72nd AGM, Sat 19 Nov, 10am, County Hall, Preston. Community Engagement with Case Studies Workshop, Howick House, Howick Park Ave, Penwortham, Preston on 27th September, 7-9pm – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

Mr D Proe	Amenity Grass Cutting £189.00	Grass cutting ABVH £ 92.00	£281.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH		£293.32
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH		£43.21
Mrs Cross	Reimburse cost of vax Hoover belt – MLVH		£4.99)
Flags & Flagpoles	Flags for armed forces day		£25.12)
Mrs Cross	Reimburse payment for updating computers – MLVH		£40.00
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 BT	Telephone charges MLVH		£156.99

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts be approved.

48. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 September 2016 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 34 to 48 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 September 2016.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10.25 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for proposed office extension. IKO Plc, Appley Lane North.
- b) Notification permission granted for part single/part double storey rear extension. 154 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- c) Notification permission granted for demolition of existing extensions, conservatory and garage. New side extensions and dormer roof extension. 150 Mossy Lea Road.
- d) Notification permission granted for demolition of existing rear outbuilding and erection of detached summer house. 10 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
- e) Notification listed building consent granted for demolition of existing rear outbuilding and erection of detached summer house. 10 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
- f) Notification application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required has been refused for extension of dwellinghouse, Hillcroft, Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
- g) Notification the appeal against refusal of application for variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission 2013/1158/FUL to vary the approved plans, Acrefield House, 17A Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington, has been dismissed.
- h) Confirmation reported of overgrowth on public footpath No.4, Wrightington has been cleared.
- i) Confirmation report that the route of public footpath 19, Raby Fold Farm to Toogood Lane is overgrown has been investigated and the route was accessible and way markers have been installed.
- j) Confirmation that request for way markers on public footpath 23a, as it crosses the field and goes behind the pond has been actioned and way markers installed.
- k) Confirmation that on inspection of public footpath 23b, Tunley Lane to Mossy Lea Road, the footpath was accessible and fingerposts were present at both ends.
- l) Confirmation that the owner of Wrightington Country Club will be informed of your concerns re: overgrown hedges near the junction with the public footpath and, action will be taken if it is found to be their responsibility.
- m) Notification of proposed temporary road closure Bannister Green, Bannister Lane and Barmskin Lane, Eccleston 27/6/16-29/7/16 for carriageway resurfacing. Work likely to take place 5 & 6 July.
- n) Notification of temporary road closure Lees Lane, Dalton, 9/8/16-26/8/16, surface dressing.
- o) Notification of temporary road closure Lees Lane, Roby Mill, 4/9/16, utilities work.
- p) Notification of temporary road closure Mill Lane, Appley Bridge, 22/8/16 until 23/8/16 to enable gully cleaning works.
- q) Notification of application for new operating centre licence for Tarmac Quarry Products Ltd, Clitheroe, to operate from 38 Church Lane, Wrightington. Authorisation for 2 vehicles, 0 trailers.