

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 September 2016 at Mossy Lea 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.)

Public Present – Nothing specific to report. It was confirmed that the M6 motorway has been closed several times recently and this makes an obvious difference to the amount of traffic on the roads eg: Moss Lane, Courage Low Lane and Mossy Lea Road. A further request for a crossing near Mossy Lea School, for use by the schoolchildren and the elderly people living in this area, will be made. It was reported that the bus no longer goes into Tesco at Leyland and that there have been some rumours of changes to the buses but no firm information has been given.

53. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from PC Lodge and PCSO Benson who are not on duty. The Clerk reported that PC Lodge will be retiring at the end of October whilst PCSO Benson will also be leaving the Police to retrain as a train driver.
54. **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.
55. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 July 2016 and the Minutes of the Interim Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15 August 2016 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
56. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** –
Defibrillators - The Clerk reported that delivery of the defibrillator boxes was imminent and that the defibrillators had also been ordered and were expected shortly. The Chairman reported a conversation with the manager of the Cornerhouse who has also been fundraising with the aim of purchasing a defibrillator for locating in the vicinity of the Cornerhouse. It was suggested that once installed the Parish Council could create and display posters informing residents where their nearest defibrillators can be found in an emergency.
Ironman Event – The Parish Council will write to West Lancs. BC, copying in the Borough Councillors, requesting their support to the Parish Councils objections to the Ironman Event going through the rural Parishes in the future.

57. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

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

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Confirmation that the Audit of the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31 March 2016 has been completed with no matters arising and no issues arising report required - **Resolved: The completed audit with no matters arising is accepted & approved.**
- b) Parking problems on Appley Lane North and Mill Lane – **This item was put on the agenda at the request of the Chairman as problems are getting worse with some motorists now parking on the pavements on the opposite side of the road to existing parked vehicles. Bus stop markings and yellow lines are still required at the junction of Mill Lane. Public transport users are at risk from Motorists parking on the bus stop and near the Mill Lane junction as the road markings have not been replaced. It was suggested that LCC could create a one-way system around Mill Lane, however, it is difficult to see how this could work in practice. The Parish Council will ask West Lancs. BC to look at the**

inappropriate parking on Appley Lane North and possibly issue the necessary notices as there are safety concerns for footpath users.

- c) Confirmation from LCC, a chain link fence has been ordered for Mill Lane – **Noted.**
- d) Notification that all work required to bring the new public footpath into a fit condition for use by the public has been carried out and therefore, the existing public footpath has now been stopped-up at public footpath No.5, off Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**
- e) Info. from LCC regarding the gully emptying priority list and how it works – **Noted. It was confirmed, there are a number of blocked gullies all around the Parish, several on Mossy Lea Road including the one between the BP garage and Boundary Lane which is a constant cause of flooding. Councillor Johnson confirmed he had spoken to a customer service representative at LCC who reported that they had recently instructed a contractor to empty 18 blocked gullies around this location but, the flooding is still occurring. The 2 gullies either side of the gateway at St Joseph's Church on Hall Lane are still blocked and there are approx. 10 blocked gullies on Mossy Lea Road, between the driveway of Raby Fold Farm and Broadhurst Lane, on both sides of the road.**
- f) Confirmation that LCC intend to write to the property owner on Hall Lane with a request that he removes the fencing, stones and planter from the lay-by – **Noted. The feeling is that strong action should be taken to ensure compliance with removal requests otherwise this could set a precedent for future encroachments in other areas.**
- g) A request that the Parish Council consider starting discussions regarding possible boundary changes with the residents of the parish and other interested parties who should be involved – **The Parish Council has never received this type of request before and it was reported that, several years ago when it was suggested that the area around Mill Lane should be in Wigan, the residents wanted to remain in West Lancs.**
- h) Info. following the decision on changes to where LCC delivers its services – **Noted.**
- i) Info. on Centenary Fields Programme – protecting valuable green space across the country – **Noted, as the playing field at Appley Bridge is privately owned and rented by West Lancs. BC this will not be pursued.**
- j) Invitation to attend Lathom Parish Council Civic Service, Sunday 2 October – 11am at Lathom Park Chapel, Lathom – **Apologies.**
- k) Request for a Donation from Wrightington Pensioners' Welfare Association – **Resolved – That a £100 donation will be made on the next Agenda.**
- l) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Letter of thanks from Appley Bridge Pensioners Social Club for your donation – **Noted.** ii) Notification that instructions have been issued for the cleaning of gullies on Courage Low Lane and a request for confirmation that the enquiry also relates to the hardened grips on the opposite side of the road to the riding school as well as the gullies on the same side – **The Chairman confirmed that this is correct.** iii) Confirmation that LCC has received an agreement from the owner of 1 Coalgate Cottages that certain elements will be removed but that concerns have been raised regarding the condition of the headwall that retains the highway which require further consideration – **The Council confirmed that these obstructions were reported some considerable time ago and, that building work on the cottages now appears to be complete. It was confirmed that if the obstructions have not been removed by the next Meeting, the Parish Council will contact the Legal Dept. at LCC with a request that this matter be pursued legally.** iv) Info. from LCC encouraging people to apply to be County Councillors in next year's May elections – **Parish Councillors always believed that candidates were approached to stand by political parties and therefore wonder why LCC are now encouraging people to apply.**

58. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- A sign has been erected on Courage Low Lane advertising a cycle rally. Is this not fly-posting
- The Chairman reported seeing portable yellow LCC signs outside schools in Mawdesley and Bispham, warning about parking outside school. The Council will request similar signs be located outside St Joseph's School on Mossy Lea Road.
- Councillor Johnson reported that, on a recent walk down the old road at the rear of the BP garage, he saw black water with a film on top holding/collecting along the route together with

an odour from the water. It was suggested that this could be coming from an old septic tank at the rear of the garage or could be associated with a manhole cover at the rear of the garage. The route has now been cleared and horses, cyclists and pedestrians using the route could be detrimentally affected if this is sewerage.

- Councillor Johnson will approach local landowners regarding a final hedge cut which is required in some places.
- It was reported that the Notice Board at Appley Bridge Village Hall needs some remedial attention. Councillor House agreed to make enquiries about this matter.
- Councillor House agreed to pursue further quotes for decorating at both village halls. If this turns out to be cost prohibitive then enquiries will be made to just repaint gloss work and the hatch at Appley Bridge Village Hall and the gloss work at Mossy Lea Village Hall.

59. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report.

60. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Sunday 13 November 2016. Confirmation policing is in place. Road closure order applied for. Service and wreaths arrangements on-going. A request for a representative of Shevington PC to lay a wreath at the service was agreed by the Parish Council. It was suggested that the time may have come for the Parish Council to hand over the organisation of the parade/service to the uniformed organisations with the Parish Council continuing to support the service, by allowing the use of the hall and providing the wreaths, orders of service and refreshments. As the arrangements for this year are now well under way, more consideration will be given to this matter well in advance of the 2017 service.

61. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Receipt of £45.00 craft class. Receipt of £160.00 yoga class. Receipt of £150.00 for EU Referendum. Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-long Friday 21 October 7pm-10pm – Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 27 November 2016 11am-3pm. The electricity meters will be changed on Monday 10 October. The Clerk confirmed that 2 children's parties have recently been booked. Councillor Johnson reported a request for a small gate to be erected at the end of the narrow path at the side of the village hall car park. A request for a gate will be made to West Lancs. BC. Councillor Johnson reported that someone had cut the clips holding one of the planters onto the fence recently. On receipt of this report Councillor Johnson made temporary repairs before purchasing new fixing clips which he has now replaced. Councillor Johnson has also contacted the Nursery responsible for maintaining them as he thinks they are being missed-off the schedule.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Notification Pilates classes will commence on Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm, from 4 October and that a trial week has been booked at the end of October for a breakfast and after school club every day. The Chairman reported that cars appear to be parking again on the car park. It was agreed that leaflets would be put on windscreens to inform car owners that the car park is for village hall users only and liable to closure without notice. Roof repairs have now been completed however, it was difficult to source matching ridge tiles and therefore, the contractor has had to use what was available.

Parish Council Website – It was reported that some of the documents on the website cannot be opened and that the Minutes need to be brought up to date. The Clerk will request information on web hosting as Councillor House may look at taking over responsibility for updating the site in the future.

62. PLANNING The following applications were discussed with observations as detailed:

- 1) 2016/0823/FUL Erection of timber post and rail fence. Eastern Lock of Pair on Northern by-pass (Case 1991287) Channel, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wrightington. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 2016/0915/PNH Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – (Case 1991289) extension to dwellinghouse – 3.037m maximum height of extension – 3.050m height to eaves of extension – 2.20m. 1 Manse Avenue, Wrightington. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 3) 2016/0880/FUL Alterations to an existing outbuilding to provide ancillary residential (Case 1991291) accommodation. 122 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved – No Objections.**

63. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Copy letter received from the Housing and Planning Minister, Gavin Barwell MP, to the Chairman of LALC following a meeting to discuss the Neighbourhood Planning Bill – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

Defib Shop Ltd	Purchase of defibrillator cabinets		£3,150.00
BDO LLP	Annual Audit Fee		£240.00
Fire Eqpmnt Servs.	Servicing Fire Extinguishers at MLVH		£41.23
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH		£21.44
E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH		£64.34
Mr F Johnson	Reimburse cost of new clips for planters at MLVH		£31.41
P Cornwell	Roof repairs at ABVH		£607.58
Petty Cash			£25.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of 3 x folding tables for ABVH		£114.60
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 E.on	Electricity supplied at MLVH		£80.95

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved.

65. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 17 October 2016 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 53 to 65 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 October 2016.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:53 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for first floor rear extension over existing. 7 Canal Bank.
- b) Notification permission granted for replacement dwelling & associated car parking. 48 Manse Ave.
- c) Notification permission granted for erection of detached dwelling. Land adj. 51 Skull House Lane.
- d) Notification permission refused for erection of agricultural building (resubmission of planning permission 2015/0397/FUL). Tunley Brook Barn, Mossy Lea Road.
- e) Confirmation LCC have contacted the landowners requesting that hedges on Moss Lane are cut back.
- f) Confirmation that public footpath 3B, Finch Lane to Appley Lane North, should have been cleared recently as part of the public rights of way annual mowing programme.
- g) Confirmation that public footpath 4, Stoneygate Lane to Finch Lane, has now been cleared by the public rights of way team.
- h) Notification of United Utilities Reservoir Safety Campaign 2016.
- i) Copy LCC Severe Weather activity update, August 2016.
- j) Latest info. from OSTA on the Piccadilly Service.
- k) Copy CPRE Fieldwork, Summer 2016. l) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice, Summer 2016.