

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17 October 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.)

Public Present – Mr David Reynolds and Mr Jonathon Ainsworth, the owners of The Boathouse on Mill Lane, were present to see if they could generate some community spirit by organising events at the Boat House and, how they can get involved in working with the Parish Council to support these community initiatives. The events they organise support the Geoff Mather Memorial Charity who make donations to Derian House and other charities from the funds they raise. David and Jonathon are looking to build up their business, using community spirit to do so. They reported that they are planning their first Christmas Market, 3-11 December, and stalls will be available for a donation of £200 towards the Geoff Mather Memorial Charity. It was confirmed that they are hoping to make this an annual event. They also organise an August Bank Holiday Monday family event and are looking to increase the events they arrange. The Chairman thanked David and Jonathon for the donation of a voucher when the Parish Council were raising money for the defibrillators. It was confirmed that the Parish Council arrange for a Christmas Tree at Appley Bridge Village Hall, where the Pensioners and the WI arrange their Christmas Parties. It was suggested that they could possibly give the Pensioners and the WI a stall at the Christmas Fair. The Clerk passed the contact details for the Brass Band to David however, the band put a charge of £120 on to play. The Parish Council agreed that they would put posters up in the village halls and in the notice boards, space permitting, to advertise any of their events however, it was stressed that transport to the events could pose a problem for many residents, particularly from Mossy Lea. The Chairman thanked David and Jonathon for attending and the Council look forward to helping promote their events which will in turn help to increase community spirit in the Parish.

It was reported that there are pot-holes on the right hand side of Chisnall Avenue, which are quite deep. It was reported that a tree has recently been removed from the grassed area at Mossfields. Residents are lead to believe it was removed because it was damaged by a lawnmower. The contractors have left a 3' tree stump in the grass which is rather unsightly. Councillor Mrs Burton will check this.

66. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Clinch (holidays) and PC Lodge who is on a rest day but will also have retired by the November Parish Council Meeting.
67. **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.**
68. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 September 2016 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
69. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Defibrillators – The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator boxes have arrived and delivery of defibrillators is imminent. Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to contact the electrician regarding fitting and connecting up the heated boxes. The manager of the Cornerhouse will also be purchasing a defibrillator and has agreed to locate it somewhere visible on the outside of the building. Notices indicating where the defibrillators are located will be put up when they are fully installed and operational. Arrangements will be made for courses to go ahead as soon as possible.
Ironman – It was agreed that the Council will request the assistance of the Police Commissioner in addressing the problems and disruption caused by the Ironman Event.

Electricity Meters – The Clerk reported that when the engineer arrived for the appointment to change the meters at Mossy Lea Village Hall on 10 October, he was not qualified to replace the meters. Therefore, he will be reporting back to E.on who will contact the Clerk to rearrange.

Parish Council Website – The Clerk confirmed that the website is being updated with current information. Once the website is fully up to date Councillor House, and a friend of his who has experience with websites, have agreed to take over responsibility for the Parish Council website.

70. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4-5 – Accepted.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Email communication from The Boathouse, Appley Bridge, regarding the possibility of working with the Parish Council to arrange events to increase community spirit in Appley Bridge including the Christmas Market events they are planning during the first week in December – **Full discussions on this subject in Open Forum.**
- b) Response to further enquiries regarding Principal Area Boundary Reviews – **It was noted that the gentleman who raised this subject has now been informed by the Borough Council that this is not something that the Parish Council can progress. Noted.**
- c) Notification from West Lincs. BC that all Parishes who have received CIL monies must prepare an annual report for the financial year in which they receive them, which must be published the following year after receipt – **Resolved** – **The Clerk will adapt the template report provided by the Borough Council and details of CIL monies received will be posted on the Parish Council website by 31 December 2016.**
- d) Notification that West Lincs. BC will begin a review of the current Local Plan with a view to preparing a new Local Plan for the Borough – **The Parish Council will stress the importance of protecting the Green Belt for rural areas.**
- e) Request for observations on West Lincs. BC proposals for the use of CIL monies in 2017/18 – **Following discussion it was Resolved** – **the Parish Council support Option 1 – improvements to the canal towpath however, they would like to ask that any remaining money be used to extend the length of canal towpath to be improved to include Parbold and Appley Bridge, thereby allowing more people to benefit from the use of CIL monies.**
- f) Consultation on BT Payphone Kiosk removal - **The Parish Council will ask BT if the telephone box in Mossy Lea is purchased by the Parish Council can they then relocate it to the village hall car park. The Parish Council will also ask whether the kiosk scheduled to be removed on Toogood Lane can be replaced with a street light.**
- g) Email from Heskin PC regarding a possible site for allotments in Heskin – **It was confirmed, this field is approx 8-10 acres and includes a pond and a public footpath. The Parish Council agree that this is a good idea however, they do not have the funds to support it.**
- h) Email request for info. on a WW1 soldier buried in the war cemetery at Valkenswaard – **The Clerk will make this information known at the Coffee Mornings, to the pensioners, in the village halls and the churches.**
- i) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Confirmation that the Parish Council's concerns regarding the Ironman Event expressed to the Borough Council have been passed to LCC – **Noted.** ii) Confirmation that your request for traffic enforcement in relation to parked cars on Appley Lane North has been passed to Lancashire Parking Services – **Noted.** iii) Invitation to the Chairman to attend the Collation and Induction of the Rev. Sue Timmins at All Saints & Christ Church Parbold on the evening of Sunday 13 November 2016 – **Full details will be forwarded to the Chairman when received.**

71. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The bus stops on Mill Lane and Appley Lane North need marking on the carriageway.
- The obstructions in the lay-by on Hall Lane still need removing – contact Legal at WLBC.
- The derelict area of land on Mill Lane is an eyesore and somewhere for young people to gather
- The chain link fence promised on Mill Lane between the carriageway and the canal has still not been erected.

- Most of the white markings have been reinstated on Mossy Lea Road, however, the Council will request 30mph roundels on the carriageway as seen in other Parishes.
- The septic tank at the rear of the BP garage is still leaking and smells.
- Councillor Johnson will speak to landowners re: overhanging hedges on Mossy Lea Road.
- When the road sweeper was in the village it did not sweep Broadhurst Lane and Moss Lane.
- It was confirmed that private contractors working on behalf of LCC have been trying to unblock some of the drains in the Parish. Gullies which do not now appear on LCC priority lists for regular cleaning (i.e. every 12 months on Priority List 1 and every 18 months on Priority List 2) are only emptied on a reactive basis. Councillor Mrs Burton reported that the pipe/drain in front of her property is completely blocked and has no bottom in it therefore, the water is seeping into the properties adjacent. The contractor informed Councillor Mrs Burton that he would report that the pipe needs urgent attention to LCC.
- It was reported that the gully on Mossy Lea Road, between Boundary Lane and the BP garage, has again been the cause of deep, dangerous, flooding.
- There is a metal rod, from what was barrier fencing adjacent to the carriageway on Courage Low Lane, intended to prevent motorists from leaving the carriageway and going into the large 3' deep drain hole, which is sticking up and out into the road and is very dangerous.
- The horse sign on Smithy Brow, just before Charity Farm, is dirty and cannot be seen, and the horse sign near what was the Brookhouse has been turned around to face the fields.
- Councillor Mrs Burton reported problems for horse riders accessing the bridlepath off Town Lane, cyclists and pedestrians using Town Lane, Heskin. Despite signs at both ends of this lane saying that it is unsuitable for traffic, many motorists are now using it to cut through. Reports of parked vehicles along this route also cause concern. The motorists using the route are doing so at normal road speeds and sometimes faster thereby compromising highway safety for the other road users. The Council will request that this route be a "Quiet Lane" or that signs be erected saying "No Through Road" or "Access Only" for the benefit of the residents of Town Lane, and the pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders using this route.
- It was reported that sightlines out of BP garage, turning right on to Hall Lane, are obstructed by the overgrown shrubs forming part of the gateway planting scheme.

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

73. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – Reminder - Sunday 13 November 2016 leaving from Appley Bridge Village Hall car park at 10.40am – **Noted.**

74. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Received - £120 Yoga (Aug/Sept), £45 Craft Classes, £40 for 2 children's parties.

Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 27 November 2016, 11am-3pm – The electrician will be asked to check the security lights at the rear left hand side of the village hall and replace if necessary. The electrician will also be asked to attend one day to show Parish Councillors how to use the CCTV equipment so that any future incidents can be viewed as soon as possible after the event - **Noted.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – Request for storage room for the Jujitsu classes – Councillors assessed the space available for storage of large interlocking mats for jujitsu. It was agreed that the old metal framed chairs, some of which are broken and many of which are missing the rubber protection from the bottom of the legs and which could therefore damage the village hall floor, could be disposed of. There are also a number of wooden card tables which could go. The Clerk will contact West Lancs. CVS with details of the chairs and tables which will be free to the collector. It was reported, and confirmed, that the Brass Band appears to be taking up rather a lot of storage space in the hall. The booking secretary has/will be speaking to them about this. It was reported that the next Village Hall Committee Meeting will be held at the Booking Secretary's home as the Band want to use the village hall for an extra practice session before a competition. The outside light needs attention as it is not working – the electrician will be asked to check if the bulb needs replacing and, if not replace with a new light. It was confirmed that a trial week has been booked for a breakfast and after school club. A further quotation has been received for gloss painting the woodwork in the village hall, including all preparatory work but excluding materials of £1095.00. This will be compared to the other quotations already received.

75. **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.

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

- 1) 2016/0811/FUL Erection of a shed for housing of tools & equipment for upkeep and maintenance of the orchard, grounds and associated boundaries. 10 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge.
Resolved – No Objections.

77. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Copy Agenda for the Area Committee Meeting, 13th October – advance warning that the government will be publishing a consultation to include proposals about local councils and council tax referendums – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

Wn Pensioners' Welfare Assoc. – Donation		£100.00
West Lancs. BC	Lease ABVH	£1.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH	£287.04
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH	£41.94
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of new pipe for Burco Boiler	£42.06
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of toilet rolls & hand towels for village halls	£57.60
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£733.97
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£24.36
	NI due by Parish Council	£11.36
D/D BT	Telephone charges – MLVH	£160.62
D/D Open Spaces Soc	Annual Renewal Premium	£45.00

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	Grant and 2 nd Half of Parish Precept	£6,888.00
West Lancs. BC	2 nd half of Concurrent Funding	£1,490.00

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

79. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21 November 2016 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 66 to 79 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 November 2016.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:20 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- Notification permission granted for external refurbishment and extension of shop. BP Connect.
- Notification permission granted for proposed side extension, pitched roofs to existing garage and dining bay, new vehicular access and hardstanding. 128 Appley Lane North.
- Notification permission refused for change of roof from built up felt flat roof to pitched tiled roof with attic storage to existing detached garage. Mayholme, 17 Broadhurst Lane.
- Notification permission granted for alterations & extensions inc. external works. 1A Appley Lne Sth.
- Notification prior approval not required for extension of dwellinghouse. 1 Manse Avenue.
- Notification outline permission granted for single detached dwelling including details of means of access. All Saints Vicarage, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge.
- Notification permission granted for erection of stable building and extension to existing menage. Charity Farm, Smithy Brow.

- h) Notification of an appeal against the decision to refuse planning permission for 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
- i) Notification of temporary closure of public footpaths 2 & 2A, Wrightington, from 26 September for a period of 2 months or until the works are completed.
- j) Contact details from Simon Kenyon, formerly of VIP, regarding community grant support and bid writing, the charge for which will now be 2.5% rather than the previous 10%.
- k) Details of an opportunity to meet the regulator – Environment Agency, Health and Safety Executive, Public Health England and the Oil & Gas Authority at an event on oil and gas.
- l) Copies of posters encouraging new candidates to stand for the County Council Elections in May 2017.
- m) Copies of posters detailing services available from West Lancs. Ark (Action Reflection Knowledge)
- n) Notification that United Utilities and Severn Trent are joining forces to form a new water retail company for United Utilities business customers. The new company will be called Water Plus.