

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 December 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.)

The Chairman took the opportunity to wish the public and Councillors present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thanked Mrs Monk for her continued attendance and support at Council Meetings. Public Present – reported that they would still like a zebra crossing in the vicinity of Mossfields – The Council will make this request again, copying County Councillor Fillis into the request, and enquiring whether there is any community money left to fund this request. A zebra crossing would support the schoolchildren, the pensioners accessing the pensioners' hall, parents, children and young people accessing the play area adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall and, would help everyone cross the road to access the bus stops on either side of the road. The ideal location for a zebra crossing would be in front of Mossfields between the bus stops on either side of Mossy Lea Road.

93. **APOLOGIES** – No apologies received.

94. **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.**

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

96. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – **Noted.**

97. **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) Response to flooding reports to LCC, as the Lead Local Flood Authority, raised at the November Meeting – An order has been raised to carry out CCTV survey outside 15 Mossy Lea Road. An order has been issued to carry out a dig down at Courage Low Lane. An order has previously been raised to replace the side entry gully cover and frame near Rigbye's Bridge and to clean and jet gullies at this location. There is an outstanding order to clear the ditch near 14 Carr House Lane as landownership searches have failed to date. Confirmation however, that all work is prioritised according to urgency and safety scales and work can only be undertaken with the available resources held by LCC. Confirmation that leaf clearance is a West Lancs. BC function – **All items noted. It was further reported that a bale of straw had fell from a vehicle on Mossy Lea Road recently, damaging a street light as it fell. Councillor Johnson reported this to LCC who removed the damaged street light. Although the majority of the straw was removed following this, remnants remained on the road. A road sweep has been undertaken today to remove the remainder.**
- b) Update with blocked gullies and damaged drains – Courage Low Lane – Confirmation an instruction has been issued to repair the gully near 2/4 Courage Low Lane and, to repair one of the hardened grips and clean the remaining two grips – **It was reported that the gully emptier appears to be choosing which gullies to empty rather than do them all. Councillor Johnson was recently informed by an LCC officer that the gully emptier cannot stop on double yellow lines without traffic management. The Council will request**

clarification of this. It was reported that all the gullies on Tunley Lane are blocked and also that 2 gullies, approx. 6' into Church Lane are blocked. The blocked gullies on Courage Low Lane still require attention as the residents are still pumping water out on a daily basis. These matters will be reported to LCC again.

- c) LCC response to report of metal pole protruding onto the highway, Courage Low Lane – **Reported the metal has now been removed and an order issued for a new fence – Noted.**
- d) West Lancs. BC officers response to report of derelict land on Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – **Reported that there is nothing dangerous on the land at the moment therefore, nothing can be done, however, should anything change officers will revisit if necessary.**
- e) Response to your comments regarding a gardening charge for tenants of Mossfields – **There has been a misunderstanding here and none of the tenants of Mossfields will be required to pay the gardening charge.**
- f) West Lancs. BC consultation on the proposed introduction of a Public Space Protection Order introducing restrictions in relation to dogs on play areas – **Noted.**
- g) Invitation to Chairman to attend the Lancashire Civic County Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday 5 Feb. 2016 at 6.30pm – **The Chairman and her husband will attend.**
- h) Response to questions raised regarding Remembrance Sunday and the War Memorial – **There is little the British Legion can do to assist with this matter, however, as the memorial is not the responsibility of the Parish Council there is also little the Parish Council can do.**
- i) Request for information relating to current events in the Parish which could be featured in Home Instead West Lancashire and Chorley, a free source of concise information relating to current events for older adults in the area to attend – **The Clerk will provide coffee morning dates and times and all the classes which take place in the Village Halls.**
- j) Invitation from LCC to attend the LCC Parish & Town Council Conference on Saturday 25 February 2017, at County Hall, Preston – **The Clerk will attend on behalf of the Council.**
- k) Quotation for connecting defibrillator boxes to an electricity supply at 5 locations in the Parish - £320.00 + VAT - **Resolved – Contractor will be instructed to go ahead with installation.**
- l) Request for a Donation from Revitalise – respite holidays for disabled people and carers – **Resolved – That the usual £25.00 donation be made at the next meeting.**
- m) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – Nothing to report.

98. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The bus stop markings still need painting on the road on Appley Lane North and Mill Lane.
- Leaf fall is still a problem on Appley Lane North where the cars are parked during the week. A leaf sweep ideally needs to take place in the evening or at weekend. As a result of the leaf fall the gullies are now blocked with leaves.
- The septic tank at the rear of the BP garage is still leaking with white, slimy, smelly liquid which is seeping through the wall onto the recently cleared footpath.
- In front of Treetops on Broadhurst Lane the road is always wet and there is some discoloured water on the road and an odour of raw sewage.
- Opposite 8 Broadhurst Lane there is an inspection chamber with yellow water bubbling out of it. It was reported that the stream nearby was once full of iron oxide.
- A 30mph speed limit sign is required on Tunley Lane when turning in from Mossy Lea Road. People are using this route as a rat run.
- If residents/motorists cannot have a mirror to assist in exiting Heron's Wharf, what would LCC suggest to ensure highway safety is not compromised for motorists and pedestrians?

99. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that her discussions with the web co-ordinator recently confirmed that he will update with whatever information he is sent. Councillor Mrs Burton also reported that there is a Wrightington PC Facebook page. The Clerk will try to obtain log in details so that the web co-ordinator can update this as well. Details of forthcoming classes at the village halls and possibly the inclusion of some photographs of the planters, the play area and information about the defibrillators and training will all be posted on the website in due course. The Parish Council wonder whether Google may be able to assist with publicising the locations of the defibrillators.

100. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Received: £40 Christmas Fair, £60 Embroidery Class, £25 Craft Classes. Confirmation Lancashire Adult Learning will be running a further Watercolour Painting Class on Monday afternoons from 20 Feb 2017, and hopefully a Beginners Yoga course on Tuesday afternoons. There will also be an 8 week computer class, ICT Functional Skills Course, on Wednesday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm from 18 Jan- 15 March 2017, anyone wishing to enrol please contact the Clerk. Following a report that Lancashire Adult Learning will be providing laptop computers for the computer classes, it was **Resolved** – **That the Clerk will contact the 3 Primary Schools in the Parish and offer to donate 2 desk top computers to each school.** It was reported that the fixed price contract with British Gas is coming to an end in February. **Resolved - Councillor Johnson agreed to explore the options open to the Parish Council and report back for action before the existing contract ends.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – Slimming World classes will commence in the hall on Wednesday mornings from 4 January 2017. The Parish Council agreed that a banner, similar to that erected at Appley Bridge VH, advertising the classes could also be put on the railings at Mossy Lea Village Hall. The breakfast and after school club seems to be working. The Clerk had received reports that the cooker and water heater required attention. Having checked both they appear to be fine but this will be monitored.

101. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

1) 2016/ 1200/FUL – Single storey extension at side and first floor front and rear extensions. 269A, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved** – **No objections.**

FOR INFORMATION – NO COMMENT CAN BE MADE ON THIS TYPE OF APPLICATION:

2) 2016/1222/LDP – Certificate of Lawfulness – Proposed front porch and 1m high boundary wall/fence. 113 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge – **Noted.**

3) 2016/1233/LDP – Certificate of Lawfulness – Proposed erection of 1no. detached gymnasium and dance studio. The Cottage, Smithy Brow, Wrightington – **Noted.**

102. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Annual Report 2015/16 – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

Standish Print	Copying & Stationery	£27.35	
Chubb Fire & Security Ltd	– Servicing Extinguishers at ABVH	£66.48	
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH	£190.06	
Mrs J Rogers	Reimburse refreshments, Remembrance Day	£15.81	
E.on	Electricity at ABVH	£80.05	
Joseph Noblett	Christmas Tree for ABVH	Awaiting Total	
SLCC	Annual Subscriptions (50% of £157.00)	£78.50	
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

Resolved: **Payment of the above accounts is approved.**

104. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 January 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 93 to 104 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 January 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:05 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification an appeal has been submitted against West Lancs. BC decision to refuse planning permission for the erection of an agricultural building at Tunley Brook Barn, Mossy Lea Road.
- b) Details of West Lancs. BC Christmas and New Year opening times and contact details.
- c) LCC Severe Weather Bulletin – Issue 1 – for information.
- d) Request for a donation from the Open Spaces Society for their “Save our Spaces” appeal.
- e) Notification from Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service of the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan 2017-2022, Consultation.
- f) Copy CPRE Fieldwork – Winter 2016
- g) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice – Winter 2016
- h) Posters for LCC Foster Carer Recruitment Campaign