

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 January 2017 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.)

Residents Present – Reported that a section of the hedging in front of No.11 Mossfields has recently been removed and the residents are unsure if this will be replaced.

- 105. APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Clinch.
- 106. 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.**
- 107. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 December 2016 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- 108. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** –  
Gully cover Rigbye's Bridge – The last correspondence received indicated that this matter would be resolved in the next 2 weeks. No action has as yet been taken. During recent rainfall it was noted that the gully is blocked, the carriageway flooded and the cone floating across the road.  
Tunley Lane – The large boulder at the end of the footpath coming out near the bridge on Tunley Lane recently rolled into the road. It has now been moved back towards the wall.  
Drain Courage Low Lane – 2 men attended, dug out, put a manhole in and tarmacked, using traffic management to complete the work which was completed in 2 days and could not be faulted.  
Flooding outside 15 Mossy Lea Road – Flooding and drainage has been an issue at this location for many years. Councillor Johnson was informed that this location was second on the list for a camera survey within a 4 week period. Gardens and driveways of homes at this location have been ruined over the course of the years. LCC will be reminded of their duties as the local lead flood authority to deal with such issues.  
Parish Council Website - The Clerk passed the info. and details re: Facebook and twitter to the website co-ordinator. Defibrillator posters and details of training and classes at Mossy Lea Village Hall will be sent for display on the website.

## 109. 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) Copy of service form for installation of defibrillator boxes for signing off – **Agreed and signed off by the Chairman. £40 has also been received from Mossy Lea Primary School towards the purchase of the defibrillators.**
- b) Confirmation that it is possible to have a textile recycling unit on Mossy Lea Village Hall on a 3 month trial basis should you wish to proceed with this – **The Parish Council agreed to locate a textile recycling unit on the left hand side of Mossy Lea Village Hall.**
- c) Request that the Parish Council reconsider their objections to stopping up part of the highway on Broadhurst Lane in light of comments made by the LCC engineer dealing with this – **Resolved – The Council will request a site meeting with the LCC engineer involved.**
- d) Confirmation that All Saints Primary School would like to accept the Parish Council offer for donation of 2 desktop computers – **The Clerk confirmed that All Saints School and Mossy**

Lea School have accepted the offer however, St Joseph's School do not need them. The Council will therefore donate 3 desktop computers each to All Saints and Mossy Lea Schools. It was suggested that the Pensioners may like one and, if not, a computer will be donated to Pingawings Play School. This leaves one computer which will be put in the office at Mossy Lea Village Hall and could be available for use during Coffee Mornings.

- e) Complaint from a resident about vehicles waiting to enter the recycling site on Appley Lane South and the fact that this is compromising highway safety for other motorists – **The Clerk confirmed that she had reported this incident to the Police and asked that they have a word with the site owner with a view to him asking vehicles attending the site, not to arrive before the official opening times.**
- f) Details of concurrent funding and the council tax support grant payable to the Parish Council in the 2017/18 financial year together with details of the tax base. These figures will be used at the Budget Meeting in February as part of the Precept requirement calculations – **Noted by the Parish Council. Councillors present suggested a Budget Meeting on a different night to the Parish Council Meeting thereby affording them more time to discuss the budget requirements and the Parish Precept in more detail. The Clerk will arrange a time and date and contact Councillors for approval.**
- g) Notification that applications for Capital Grant Funding for 2017/18 capital projects need to be submitted by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – **For discussion at the February Meeting with a view to submitting a funding bid towards the cost of painting Appley Bridge Village Hall interior and possibly replacing the flooring in the toilets at Mossy Lea Village Hall.**
- h) Info. in relation to Battle's Over – A Nation's Tribute which is due to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – **Noted.**
- i) Info. from google regarding adding a public place to google maps – **The Clerk will explore this matter in more detail.**
- j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Email confirmation from the WRAT pack, thanking everyone involved for their support during the fight against wind turbines in the Parish and, confirming that there is no further need for meetings or discussions on this matter. Any finances remaining in the accounts will be distributed to charity and the accounts closed. ii) Notification that following the cessation of Villages in Partnership some money remains in the account which the Trustees are looking to fund some of the bids received earlier in the year but which were put on hold when VIP ceased – **The Clerk confirmed that she had re-submitted the Parish Councils bid for funding towards the clearing, tidying and cutting back of the old road at the rear of BP Garage.** iii) Further information from Cheryl Pickstock, lead local contact at North West Ambulance Service (NWAS), for locating, registering, maintaining and training of defibrillators.

#### 110. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Flooding Carr House Lane – Remains an issue in the vicinity of No.14 Carr House Lane.
- Bus stop markings – are still required on Mill Lane and Appley Lane North.
- BP Garage – The previous planning application indicated that sewerage would be dealt with by mains drainage. The Council will ask if the septic tank can be removed as unnecessary.
- Treetops, Broadhurst Lane – coloured liquid is still seeping down the driveway onto the lane.
- 30mph signs, Tunley Lane – are still required at the Mossy Lea Road end of Tunley Lane.
- The Poplars, Tunley Lane – used to have a 30mph sign outside which has been removed.
- There is a lot of litter all over the Parish and the grass verges are a disgrace.
- Litter picks will be requested along Mossy Lea Road to the Heskin boundary and, on Mill Lane and Church Lane.
- It was reported that the farmer has cleaned the ditches out on Church Lane but has left all the debris on the grass verge making it unstable.
- 4 bags of rubbish have been fly-tipped on the grass verge near the sub-station on Moss Lane.
- Concern was expressed about the eyesore created by the bags of horse manure for sale in the gateway at Mossy Lea Farm.
- Street light No.184 on Mossy Lea Road, needs replacing following an incident.
- Remnants of the bail of straw which damaged the street light are still in the grass verge.
- There is a bail of straw on Hall Lane between the bridge and the bus stop.

- The Clerk will ask for progress with removal of the large boulders in the lay-by on Hall Lane.
- Bollards in front of Hunters Hill Cottage, Whittle Lane, are considered dangerous as they are silver and are not easily seen.
- Stones on the verges of some of the properties on Robin Hood Lane still need removing.
- The chain-link fence for Mill Lane has still not been installed at the time of this meeting however, it has been installed since that date.
- West Lancs. BC will be asked to enforce parking restrictions in relation to the double yellow lines recently installed on Appley Lane North.
- A 20mph speed limit will be requested on Appley Lane North, between Bradley's Farm and Northern Diver. This will improve highway safety for schoolchildren at All Saints and for young children using the Breakfast and After School Club at Appley Bridge Village Hall.
- The Champion newspaper has not been delivered for distribution in the village since before Christmas. The Clerk will pursue this matter.

**111. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson may have to tender apologies for the forthcoming Area Committee Meeting.

**112. VILLAGE HALLS**

**MOSSY LEA** – Received: £40 New Year's Eve, £60 Embroidery Class (Thursday), £50 Embroidery Class (Sunday). Moo Music class commencing 27 February, Mondays 10.30am-11.30am. Confirmation that Councillor Johnson has negotiated a new 3 year fixed term contract with British Gas commencing in February. Request from West Lancs. BC, to book the village hall as a polling station on Thursday 4 May – confirmed. **Resolved: A quotation from JW Property Services of £850.00 labour for painting the whole of the interior of the village hall was accepted. Paint, materials and any additional work required as the job progresses will be met by the Parish Council. The Council would like the walls Magnolia, the ceiling in the hall white, and all doors and woodwork painted in white gloss.**

**APPLEY BRIDGE** – Broken fluorescent light. It has been determined that this was damaged during the Breakfast/After School Club. The Parish Council are reluctant to put guards over the lights as they have not been necessary up to now and, playgroups, children's parties and other village hall users have never experienced or caused any broken lights before. **Resolved: The Parish Council will put notices up stating that No Ball Games must be played inside the village hall with immediate effect and, will investigate the cost of putting some type of guards over the lights for possible future discussion.**

**113. 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.

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

- 1) 2016/ 1306/FUL – Variation of condition No.2 imposed on planning permission 2016/0743/FUL to (Case 2053176) vary the approved plans. BP Connect, Crow Orchard Service Station, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections to the revised plans in principle, however, the Council note that the existing septic tank does not now appear on the revised plans. Therefore, the Council request that the old existing, seeping septic tank is safely removed, disposed of and capped off appropriately.**
- 2) 2016/1201/FUL - Installation of one roof light to the rear of the property. 33 Glenside, Appley (Case 2053178) Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 3) 2016/1234/FUL - Two storey side extension. 254 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**

**115. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Notification that the next Area Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at Derby Street, Ormskirk. Notification of a Finance Workshop, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017, Penwortham, Preston – **Noted.**

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

**For Payment:**

Revitalise	Donation	£25.00
British Gas	Supply at ABVH	£545.86
British Gas	Supply at MLVH	£106.79

CSI Security	Emergency lighting and outdoor security lighting - MLVH	£264.00	
		ABVH £177.60	£441.60
Matrix FSE Ltd	Installation of defibrillator boxes		£384.00
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 line and Broadband – MLVH		£158.97

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

#### **117. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:** That the Budget Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 9 February 2017 at 6 pm at Mossy Lea Village Hall and, the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 February 2017 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 105 to 117 and, the Budget Meeting Minutes, will be accepted as correct records and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 February 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:10 pm

Chairman:

Date:

#### **REPORT 1**

- a) Notification an appeal has been submitted against West Lancs. BC decision to refuse planning permission for change of roof from built up felt flat roof to pitched tiled roof with attic storage to existing detached garage 17 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Confirmation of receipt of your email to Bolton Council in connection with Ironman UK.
- c) Notification that work to address drainage issues at Courage Low Lane will be actioned in January 2017. Notification that work to the gully on Rigbye's Bridge will be carried out as soon as possible with the resources available.
- d) Confirmation County Councillor Fillis has seen your enquiry about a zebra crossing on Mossy Lea Road and has passed it to appropriate officers who will look into this issue and respond in due course.
- e) Confirmation County Councillor Fillis has seen your enquiry for clarification that the gully emptier cannot stop on double yellow lines with traffic management and has passed it to the appropriate officers who will look into this issue and respond in due course.
- f) Notification that with effect from the 2017/18 financial year PKF Littlejohn LLP have been appointed as external auditors for the Parish Council account.