

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 February 2017 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 J Clinch, 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.)

- 118. APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor House.
- 119. 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 one of the Accounts to be paid. 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.**
- 120. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 January 2017, and the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held on Thursday 9 February 2017, had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as correct records and were signed by the Chairman.
- 121. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
BP Garage Septic Tank – The Clerk reported a telephone call from the West Lancs. BC Environmental Officer, who had visited the site and clarified that this is a holding tank, which should be checked weekly and reported monthly, by the people who operate the franchise at the garage. These checks and reports are not being made regularly therefore; the tank is not being emptied often enough. With regard to the planning application which appeared to state that sewage from the site would be dealt with by mains drainage, this appears to have been a mistake by the applicant when completing the planning application form and, as permission has now been granted, nothing can be done about this. The Parish Council will monitor this matter as the general feeling is that the proposed new facilities will place an even greater demand on the existing holding tank which will definitely require emptying more frequently.
Great British Litter Pick – The Chairman feels that this is an excellent idea and would like to make this a week long project rather than just the weekend suggested i.e. Saturday 4th March to Sunday 12th March inclusive. The Chairman also suggested involving the schools and schoolchildren, who could be encouraged to litter pick and tidy around the school and school grounds. School children who get involved could be presented with a Certificate by the Parish Council. Councillor Hodgkinson did not think it was appropriate to ask the schoolchildren to do this and, that it would appear that volunteers are undertaking work which should be undertaken by the Borough Council. Councillor Hodgkinson also feels we are just getting involved in this project for the sake of it. The Chairman proposed that the Governors at the 3 schools in the Parish be contacted, via the head teacher, with the suggestion to take part in the Great British Litter Pick if the Governors think it is appropriate for the school children to do so. **It was Resolved on a majority vote that the schools will be contacted.**
Litter bins in the Parish – Councillor Johnson reported that his enquiries have revealed that there are insufficient litter bins in the Parish. He also suggested that the dog waste bins near the village hall on Mossy Lea Road and on Chisnall Avenue, are both very well used and often overflowing. The Council will suggest that larger bins could be placed at these locations. The Council will enquire about signage encouraging people to take their litter home and suggested the possibility of CCTV cameras in the village to catch offenders dropping litter and to highlight grot spots.

122. 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) Notification no further bus stop markings will be put in place on Mill Lane now yellow lines have been installed. Officers will investigate bus stop markings near Finch Lane – **Noted.**
- b) Current position re: flooding near 15 Mossy Lea Road & 14 Carr House Lane and, notification works orders have been issued for gully cleaning/replacement near Mossy Lea Farm – **Noted.**
- c) Confirmation the order relating to the yellow lines on Appley Lane North has been sealed however, resources are limited and prioritised in major urban areas re: enforcing them – **The Council will request assistance from the Police in enforcing the yellow lines on Appley Lane North. The Police will also be asked to patrol at school drop off and pick up times at St Joseph’s School on Mossy Lea Road, where some parents park on the pavements and, inconsiderate parking is compromising highway safety for the school children.**
- d) No further 30mph signs will be erected on Tunley Lne from Mossy Lea Rd direction – **Noted.**
- e) Notification that in light of the good road safety history on Appley Lane North officers cannot recommend a 20 mph reduced speed limit at this time – **Noted.**
- f) Confirmation that County Councillor Fillis is personally opposed to the Ironman Event however, all requests for activities on the highway have to be considered through due process – **The Parish Council are grateful for County Councillor Fillis’s support on this subject and will ask if it is possible to be informed as soon as the road closure order is applied for. This will allow the Parish Council to object to the proposed route if it again goes through the Parish and, if the Council do submit objections will they be taken into account when the decision on whether to allow the road closure is made?**
- g) In light of the good road safety history on Mossy Lea Road officers cannot recommend a pedestrian crossing at the present time – **Noted.**
- h) Confirmation of the current position with the originally promised defibrillator at Pesto – **It was reported that when funding was in place for the defibrillator, negotiations with the owners of the Dicconson Arms broke down as the ownership changed to Pesto. Councillor Mrs Evans thought that the defibrillator would still be placed at Pesto, however, this was not possible as the point of contact was lost. The funding was used to purchase/place a defibrillator at another location. It was suggested that it may have been re-located in the building on the Football Playing fields at Appley Lane South.**
- i) Confirmation that Andrew Davies will contact the Council directly to arrange a site meeting re: the stopping up of part of the highway on Broadhurst Lane – **Councillor Hodgkinson also expressed an interest in attending when the meeting is arranged, as it is believed that the land in question has not formed part of the highway on Broadhurst Lane for many years.**
- j) Confirmation from County Councillor Fillis that a gully wagon with a 2 man team without traffic management will empty gullies on a road that can be completed safely without traffic management, returning with traffic management to complete those missed, for safety reasons – **Noted, however, they do not always return to empty those which have been missed.**
- k) Request for a donation from North West Air Ambulance – **Resolved - £25 donation.**
- l) Notification from County Councillor Fillis that there is funding available for projects which will enhance community wellbeing – **The Clerk suggested requesting funding towards the purchase of a defibrillator which can be located at Pesto. As the total cost is approx. £1350 for the defibrillator, the box and installation, the Clerk will submit a funding bid for £450 towards this.** The Clerk will email the poster detailing the locations of the Defibrillators to the head teacher at St Joseph’s School, for display. The Clerk will request contact details for the Community First Responder, Mark, who delivered the defibrillator training at the village halls, it was suggested that it could be useful to speak in the schools.
- m) Details of LCC proposed budget options for comment if necessary – **Noted. The Parish Council remain frustrated at the visible presence of manpower sitting in vans and lorries doing nothing and wasting time until the end of the working day or, until returning to the depot. The Council feel they should be more closely monitored by their bosses, as this is a blatant waste of manpower and resources by LCC.**
- n) Draft Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy for the Borough for observations – **The Parish Council think that this is a good strategy, however, they would rather see routes being upgraded to bridleways, as these multipurpose routes can then be used by everyone and become definitive rights of way whereas, if cycle-ways are created, these**

can be removed in the future. The Council are disappointed that Wrightington is not mentioned in any of the proposals and wonder why other areas within the Borough cannot benefit from improvements e.g. if proposals to improve the canal towpath went further than proposed and included Appley Bridge, this could open up the countryside in Wrightington and Parbold, including Fairy Glen, to towpath users.

- o) Reports relating to large boulders recently located on land off Finch Lane used by parents parking for school – **The Council will report this to LCC and enquire whether they have been placed on the highway or on private land. The Council will also report these as an obstruction on the public right of way, used as a walking route to and from school from Appley Lane North and Skull House Lane.**
- p) Suggested applications for Capital Grant Funding for 2017/18 capital projects for submission by 24th February 2017 – **Resolved** – **The Parish Council will submit a bid for Capital Grant Funding for 2017/18 towards painting the interior of Appley Bridge Village Hall. The anticipated cost of this work including labour, materials and hire of a scaffolding tower is £2500.00. The Parish Council will contribute £800.00 towards this project and will submit a Capital Grant Funding Bid for £1700.00 to West Lancs. BC.**
- q) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – **Nothing to report.**

123. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The flashing school warning lights at St Joseph's School on Mossy Lea Road, are flashing all the time and have been for some considerable time.
- The shrubs forming part of the Gateway Project undertaken some years ago by West Lancs. BC need trimming again.
- The Council will request an update on the removal of boulders in the lay-by on Hall Lane.
- The Chairman reported receiving a phishing email from someone purporting to be Amazon, asking her to confirm her bank details. The Council will report this to In the Know.

124. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – LALC Area Committee

– it was agreed that Councillors no longer wish to receive the Local Council Review as part of their annual subscriptions. The reduced amount of £362.17 will be sent to LALC.

125. WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE – In the absence of Councillor House, discussions on this subject were deferred until the next Meeting.

126. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Received: £140.00 Yoga classes Dec & Jan. £45 Craft Class. £60 Embroidery Class (Thursday), £50 Embroidery Class (Sunday). 7 computers donated, 3 to All Saints School and 3 to Mossy Lea School and, 1 to Pingawings Playgroup. 9 oval tables, removed from the attic, donated for use in a Community Pub in Appley Bridge – **Noted.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – Broken fluorescent light £101.40 to replace. 30-40 old metal framed chairs which have been damaging the wooden floor in the hall have been donated for use by a junior football team. **Resolved** – **once the light has been repaired the Council will put notices up stating that No Ball Games are allowed in the village hall with immediate effect.** The Clerk confirmed that there is no legal requirement to place guards over the lights. Councillors confirmed that this has never been necessary in the past, even when the playgroup was held in the hall, nor at any children's parties. It was also suggested that the damage to the vertical blinds may also have been caused during ball games.

127. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2016/ 1322/FUL – Single storey extension to the rear, with roof lights. Alterations to the existing (Case 2067856) property, including flat roofs to pitch roofs to the front and rear dormers. New raised patio to rear. Jacquemar, Hall Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 2) 2016/1201/FUL - Installation of four rooflights (part retrospective). 33 Glenside, Appley Bridge, (Case 2067861) Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 3) 2017/0093/FUL - Proposed demolition of the existing flat roofed single storey prefabricated garage

- (Case 2067865) and replacement with a double garage with pitched roof. Existing section of raised kerb to be dropped to the drive entrance. 8 Wrightington Bar, Wood Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 4) 2017/0003/FUL - Single storey rear extension with roof lights. Alterations to the existing property. 2 (Case 2067868) The Vale, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 5) 2017/0004/OUT - Outline – erection of five dwellings, including details of access and layout. Ashurst (Case 2067871) Garage and Signs, Wood Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**

128. 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.

129. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Nothing to report.

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

For Payment:

LALC	Annual Subs. (Inc. 4 Local Council Review £416.17) amended to	£362.17
Moss Bank Nurseries	Planters & planting summer/winter 2016)	£1730.40
Dale Burton	Work on old road r/o BP garage (£320) + work at ABVH (195)	£512.00
JW Property Services	Decorating MLVH (Labour)	£850.00
JW Property Services	Additional work to complete decoration/clean floors/remove sink	£395.00
PPG Architectural Coatings &		
Huws Gray	Paint and Materials for decorating MLVH	£253.83
CS Catering Equipt.	Hot Water Boiler – MLVH	£300.95
British Gas	Supply at MLVH (estimated)	£56.39
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
United Utils.	Water Charges – ABVH	£60.42
D/D – United Utils.	Water charges – MLVH	£15.59
D/D – Eon.	Electricity supplied – MLVH	£121.18

Receipts:

VIP	Successful Funding Bid (towards work at r/o BP Garage)	£250.00
MLVH Committee	Transfer	£1500.00

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

Councillor Johnson confirmed that, as more than one signature is required on cheques, it is not possible to have internet banking on the Parish Council, or the Village Hall Committee, bank accounts.

131. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 March 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 118 to 131 will be accepted as correct records and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 March 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:10 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for two storey side extension. 254 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for variation of condition 2 on 20160743/FUL to vary approved plans at BP Garage, Crow Orchard Service Station, Wrightington.
- c) Notification permission granted for single storey extension at side and first floor front and rear extensions. 269a, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.

- d) Confirmation certificate of lawfulness permitted for proposed front porch and 1m high boundary wall/fence. 113 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge.
- e) Notification permission granted for demolition of part of existing building and park home and erection of single detached bungalow. Land adj. to 7 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- f) Notification appeal allowed to change roof from built up felt flat roof to pitched tiled roof with attic storage to existing detached garage. Mayholme, 17 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
- g) Letter of thanks from Revitalise for your donation.
- h) Confirmation that gardening charges relate to tenants receiving the free concessionary garden services none of whom live on Mossfields.
- i) A report of fly-tipping left on farm fields near Tunley Lane, some items having been burned.
- j) Report from a horse-rider who was stopped after using footpath 21 on horseback and, a request for clarification of the status of this route. Update provided by return email.
- k) Details of the forthcoming Great British Spring Clean from West Lancs. BC. Confirmation that the Parish Council request for 20 litter pickers and 100 black bags has been added to the Councils list.
- l) Confirmation West Lancs. BC will be allocating CIL monies in 2017/18 to i) the canal towpath improvements between Burscough Wharf and Glovers Swing Bridge near Lathom. ii) improvements to upgrade and extend the play area at Stanley Coronation Park. iii) improvements to Mere Sands Wood Visitor Centre (phase one).
- m) Info. from the Plunkett Foundation re: Call to Action – for note by the Parish Council.
- n) Details of consultation on supplementary planning documents by South Ribble BC for note by the Council.