

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 March 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr C House, 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.)

Public present – The resident present attended in connection with planning application 2017/0107/FUL on the Agenda. It was confirmed that the lady present was the applicant, who reported that the original application in 2015 to remodel the bungalow in question into a 2 storey house was refused. However, permission was granted on appeal. The architect and builders have now suggested that it would be easier to demolish the existing house and rebuild the dwelling in line with the plans approved on appeal. The applicant confirmed that all the windows on that side of the house overlooking neighbouring properties are obscured glass and all other windows at the rear of the building have been offset to prevent neighbours being able to see into the property and vice versa. Parish Councillors will take account of this information when making a decision on this planning application later in the Meeting.

132. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Johnson (prior commitment).
133. **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.**
134. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 February 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
135. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
BP Garage Septic Tank – Councillors feel that the planning application should have been void as the person completing the form did not submit the correct details regarding drainage. Councillors confirmed that the site will be carefully monitored when the facility is enlarged.  
Great British Litter Pick – The Chairman confirmed that children at Mossy Lea Primary School have been litter picking within the school grounds. Councillor Johnson reported that 2 volunteers had undertaken some litter picking in Mossy Lea, and that the remaining bags of litter had all been collected by himself. The Chairman confirmed that there were no volunteers in Appley Bridge. The Council will ask West Lancs. BC if they could request the litter pickers and bags again if they decided to arrange a litter pick in the future. The Clerk will enquire what the law is regarding the Parish Council installing CCTV cameras as they believe the littering is anti-social behaviour.
136. **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) Email introduction from the new PCSO, Andy Holderness, in post from 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017, and confirmation of his attendance at St Joseph's School to assist with parking issues – **Noted.**
- b) Reminder - Notification of, and invitation for 2 Parish Councillors to attend, a Local Plan Review Workshop on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber, Derby Street, Ormskirk – emailed to Councillors – **Apologies will be submitted.**
- c) Notification that the Term of Office of Councillor Gartside as a Trustee on the Richard Durning's Charity is coming to an end – request appointment – **Resolved: Councillor Gartside will continue in this office for a further term.**

- d) Request from West Lancs. BC for nominations for the 2017 West Lancs. Design Awards – **The Council advise the homeowner of the suggested property to submit a nomination.**
- e) Current position re: flooding near 15 Mossy Lea Road – blockage or break in the pipe in the field, new section of drain required, permission needed from the land owner and the National Grid because of the close proximity of the main gas network pipeline. 266/268 Mossy Lea Road – the gully has now been cleaned and should solve flooding at this location. Rigbye’s Bridge – gully top was wedged in the bottom of the gully pot, caused the blockage, now refitted and should solve the problem – **Noted.**
- f) Notification of 2017 Ironman Event + request to meet with the Parish Council to work through problems experienced in previous years – The Parish Council are trying to arrange a separate open evening meeting with Ironman representatives for Councillors & residents to attend – **The Parish Council are again disappointed that they were not notified of the application for the road closure thereby giving them the opportunity to object. It would again seem that no consideration has been given to the disruption this event causes to residents in Wrightington. Last year’s event was a disaster, there was little/no communication between Ironman officials with whom agreements had been made, and the Stewards on the ground on the day. Resolved: That a Public Meeting will be arranged on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017, at Mossy Lea Village Hall, where the Parish Council and residents will be able to put their comments, observations and objections to Ironman representatives. Ironman representatives will be asked to bring a copy of their Method Statement which should deal with all health and safety issues. They will be asked to indicate who the health and safety officer will be on the day and provide details of which organisation will be providing Stewarding services. The County Councillor, Borough Councillors, Police and residents are all invited to attend. It was confirmed that last year’s event was the worst it has ever been, and that cannot be repeated again in 2017.**
- g) Notification of a free training taster course from Lancashire Adult Learning on how to keep safe online and prevent identity theft – **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, 1-4pm, Mossy Lea Village Hall.**
- h) Request for Parish Council views on the West Lancs. BC Stakeholder Survey – **Noted.**
- i) Clarification of the position with the originally promised defibrillator at Pesto – **Noted.**
- j) Notification from County Councillor Fillis that the Parish Council funding bid to the community wellbeing fund, towards the purchase of defibrillator, has been successful – **The Clerk confirmed that the original request for £450.00 towards the cost of providing another defibrillator and cabinet at Pesto, Appley Bridge, had been amended by County Councillor Fillis on receipt. He had in fact submitted a request for the whole amount of £1350.00 to include purchase and installation of a defibrillator and cabinet. This higher bid has been successful. Funding will be received in due course.**
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – Nothing to report.

### 137. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- It was reported that large tractors are still going too fast through the Parish and drivers are often seen on mobile telephones. This is regularly seen on Tunley Lane, Appley Lane North and Mossy Lea Road. The speed at which these vehicles are travelling often causes large bales of hay/straw to fall off and block the carriageway or footways.
- Stones placed on the highway verge on Tunley Lane will be reported to LCC.

138. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Following receipt of an email several weeks ago, Councillor Clinch has been trying to trace the family of the late trooper Frank Taylor who is buried in a graveyard in Holland. Councillor Clinch believes he has gone as far as he can without incurring costs and therefore suggested that the information he has obtained to date be posted to the enquirer for follow up. The Parish Council agreed with this suggestion.

139. **WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE** – Councillor House will update Facebook as required.

140. **ACTION REQUIRED TO SATISFY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS - Resolved: The Parish Council confirmed the following action has been taken throughout the year to satisfy audit requirements:** i) The Risk Assessment/Management Plan/Register – were reviewed and adopted at the May 2016 Parish Council Meeting. ii) The effectiveness of the Internal Audit was

confirmed – the Internal Auditor is both competent and independent, has no relationship with the Clerk or Councillors. The Audit trail is detailed, planned and the broad scope of the internal audit covers all aspects of the Councils business including financial, administrative, practical and procedural matters. Any issues arising from both the internal and external auditors are reported to the Parish Council at the earliest opportunity and the appropriate action taken. The Parish Council confirmed the continued appointment of Mrs MacDonald as the Parish Councils Internal Auditor.

#### 141. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Received: £60 Embroidery Class (Thursday), £50 Embroidery Class (Sunday). £30 Meeting in the village hall. Bookings are now increasing. Spring Fair, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 11am-3pm. Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-Long, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 7pm-10pm – **Noted**.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Broken fluorescent light replaced and then broken again. Bookings are also increasing. Councillor Mrs Burton will discuss damage and village hall users at the forthcoming village hall committee meeting. The “No Ball Games” signs will be amended to use stricter wording. Signs will also be put up stating that “No Food” must be left in the village hall and users must remove their rubbish. It was confirmed the Village Hall Committee Meeting will be at 8pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. The Clerk reported receipt of the non-domestic rate bills for both village halls for 2017/18 – Nil.

#### 142. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2017/ 0107/FUL - Proposed dwelling to replace existing house and provide improved living and bedroom accommodation. 2 Mossy Lea Fold, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 2) 2017/0191/PNH - Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – extension of dwellinghouse. Dimensions from rear wall of the original dwellinghouse 3.65m. Maximum height of extension 3.7m, height to the eaves 2.3m. 147 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 3) 2017/0165/FUL - Proposed detached outbuilding in rear garden to be used as a store for gardening equipment and an office for the purpose of homeworking to be used solely by the applicant. (No employees are involved and no customers will visit the site). 78 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**

For Information - T/2017/0020/TPO – W2 – T1 & T2- Sycamore – Fell. Reason – both trees have severe basal cavities. W1 – T3 – Sycamore – Fell. Reason – root system compromised and is also affecting the wall. Four Acres, Hall Lane, Wrightington – **Consent granted subject to conditions (TP)**

It was reported that a lot of trees have been felled in the valley at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane, in the vicinity of the sub-station. Some had fallen whilst others have been felled.

143. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Notification of Spring Conference, Saturday 13 May 2017, 9.30am-4.15pm, Leyland Hotel – Next Area Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Derby Street, Ormskirk - **Noted**.

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

##### For Payment:

NW Air Ambulance	Donation		£25.00
Huws Gray Ltd	Materials for decorating MLVH		£107.51
Matrix FSE Ltd	Replacement light fitting ABVH		£101.40
E.on	Electricity use at ABVH		£100.83
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Internet Charges 2016- 2017 (50%)	£60.00	
	Mobile Tel. Charges for past 12 months (50%)	£126.00	£186.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Mileage Expenses 2016 – 2017		£178.20
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

##### Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	Refund – Capital Bid – Village Hall enhancements	£1700.00
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**Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts is approved.**

## 145. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

**Resolved:** That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 (4<sup>th</sup> Monday as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> April, is Easter Monday) at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 132 to 145 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.35 pm

Chairman:

Date:

### **REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for installation of four rooflights (part retrospective). 33 Glenside.
- b) Acknowledgement of report of large boulders on the route of the public footpath 3A, to All Saints School, Appley Bridge.
- c) Notification of the sad passing of Mrs Jean Lloyd, widow of Mr Wilf Lloyd.
- d) Notification of temporary road closure of Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington, daily from 6am-6pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 until Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017 to allow carriageway surface dressing works.
- e) Notification of an application for an increased in authorisation for 4 vehicles and 2 trailers at 127 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, by J A Prescott Plant Hire Ltd.
- f) Press Release from West Lancs. BC re: introduction of a charge of £30 per year for garden waste collection service with effect from 5 June 2017.
- g) Press Release from West Lancs. BC confirming the new schemes agreed by the Council as it sets its budget for 2017/18.
- h) Info. from the Jo Cox Foundation re: The Great Get Together on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- i) Copy Open Space – Spring 2017