

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 24 April 2017 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, 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 had nothing specific to report apart from a white van parking on side of the grass verge on Broadhurst Lane.

- 146. APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Hodgkinson and House (prior commitments at home)
- 147. 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.
- 148. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 March 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
- 149. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minute 137 – Stones on the grass verge on Tunley Lane have been reported to LCC. It will be stressed that there is nowhere for pedestrians, joggers, cyclists or horse riders to go in the event of an emergency if the verges are obstructed with stones/boulders. There is a similar problem with stone on Robin Hood Lane and on High Moor Lane.
Broken light at Appley Bridge Village Hall – The Clerk reported a fluorescent tube had been found on the floor, undamaged having fallen from the light fitting above. The Council will investigate the cost of putting plastic covers over the exposed tubes or, whether a new light fitting including the plastic cover is required.
- 150. 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 the external Audit of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 will take place on 3 July 2017 – **Noted.**
- b) Email from PCSO Andy Holderness, in response to your enquiries regarding speeding tractors and use of mobile telephones by tractor drivers – **The Clerk will make further enquiries to determine the maximum speed a tractor is supposed to travel at.**
- c) Notification of an application for a new HGV licence for 1 vehicle at Higher Broadhurst Farm, Broadhurst Lane, by N Andrews Homes Ltd – **Noted.**
- d) Info. on CIL funding available for infrastructure projects in West Lancs. – **Noted.**
- e) Notification of Draft School Place Provision Strategy 2017/18-2019/20 – **Having had the opportunity to view this information in their own time, following discussions at this Meeting, the Parish Council believe that the selection criteria for children attending secondary schools should be amended to move into the 21st Century. More parents are now working at weekends and fewer are now able to attend Church on Sundays, one criteria which many parents now find impossible to meet. The Council also believe that if a local rural primary school is recognised as a feeder school, then priority should be given to children who reside in the area of the feeder school rather than if you attend church or have a sibling there egg: Mossy Lea Primary School is a feeder school for Bishop Rawstone School at Croston, however, many of the children from**

this school, and those in feeder Primary Schools in neighbouring Parishes, have been refused places at Bishop Rawstorne and parents are now being forced to appeal against this decision. If the appeal is dismissed many 11 year old children in rural areas will be forced to catch 2-3 buses in a morning, some leaving home before their parents, to attend secondary schools in Chorley for example. The Parish Council feel that this is totally unacceptable and, that the selection process needs updating and should take things like how long the family have lived in the area of the feeder school and the transport links available to children in rural areas to attend the given schools.

- f) Consultation on Issues and Options on the new West Lancs. Local Plan – **Noted.**
- g) Request from Ironman representatives to hold a follow up meeting in May and to have a copy of the notes taken at the Meeting with Ironman in April – **For the benefit of Councillors who could not attend the Ironman Meeting, the Chairman explained that some residents are totally opposed to the event taking place in our Parish. Ironman representatives have made assurances in the past but on the day it they are not fulfilled. Councillors pointed out all the facts at the Public Meeting and reported that, contestants in the race who were present at the Public Meeting also want the event organisers to improve the organisation of the event to create as little disruption to residents affected as possible. The Chairman confirmed that it was a very vocal meeting with many issues raised which need addressing by the event organisers. Councillor Johnson asked why the person who authorises the road closure orders at LCC cannot refuse to issue them, this would then mean the event would need to be rerouted. The Chairman explained that it became obvious at the public meeting that it is impossible to stop the event going ahead the issue now is how to get the best deal for Wrightington and its residents. If promises made by the Ironman representatives who attended are fulfilled then there will be a specific Plan for Wrightington on race day. The Wrightington Plan will be provided to residents affected by the race and will contain telephone numbers in the event of an emergency and, will give clear guidance on the routes to be used to and from their homes and the circumstances in which they will be allowed to use these routes. Specific plans can be drawn up for individuals who may need to go, or come home from work, for carers who need to access specific homes, and for vets who may need to access farms, livery yards etc. The Plan will give specific instructions to trained Stewards on how to handle situations which may arise or how to deal with the individual plans which may be put in place. Some Councillors still believe local businesses should put a claim in against the event organisers, who are a business, for loss of earnings on event day if the plans put in place do not work and the promises made do not materialise. Some Councillors believe that engaging with Ironman representatives is futile. The Clerk reported that Ironman have only provided one date for a second public meeting to discuss the Wrightington Plan, however, the Clerk is not available on this date. It was therefore suggested that the date of the May Meeting (15th May) and the Thursday after the Meeting (18th May) be proposed as alternative dates to the one provided. The notes from the Meeting could not be approved as only the Chairman was present who had attended the public meeting, therefore they will be agreed at the May Meeting following which they will be sent to Ironman who the Parish Council believe should be working with them, not against them.**
- h) Free training taster course from Lancashire Adult Learning on how to keep safe online and prevent identity theft, Tuesday 9th May, 1pm-4pm, Mossy Lea Village Hall – **Noted.**
- i) Response from Andrew Hill at West Lancs. Requesting a meeting to discuss litter issues raised – **It was confirmed that the Council are only aware of 1 new litter bin in the Parish in the last few years. There are actually very few bins in the whole Parish, approx. 12 or so. There was also a request for a bin, litter or dog waste, on Broadhurst Lane. The Council will suggest attending a future Parish Council Meeting to discuss this in more detail.**
- j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – nothing to report.

151. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Yellow water is still coming up from the inspection chamber on Broadhurst Lane.
- The Parish Council are still waiting for a site visit with Andrew Davies to discuss stopping up of part of the highway on Broadhurst Lane.

- It was reported that there is a large number of plastic gloves on the old road at the rear of the BP Garage site which may have been thrown over the wall from the Garage.
- The Chairman will check the old road for any seepage from the holding tank at the garage.
- It was reported that Mr Proe no longer wishes to continue with the amenity grass cutting in the Parish and at the village hall for health reasons. As the grass is now getting quite long it was agreed the Council will instruct Mr Dale Burton, who cleared/cut back the route of the old road, undertake amenity grass cuts and grass cuts at Appley Bridge Village Hall, with immediate effect.
- Councillor Johnson suggested adding the grass verge opposite Mossy Lea Village Hall to list of amenity cuts. It was confirmed that LCC do not consider this to be an amenity area and, that it may be better to cut the verge with the flail when cutting the hedges along this stretch.
- There are brambles, low tree branches and ragwort growing in the grass verges and obstructing the footway, near Rookery Fold and on Mossy Lea Road up to the junction with Crow Orchard Road.
- Approx. 3 months ago a rotten tree fell down opposite the sheltered accommodation on Chisnall Avenue and is now lying on the fence. The lower 8-9 feet of the tree remains upright whilst there is a further 8-9 feet broken off. It was reported that a lot of the trees along this fence line have ivy growing around them which will eventually bring the trees down. West Lancs. BC will be asked who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of these trees.
- A minibus is parking on the car park between the Pensioners Hall and the bungalows on Chisnall Avenue. The vehicle is present almost every night and the driver lives on Hinds Head Avenue. The vehicle is quite large and prevents the car park from being used by those who it was installed for, the residents of Chisnall Avenue. Vehicle details will be passed to the PCSO
- DPD delivery lorries are going along Courage Low Lane and onto Halfpenny Lane, neither which are particularly suitable for this type of vehicle. The vehicles often take tree branches with them on route. The Council will request signs on Halfpenny Lane stating that it is unsuitable for HGV's.

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

153. WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE – Remain up to date, nothing to report.

154. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR AND REVIEW DOCUMENTATION IN PARISH COUNCILLORS INFORMATION PACK
Resolved - The Parish Council act in accordance with the terms of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Localism Act 2011 and accept the Annual Audit Plan for the forthcoming year. Documents in the Parish Councillors information pack were reviewed. Documentation will be re-adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in May 2017.

155. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Received: £200 Nelson & Colne College for classes delivered. £140 Yoga Classes. £60 Embroidery Class (Thursday), £50 Embroidery Class (Sunday). £40 Moo Music. £40 Spring Fair. £55 Craft Classes. £40 Stroke Club. £60 Christening. Everyone really happy with the Village Hall.

Councillor Johnson reported that the water usage at the village hall will now increase not only due to the increased use of the hall but also as a result of altering the flow in the gents toilets which has addressed the problem of odour from the drains – **Noted**.

APPLEY BRIDGE – The broken light has been reported and appropriate action will be taken.

Request from the caretaker at both village halls that the hourly rate he charges be revised to £7.50 per hr – **Resolved** – **The Parish Council will pay the requested £7.50 per hour with effect from today as this is now the minimum hourly rate payable by employers and the request seems reasonable.**

The Clerk reported, both village halls will also be required on Thursday 8 June for the general election.

156. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2017/ 0252/FUL – Application for determination as to whether Prior Approval is required for details – Erection of agricultural storage building. Toogood Farm, 4 Toogood Lane, Wrightington. **Reported - this application has been approved.**

- 2) 2017/0332/FUL - New single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory and new roof to existing extension. 170 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – **Resolved**
(Case 2108380) – **No Objections.**
- 3) 2017/0353/COU – Temporary dwelling for agricultural workers. Land to the east side of Coopers Lane, Hilldale, Heskin – **Resolved** – **The Parish Council will leave this decision to the professional planning officers at West Lancs. BC.**
- 4) 2017/0381/FUL - Variation of condition No.2 imposed on planning permission 2013/1370/FUL to vary the approved plans to allow a variation in the design of the test tank. Northern Divers Building, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - **Resolved** – **The Parish Council will leave this decision to the professional planning officers at West Lancs. BC.**

157. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Notification of a planning workshop on Thursdays 11 May 2017, 7-9pm at Howick House – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

Mrs J Rogers	Honorarium – Booking Secretary ABVH	£200.00
Mrs E Armstrong	Honorarium – Treasurer ABVH	£200.00
Mrs C A Cross	Honorarium - Booking Secretary MLVH	£200.00
Mrs C Hodgkinson	Honorarium – Treasurer MLVH	£200.00
Mr G Ross	Honorarium – Website, updating and maintenance	£240.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Cleaning Materials ABVH & MLVH	£71.41
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net	£725.13
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£33.20
	NI due by Parish Council	£10.81
		£44.01
D/D BT	Telephone expenses MLVH	£158.97
D/D E.on	Amended electricity bill MLVH	£7.74
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH	£304.57
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH December-March	£336.49
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH March-April (estimated)	£269.40

Receipts:

HM Rev & Customs	VAT refund	£521.10
West Lancs. BC	1 st Part Parish Precept	£8350.00

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

159. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15th May 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall. Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm and the Annual Meeting of Parish Council at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 146 to 159 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 15th ay 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10.00 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission refused for single storey extension to the rear with roof lights. Alterations to existing property, including flat roof to pitch roofs to the front and rear dormers. New raised patio to rear. Jacquemar, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension with roof lights. Alterations to the existing property. 2 The Vale, Appley Bridge.

- c) Notification permission granted for proposed demolition of existing flat roofed single prefabricated garage 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.
- d) Notification outline permission refused for erection of 5 dwellings, including details of access and layout. Ashurst Garage and Signs, Wood Lane, Wrightington.
- e) Notification permission granted for proposed dwelling to replace existing house and provide improved living and bedroom accommodation. 2 Mossy Lea Fold, Wrightington.
- f) Notification permission granted for proposed detached outbuilding in rear garden to be used as a store for gardening equipment and an office for the purpose of home working to be used solely by the applicant. (No employees are involved and no customers will visit the site). 78 Appley Lane North.
- g) Notification prior approval is not required for extension of dwellinghouse. Dimensions from rear wall of the original dwellinghouse – 3.65m. Maximum height of the extension – 3.7m. Height to eaves of the extension 2.3m. 147 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- h) Letter of thanks from North West Air Ambulance for your donation.
- i) Request that acceptance of the qualifying terms for concurrent funding to the Parish Council from West Lancs. BC is signed as agreeable. (Completed by the Clerk as RFO)
- j) Notification of temporary prohibition of traffic on Bannister Lane, from Bentley Lane to Whittle Lane, between 6am and 5pm from Monday 10 April 2017-Friday 5 May 2017 or until completion of the works. To allow surface dressing works to be carried out.
- k) Press Release re: the new Director of Street Scene at West Lancs. BC – Heidi McDougall.
- l) Press Release re: public space protection orders to keep children safe and reduce dog fouling problems
- m) Press Release re: Homelessness Strategy 2017-2022 Consultation.
- n) Copy CPRE Fieldwork.
- o) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.