

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 October 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

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.)

No public present – Nothing to discuss.

60. **APOLOGIES** – No apologies received.

61. **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.**

62. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 September 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

63. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Signs at BP Crow Orchard Garage – It was confirmed, a lot of signage has now been removed.

Councillors believe however, that the no entry signs at the exit are too small and set too far back from the road. Motorists have started to turn into the exit before realising it is no entry.

Request for Residents Parking Only signs – car park Chisnall Avenue – No response to this request has been received therefore the request will be made again.

Parked cars on Appley Bridge VH Car Park – The Chairman confirmed that by the time the Parish Council left the September Meeting the red car had been removed from the car park at the request of PCSO Holderness.

Wall – Appley Bridge Village Hall – Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed she had a site meeting with the Tree Officer and Steve Kent from West Lancs. BC. The tree officer confirmed the tree is in good condition and he does not think it will grow much more. Mr Kent will find out who owns the footpath adjacent to the wall as it may be necessary to rebuild the wall around the tree and its roots. The Borough Council say that the Parish Council is responsible for the wall and the tree, however, Mr Kent agreed to see if there is any money available at the Borough Council.

Councillor Mrs Burton suggested it may be necessary to replace the wall with something less onerous in the future e.g.: a hedge or a metal or wooden fence. It was agreed that some of the trees on the footpath side of the wall are dead and could be removed. Councillor Hodgkinson believes that the Parish Council could argue that it is the Borough Councils responsibility to rebuild the wall and deal with the trees. The terms of the lease will be reviewed for the next meeting.

Footways/Verges Junction 27 – still require cutting back. The Council will remind LCC of their responsibilities if an accident occurs due to overgrown vegetation.

Mill Lane – Carriageway resurfacing is now complete and the lane is much better.

Window ABVH – Frank Cornwell will provide a quotation for work required to the large window.

64. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items reported to, noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Notification of completion of audit of Parish Council Accounts for year ending 31/3/17 from BDO the only matter arising being the incorrect precept amount input into the annual return - **Resolved: The completed audit, along with the matters arising report relating to the incorrect precept amount having been entered in the return, is accepted & approved.**

- b) Notice of making of the order for Upgrading of Wrightington FP 21 to Bridleway between Moss Lane and Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, Definitive Map Modification Order 2016 – **Noted.**
- c) Responses to reports made over previous months from Phil Steed, District Lead Officer at LCC (See list and details at Report 2 – page 2) – **Responses included in Report 2.**
- d) Notification of the West Lancs. BC free tree scheme and free Flanders Poppy seeds – **Noted.**
- e) Emails from a resident regarding speeding vehicles on Appley Lane North – **The resident's emails will be forwarded to LCC as the Highway Authority.**
- f) Notification of Royal Air Force Centenary Celebrations – **Councillors agreed that when discussing re-planting at Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge Village Halls, it will be suggested that they could be planted in the RAF colours i.e.: Royal Air Force Red, White and Blue.**
- g) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Email response from a resident of Mossy Lea Road, who was distressed by suggestions from the homeowner at the rear of her home, that drainage could be re-routed through her property – **The email response confirmed that building work has not yet commenced on the property at the rear of Mossy Lea Road and, that United Utilities were equally confused by the fact that West Lancs. BC had granted permission for further development to the house at the rear of Mossy Lea Road.**

65. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Councillor Johnson reported the following:

- Street lamp No. 184 is still not working.
- Clear water still appears to be flowing onto Broadhurst Lane – no sign of any yellow water since the new meter chamber has been installed – the road is still stained yellow – monitoring.
- Often the dog waste bins on the play area and at Chisnall Avenue are full. The Council will ask if they could be replaced with free-standing, dual purpose bins.
- The Council will also request a dual purpose bin at the entrance to the public footpath leading to school, opposite Skull House Lane.
- Councillor Johnson asked why, when neighbouring Parishes have litter pickers/Lengthsman, Wrightington do not have one. The Chairman confirmed that requests for litter picks can be made to West Lancs. BC at any time and, that they are usually quite quick at responding to these requests. Wrightington having a contract with someone to litter pick comes down to resources and discussions on this should be undertaken at the Budget Meeting.
- Litter picks will be requested on the following roads/lanes – Mossy Lea Road (Boundary Lane to Wood Lane), Mill Lane, Broadhurst Lane and Moss Lane.
- A leaf sweep will be requested for Appley Lane North as leaf fall results in blocked grids and flooding.
- The Chairman will ask the contractor to undertake the final amenity cut including the bench area on Church Lane, Wrightington. He will also be asked to clear leaves from Appley Bridge Village Hall before Remembrance Sunday.
- The Chairman would still like a Meeting with Andrew Davies to discuss poor site lines at the Courage Low Lane/Moss Lane junction.

66. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Code of Conduct Training** – was attended by Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr House, who felt that it was a useful and informative evening.

67. **CONSULTATION ON CIL** – Consultation on the draft CIL Funding Programme for 2018/19 from West Lancs. BC and the current position with CIL in Wrightington – Councillors, having looked at the consultation document, feel that the projects suggested are fine, however, there is no mention of any ongoing maintenance plans/proposals to ensure that the project once completed is then kept up to that finished standard. Councillors used the gateway project at Crow Orchard Road as an example of a good project initially, however, after a couple of years of volunteers cutting, pruning, deadheading and maintaining the gateway planting, this stopped. The shrubs and planted beds are now overgrown, neglected and the tall overgrowth obstructs sightlines for motorists, thereby compromising highway safety at this location. The Parish Council would now

be happy if the shrubs and neglected plants were removed, the beds were turfed and maintenance thereafter would be simply grass verge cutting. The Council feel that the description of Hunters Hill Country Park being in Parbold is incorrect and it should be described as being in Hilldale. The proposals for Hunters Hill Country Park are great, however, the Parish Council cannot stress the importance of ongoing maintenance to ensure the area is kept to the improved standards. Also, the Parish Council believe that access routes, public footpaths and bridleways etc. to the site should be improved/enhanced to allow access for everyone. The Parish Council support Option 3 - Allocate funds to a number of smaller projects from the shortlist up to a maximum total spend of £100,000 and save any surplus funding. The Council would also like to suggest a further project which could be added to the list for funding in the future. The West Lancashire BC owned play area and playing fields at Appley Lane South. The play equipment is in much need of updating and enhancing as this is the only play facility in the Appley Bridge Ward of Wrightington. No money has been spent on this play area for several years and, when wooden play equipment was removed for safety reasons many years ago, nothing replaced it. The play area is in a great location and would be a valuable community asset if enhanced using CIL money. The Council discussed CIL money received to date by the Parish Council and it was suggested that a new Notice Board at Appley Bridge Village Hall could be a suitable use together with funding towards the work required on the collapsed wall and possible associated tree works. The Council could also use some of the funding to provide picnic tables at Mossy Lea play area.

68. **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** - Sunday 12 November 2017 leaving from Appley Bridge Village Hall car park at 10.40am. Request from Shevington PC for permission for Councillor Bill McKnight to lay a wreath at the war memorial, Appley Bridge, on Remembrance Sunday – **The Parish Council will confirm their agreement to this request. The Clerk reported that the road closure will be posted when received and that Revd. John Mountain will be leading the service of Remembrance.**

69. **VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Receipt of £160.00 yoga class. Notification from Lancs. Adult Learning of a Watercolour Painting Class commencing on Monday 6th November. Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-long Friday 3 November 7pm-10pm – Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 26 November 2017 11am-3pm. APPLEY BRIDGE – Update on breakfast/after school club. Notification exercise classes 11am-12pm Thursdays, and Slimming World classes now start earlier on Wednesday mornings.

70. **PLANNING** To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2017/0860/FUL Rebuild derelict structure in rear garden (retrospective). 10 Ashfield Terrace, (Case 2212624) Appley Bridge - **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 2017/0843/FUL Demolition of Bock 31 (former 2 storey male nurses home) and provide car parking expansion for patients and visitors. This will result in the creation of 92 parking spaces but the loss of 6 giving a net gain of 86 parking spaces for the site. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington - **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 3) 2017/0978/LBC Listed Building Consent – installation of stop planks and clay bund above the top gate; installation of timber footbridge below bottom gate. Eastern Lock of Pair on Northern By-pass Channel, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wrightington - **Resolved – No Objections.**

71. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Annual Accounts. Agenda for Area Committee Meeting, Thursday 19th October 2017 – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

W'n Pensioners' Welfare Assoc. – Donation	£100.00
BDO Annual Audit Fee	£240.00
West Lancs. BC Lease ABVH	£1.00
Collins & Darwell Printers Ltd – Newsletters	£175.00
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 British Gas	Gas use at MLVH		£41.05
D/D British Gas	Gas use at ABVH		£85.84
D/D BT	Telephone charges – MLVH		£164.97
D/D Open Spaces Soc	Annual Renewal Premium		£45.00
Receipts:			
West Lancs. BC	2 nd Part of the Concurrent Funding		£1324.50

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

73. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 November 2017 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 60 to 73 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 November 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:55 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification listed building consent granted for replacement of top and bottom gates; repairs to towpath side gate paddle; replacement of gate paddle fenders; addition of cobbles to one quadrant; re-pointing to lock chamber. Sothern Lock at Appley Locks, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wrightington.
- b) Letter of thanks from Appley Bridge Pensioners Social Club for your donation.
- c) Confirmation report of damaged street name signs Mossy Lea Fold been forwarded to the engineering.
- d) Confirmation request for a litter/dog waste bin Broadhurst Lane forwarded to the Street Scene Team.
- e) Confirmation that the grant application to the Community Foundation has been successfully submitted
- f) Confirmation of adoption of the Green Infrastructure & Cycling Strategy by West Lancs. BC.
- g) Posters for the Volunteer recruitment campaign from Lancashire Volunteer Partnership.

REPORT 2

- 1) Traffic concerns Herons Wharf, indicating no issues warrant action and, traffic control is not considered necessary at this time – **Councillors continued to express their concerns. There is no footway, and walking or wheeling a pram under the bridge is dangerous. Councillors remain firm in their belief that the route should be one-way out of Heron's Wharf towards Appley Lane North. Motorists should only be allowed to turn left onto Mill Lane.**
- 2) Boulders Hall Lane, confirming negotiations to remove them remain ongoing. LCC looking to replace them with water filled barriers or marker posts until the headwall is repaired, when resources allow – **The Council will ask for confirmation of ownership of the headwall and will state that LCC should implement the law and make the homeowner remove the obstructions on the highway as he is breaking the law. Once they are removed LCC should deal with the consequences and only replace the boulders with barriers or marker posts where the headwall is dangerous.**
- 3) Flooding near 15 Mossy Lea Road, confirming legal negotiations are ongoing with the land owners + liaison will with National Grid. Updates/timetable for work to follow when LCC are in receipt of them – **It was confirmed that legal negotiations take time, however, other drains along this route appear to be clear.**