

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20 November 2017 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

74. **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr House (illness), Councillors remain aware that Councillor Gartside is still staying with his son and that his health is not good.
75. **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.**
76. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16 October 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
77. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minute 63 – Wall at Appley Bridge Village Hall – The Clerk circulated the lease relating to the village hall and clause 6 would appear to state that the Borough Council are responsible for the rebuilding work with the Parish Council contributing a reasonable amount towards the costs. The Council will ask the Borough Council to proceed with the rebuilding as they would like. The Chairman confirmed that when she attended the site meeting with Steve Kent and the tree officer, they did inspect the remainder of the wall at the village hall which appears to be structurally sound. This will be discussed again at the December Meeting.
Minute 64(f) – The Council will request a quotation from the nursery for planting in red, white and blue next year to mark the centenary of the RAF.
Minute 68 – Councillor Johnson asked for clarification as to ownership and maintenance of the war memorial at Appley Bridge. It was confirmed that the Parish Council do not own it or have any responsibility for it. Enquiries made last year revealed that West Lancs. BC do not own, or have any responsibility for it. The war memorial was moved by Mr Derek Scott and the Community Association are currently trying to determine ownership and responsibility for it. Councillor Hodgkinson suggested that Liam Elms name should also be on the Appley Bridge memorial as well as the Standish as his family chose.
78. **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 that your application for funding to the Lancashire Community Investment Fund was unsuccessful – **Noted.**
- b) Notification that Huws Gray are not in a position to donate 2 picnic tables to the Parish Council, however, they can provide them at a discounted price of £547.44 (inc VAT) for 2 – **Resolved** – **The Clerk will enquire whether the Parish Council can spend CIL money received on the purchase of 2 picnic tables for the play area adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall. If this is possible, 2 will be purchased for installation by West Lancs. BC.**
- c) Request for assistance from a resident living opposite Huws Gray – regarding fumes from stationery traffic outside their homes waiting for Huws Gray to open at 7.30am – **Resolved** – **The Council will ask Huws Gray to speak to the drivers and ask them not to arrive**

before the gates are open or, to switch off their engines whilst they wait. The Clerk will also ask the Police whether they have any jurisdiction over this matter.

- d) Enquiry from West Lancs. BC whether you would like to put a Members Allowance Scheme in place for the next financial year – **Resolved** – **No members allowance scheme in place.**
- e) Details of the proposals from West Lancs. BC for cycle improvements at Crow Orchard Road and Junction 27 roundabout – **Parish Councillors agreed that this is an excellent idea and would most certainly be an improvement on the current situation at this location, provided that forward planning as regards maintenance and upkeep is put in place from the outset. No time scales for the proposals to be approved/implemented are given.**
- f) Invitation for 2 representatives to attend a meeting with other Parish Councils in the same spatial area (The Eastern Parishes) to discuss 2 matters in relation to the West Lancs. Local Plan Review, on Tuesday 9th January 2018, 4pm-6pm – **Resolved** – **Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson will attend the meeting.**
- g) Request for your views on the West Lancs. BC Open Space Study Consultation – **Councillors discussed existing provision in Wrightington and agreed that it was adequate.**
- h) Responses to reports made over the previous month from Phil Steed, District Lead Officer at LCC (See list and details at Report 2 – page 4) – **Responses noted under Report 2.**
- i) Letter of application from a resident of Mossy Lea for the Parish Council Vacancy – **The Clerk read aloud the letter of application from Mrs Jacqueline Boyham who lives at 311 Mossy Lea Road. Councillors agreed to adopt the same procedure as with previous applicants and invite her to attend the next 2 Parish Council Meetings (Dec & Jan) as an observer, following which, the applicant will then be asked if she is still interested in joining the Parish Council and will be appointed with effect from the next Meeting (Feb).**
- j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) A request for support from Borough Councillor Mrs Evans to a request for “20 is Plenty” signs at the entrance/exit to Manse Avenue – **Resolved** – **The Parish Council will support this request.**

79. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Councillor Johnson reported the following:

- Yellow water is still evident running down Broadhurst Lane from in front of No. 8.
- Clear water is still running down Broadhurst Lane from the front of Treetops.
- The mini bus is still parking in Chisnall Avenue. Signs have been requested.
- There has been no evidence that any of the litter picks requested have been carried out yet.
- Foul smelling water is seeping from the septic/holding tank at the rear of the BP Garage.
- The 2 gullies at the bottom of the driveway to Raby Fold Farm are blocked.
- No action has as yet been taken to address flooding issues outside 15 Mossy Lea Road.
- A litter pick is required at Rookery Close.
- The road gully at Rigbye’s Bridge is blocked.
- At the LALC Area Committee Meeting County Councillor Iddon told Councillor Mrs Burton that she could email him regarding the dangerous hole at the side of the carriageway on Courage Low Lane and he will pursue this. She has emailed him but had no reply to date.
- No action has been taken to make the no entry signs at BP garage more visible.

80. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – LALC Area Committee Meeting – attended by Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson. It was a good meeting. The Meeting was also attended by County Councillor Keith Iddon. It was confirmed that LCC will be bringing back weed spraying again. Some Parishes would take this work on but LCC will not be providing funding.

81. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Receipt of £30 Hot-Pot Supper. £120 Moo Music. 80th Birthday Party £50. COPD/Stroke Club £80. Craft Classes £85. New Reiki group 1st Wednesday of the month £20. Machine Embroidery Class £180. Reminder from Lancs. Adult Learning of a Wreath Making Class commencing on Tuesday 28th November for 3 weeks, costing £37.50, interested parties need to ring LAL and enrol. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 26 November 2017 11am-2pm. There has been a gas leak in the Kitchen which was attended by Councillor Johnson who waited for the engineer to repair the leak. It was

reported that the gas meter is approx 20 years old. Prices will be obtained for Perspex lengths to go on the walls to protect the paint work from chair-backs and other forms of damage. Councillor Johnson noted the significant increase in the water usage and hence the water bill at the village hall. It is thought that this can be attributed to the flushing of the urinals on a regular basis. The council will look at attaching a device to regulate this matter or simply removing the urinals and replacing with a toilet. United Utilities suggested testing for a water leak but it is difficult now the hall is in use so much - **Noted.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – The Clerk reported the additional work required by the caretaker as a result of a blocked/out of order toilet in the hall. Despite being clearly marked as out of order the toilet was still used. Several hours of work and replacement plumbing parts were required to resolve this matter. The Clerk is pursuing the collection of outstanding monies from the breakfast/after school club directly with Active Soccer, however, Mark Bailey has been running this as a franchise so he is responsible for the outstanding amount but Active Soccer have agreed to speak to him on our behalf. Village hall users have requested reflectors for the wall at the entrance/exit to the car park and asked whether the outside light can stay on longer when they are leaving the hall. The Council will look at a solar light with a PIR for outside. It is likely the hall will be painted in February to allow notice to be given to village hall users.

82. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2017/1126/FUL Erection of 2 no. Semi-detached houses, front boundary wall and access/parking. (Case 2227513) Land adjacent to 3 Carr House Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 2017/1099/FUL Single storey side extension with pitch roof over. 14 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge. (Case 2227515) **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 3) 2017/1128/FUL Installation of automated teller machine (retrospective) BP Garage. (Case 2227517) **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 4) 2017/1129/ADV 1 illuminated log panel and 1 illuminated surround sign (retrospective) BP Garage. (Case 2227519) **Resolved – No Objections.**

83. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Training Programme for 2018.

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

For Payment:

W'n Pensioners' Welfare Assoc. – Donation (Initial cheque misplaced – reissue)		£100.00
Mr J R Cross	4 Hours @ £7.50 + Materials £20 – Plumbing work ABVH	£50.00
Standish Poppy Appeal	– 7 Wreaths @ £25	£175.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Pop & Crisps Remembrance Day	£60.52
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
D/D Utd Utilities	Water Supplied at MLVH	£269.79
D/D British Gas	Gas use - ABVH (estimated)	£116.02
D/D E.on	Electricity – MLVH	£91.31

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	CIL	£3241.62
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Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts was approved.

85. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 December 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 74 to 85 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 December 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:50 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification listed building consent granted for 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.
- b) Notification permission refused for temporary dwelling for agricultural workers. Land to the East Side of Coopers Lane, Hilldale.
- c) Notification permission granted for alteration and two storey extension to Wrightington New Farm. Wrightington New Farm, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Notification permission granted for demolition of East Lodges and construction of a replacement independent unit of accommodation. 1 and 2 East Lodge, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
- e) Confirmation your request for residents parking only signs on Chisnall Avenue car park has been forwarded to the Estate Management Team.
- f) Confirmation your request for a leaf sweep on Appley Lane North has been forwarded to the Street Cleansing Department.
- g) Confirmation your request for litter picks on Mossy Lea Road, Broadhurst Lane, Moss Lane, Mill Lane and Robin Hood Lane have been forwarded to the Street Cleansing Department.
- h) Confirmation your request for litter/dog waste bins has been forwarded to the Operational Supervisory Officer who will respond directly.

REPORT 2

- 1) Acknowledgement of receipt of your email regarding the boulders and the headwall on Hall Lane. Your concerns will be looked into and an update provided as soon as possible – **Noted.**
- 2) Acknowledgement of receipt of your email regarding overgrown vegetation Crow Orchard Road. Your concerns will be looked into and an update provided as soon as possible – **Noted.**