

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 February 2018 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

Mrs Jacqueline Boyham was present to observe the Parish Council Meeting and Procedures involved, however, quickly reported that due to a change in her personal circumstances she is no longer able to commit to the role of a Parish Councillor. Mrs Boyham went on to report her disappointment at the amount of cardboard left in Mossy Lea following the recent cardboard collections. She feels that the boxes provided for recycling cardboard are inadequate and, if they are left out without lids, the contents blow everywhere. Mrs Boyham did telephone West Lancs. BC who confirmed they would send out a litter picker.

110. **APOLOGIES** - Councillors remain aware that Councillor Gartside is staying with his son and that his health is not good. Apologies were also received from PCSO Holderness.
111. **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.**
112. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15 January 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
113. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific to raise at this point which will not be covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
114. **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 Mayor's Charity Ball – Fri 6 April, Lancashire Manor. Tickets £30pp – **Noted.**
- b) Confirmation that the PCSO has checked cars at Appley Bridge Village Hall car park and most of them have come back to local people. The PCSO also confirms that he is limited as to the action he can take as they are not causing an obstruction and it is on private land – **Noted.**
- c) Current position with regard to application for a County Council Local Member Grants for a defibrillator at Pesto – **The Clerk confirmed that the Village Hall Committee's application for £1500.00 to purchase a defibrillator and external box, to be located on the gable end wall of Pesto, at the junction of Hall Lane and Appley Lane North, had been successful. The Clerk will ask the village hall treasurer to inform Councillor Mrs Burton when the money is in the bank account following which, Councillor Mrs Burton will speak with the management at Pesto to ensure that they are still happy with the location of the defibrillator on their wall and connection to their electricity supply.**
- d) Three queries from an Appley Bridge resident: i) re: allotments ii) Skull House Lane being used by HGV's as a short cut to the motorway iii) rumours that Ramsey Timber is in the process of changing into a factory producing laminates – **i) The Parish Council do not have any land available for the creation of allotments. ii) The Council agreed to refer the email to LCC as the highways authority. iii) The Parish Council note that some work has taken place but confirm that they are unable to speculate as to the purpose of the work.**
- e) Pre Ironman communication with the planned 2018 closures in advance of a leaflet drop – **The Council agree that the revised route, using Tunley Lane instead of Church Lane, is likely**

to be less disruptive, however, there are still properties on Tunley Lane which will be affected by the proposed road closure. Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to speak with the owners of Stoney Leach Nurseries and report back. The Council will stress the promised leaflet drop last year, closer to the date of the race, did not happen in Mossy Lea.

- f) Legal update from Simon Robinson re: lease and wall at Appley Bridge Village Hall, for info – **The Clerk read aloud the advice from Mr Robinson and confirmed that she had also contacted the Parish Council insurance company and registered the damage/claim with a view to possibly making a claim for the rebuild costs. The Insurance Company will appoint a loss adjuster and take this matter from there. The Council agreed that there is the potential for this to happen again in the future as there are other trees along the route of the footway adjacent which will need removing in the future. The Parish Council will await instructions from the Insurance Company.**
- g) Guidance from West Lancs. BC on conducting Parish Surveys – **Noted. The Parish Council will request a copy of the Housing Needs Survey when completed.**
- h) West Lancs. BC decisions on their CIL funding programme for 2018/19 – **Noted.**
- i) Notification from the Rural Services Network of the Utility Priority Services Register – **Parish Councillors agreed that they knew little if anything about this register and confirmed that they will register their interest in rolling out this info. to residents.**
- j) Info. from the Canal & River Trust – **Noted.**
- k) Parish Council response following attendance at the Local Plan Review Meeting – **It was agreed that the meetings were an introduction to the Local Plan Review but that it has become obvious that the Parish Council and residents of Wrightington object to any re-designation of Green Belt Land to allow for housing or commercial development.**
- l) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) The Clerk reported info. received and a general conversation with Fir Tree Fisheries, based in Appley Bridge, who run a training programme which could address the planting and maintenance issues relating to the planters, and general tidying and maintenance, at both Village Halls – **The Clerk will request further information and prices for the above which the Parish Council will discuss in due course with a view to cancelling the contract with Moss Bank Nurseries and keeping the work local.**

#### 115. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Water running down Appley Lane North, running off land at The Mount, is overflowing the ditch and running down the carriageway compromising highway safety at the junction with Skull House Lane and could prove fatal in icy weather conditions.
- The playground and play equipment at the play area at Appley Lane South is in a very poor condition and enhancements promised at the play area at Heron's Wharf are disappointing.
- Highway safety for motorists existing Heron's Wharf onto Mill Lane is still a problem.
- The state of the derelict land on Mill Lane continues to deteriorate.
- Councillor Johnson reported the following: - yellow water is still flowing down Broadhurst Lane – water is still running onto the highway from Treetops – there are still no “residents only” parking signs at Chisnall Avenue – Councillor Johnson questions whether any of the litter pick requests at the rear of the BP garage and at Rookery Fold have been undertaken – foul water is still seeping from the holding tank at the rear of the BP garage on to the footpath behind and this will continue to get worse as the number of people using the site is increasing since the improvement/enhancements to the site – it was agreed that much of the litter in the vicinity of the BP garage originates from there – no progress has been made as yet with drainage work near 15 Mossy Lea Road, the Council will check whether the Diocese has received a request from LCC to go on the land to undertake the work – there is a large pothole at the left hand side of the entrance to Huws Gray – there are so many potholes on Carr House Lane that it is impossible to report them all on the LCC report a fault page.
- The very large pothole on Courage Low Lane is getting much worse and is very dangerous.

#### 116. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report.

**117. PARISH PRECEPT FOR 2018/19** – Following detailed discussions at the Budget Meeting on 12 February 2018, it was **Resolved** – **That the Parish Requirement for 2018/19 is £16,800.00 - £613.00 (Council Tax Support Grant) = £16,187.00 Parish Precept. Therefore, Wrightington Parish Council will Precept for £16,187.00 for the financial year 2018/19.**

**118. VILLAGE HALLS**

**MOSSY LEA** – MLVH Committee Meeting was held at 6.45pm Monday 19 February 2018, prior to Parish Council Meeting. Reiki £40. Machine Embroidery £75.00. Craft Class £45.00. Yoga £140.00. Correspondence from Health Education Officer, West Lancs. BC – about services which could be delivered from the hall – The Clerk reported her attendance at the February Coffee Morning with a view to producing a questionnaire for completion by residents to determine what they would like to see delivered, or consider helpful, at the village hall. Questionnaires will also be left in Appley Bridge Village Hall to canvas the views and observations of Appley Bridge Village Hall users who may wish to access the information or services delivered at Mossy Lea Village Hall.

**APPLEY BRIDGE** – A Capital Grant Funding application for 2018/19 has been submitted to West Lancs. BC for £860.00 towards the total cost of £1,290.00 to erect a barrier at the entrance to the car park. WI would like to request consideration be given to renewing the kitchen and updating the toilets. Work has been completed to the large window at the front of the hall, however, similar problems require attention on one of the large windows in the back of the hall. The Clerk will request a price for painting all the large windows in the village hall after the interior has been painted.

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

- 1) 2017/1334/FUL The construction of a two-storey extension and associated works to the rear of the premises. White Lion, 117 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 2018/0050/FUL Single storey side extension. Inwood, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. (Case 2274125) **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 3) T/2018/0013/TPO T1 Sycamore - Crown raise 7m. T2 Oak - Reduce 3 laterals back from property and deadwood. T3 Oak - Reduce limb over garage back to suitable target prune. T4 Sycamore - Crown raise 6m over garden. T5 Sycamore - Crown raise 6m over garden. T6 Oak - Reduce back from property, crown raise 6m. T7 Oak - Reduce several second laterals growing towards property. T8 Oak - Crown raise 8m. T9 Oak - Reduce overhanging branches from property. T10 Sycamore - Crown raise 6m and remove 2 x second laterals over hedge. Reason for works (all trees): In the interest of good tree management and to reduce shading and encroachment on neighbouring properties. 104 And 106 Mossy Lea Road Wrightington. **Resolved – No Objections.**

**For Info:** 2018/0065/LDP - Certificate of Lawfulness - Proposed detached garage. Richardson’s Farm Finch Lane Appley Bridge. **Cannot comment on this type of application – Noted**

**120. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Annual Report 2016/17 – **Noted.**

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

**For Payment:**

Cornwell Constructn	Window and Gutters ABVH		£170.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of Paper Towels/Toilet Rolls - MLVH & ABVH		£43.20
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of Printer Inks (50% with CRPC)		£24.55
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 E.on	Electricity use ABVH		£141.09
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH		£463.45

**Receipts:**

MLVH Committee	Annual Transfer		£2,500.00
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**Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts was approved.**

## **122. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:** The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 March 2018 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 110 to 122 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 March 2018.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.20 pm

Chairman:

Date:

### **REPORT 1**

- a) Notification a Certificate of Lawfulness was not permitted for the proposed single storey side extension. Inwood, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Confirmation that CIL money cannot be used to purchase Notice Boards.
- c) Acknowledgement from Mr Thorn, Lowther Terrace, that he notes your comments re: the wall at Appley Bridge Village Hall and trusts the decision to rebuild will be forthcoming soon.
- d) Acknowledgment from Mr Thorn, Lowther Terrace, of your raising the matter of the wall at 113 Skull House Lane with West Lancs. BC, as he feels it has made the route dangerous for pedestrians.
- e) Response from LCC thanking you for raising Mr Thorn's concerns re the wall on Skull House Lane and confirming they are investigating the issues raised, and also the flooding on Appley Lane North.
- f) Confirmation that Rosie Cooper MP has brought the issue of flooding near 15 Mossy Lea Road to the attention of the Head of Highways, Mr Phil Durnell and asked that it be investigated.
- g) Confirmation that overgrown vegetation on Crow Orchard Road was cut at the end of 2017.
- h) Press Release from West Lancs. BC re: the New Management Structure.
- i) Material for your information re: the General Data Protection Regulations.
- j) Useful booklet to be held on file from the NFU re: Combatting Rural Crime.