

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs Burton, 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.)

Mr Julian Finch was present to observe the Parish Council Meeting and Procedures involved, with a view to joining the Parish Council if his pending application is successful.

21. **APOLOGIES** – No apologies received. It was confirmed that the Clerk will now declare a casual vacancy following the continued absence of Councillor Gartside due to ill health.
22. **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.**
23. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
24. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing to report that will not be dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.

## 25. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED. Councillor Mrs Burton asked that Ironman be asked to clarify to Mrs Burton that the one-way system on Courage Low Lane will be in operation, and on the same basis, as during last year's event.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Confirmation of the outcome of a site meeting between Councillor Mrs Burton and the Estates and Valuation Manager, West Lancs. BC, re: boundary wall to Appley Bridge Village Hall – **It was confirmed that an alternative to the wall would be explored and costed. e.g.: a metal fence, to fill the void provided the remaining wall was stabilised at both sides of the tree with stone piers using the material from the damaged wall. Confirmation that West Lancs. BC has agreed to make a contribution to the cost of the works. Councillor Mrs Burton has obtained some quotations for a metal fence which range from £354 + VAT up to £900. Stone piers at either end of the wall will cost approx. £250-£300. Further quotations will be obtained and details forwarded to West Lancs. BC in due course.**
- b) Outcome of Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC re: car park entrance barrier at ABVH – **The Clerk reported that the bid had been successful. It was agreed that the issue of parents using the car park whilst taking children to All Saints School could be overcome by the provision of a key to a responsible parent/s with an assurance that the barrier will be locked afterwards. It was agreed that only permitted users will have a key and notices will be posted well in advance of the installation and locking of the barrier. The PCSO will be asked to look at the Black Jaguar and the Rangerover which are always parked on the village hall. It may be possible to obtain the barrier from the same fencing providers who will be asked to fill the void in the damaged section of wall.**
- c) Email from Leisure Operations Manger, West Lancs. BC, requesting your views on a request they have received for a skate park in Wrightington - **Councillors agree a skate park is a great idea, however, they do not believe that the play area/playing field next to Mossy Lea Village Hall on Mossy Lea Road is the most appropriate site for such a facility. The site is not large enough to accommodate a skate park as the equipment is set at both ends**

of the field with the football pitch and goals in place in the middle. Furthermore, there is equipment on the Mossy Lea site which can be used by older children and adults. The Council feel that provision at this site is all age and ability inclusive already. The Council feel the play area/playing fields at Appley Lane South would be a more appropriate site for a skate park. For many years the Parish Council has been requesting that the play equipment on this site should be updated and that the site should be improved. The Council does not have any funding available and wonder where the money to fund this will come from and, who will be responsible for the ongoing care/maintenance of such a facility? The Council agree the suggestion of a skate park is a good one, however, they do not feel the Mossy Lea site is the most suitable location and question the logistics of pursuing the idea.

- d) Launch of Children and Family Wellbeing Service Consultation – **Details of this consultation will be forwarded to the Schools, Moo Music, Little Joey’s pre-school and Pingawings.**
- e) Enquiry from LCC whether the Parish Council wish to opt in to the public rights of way local delivery scheme for 2018/19 – **Resolved – The Parish Council will not be opting in.**
- f) Request from Seafarers UK to fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September – **Resolved – The Council will purchase 2 flags to fly on Merchant Navy Day.**
- g) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Email complaint re: grass cutting Mossy Lea Playing Field – **The Clerk confirmed that she had requested a grass cut on 5<sup>th</sup> June and again on receipt of this email on 15<sup>th</sup> June. However, confirmation has been received today, 18<sup>th</sup> June, that the work will be undertaken this week.** ii) Confirmation LCC will consider your suggestion of a one-way system out of Heron’s Wharf – **Noted.** iii) Notification of West Lancs. BC key priorities until 2021 – **Noted.**

## 26. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Councillor Johnson reported the following: The culvert at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane, which is running over the road, is causing surface damage to the carriageway. Clear water is still running down the lane from the septic tank at Tree Tops, Broadhurst Lane. Grass needs strimming around hazard markers Mossy Lea Road. Footways from Boundary Lane to Crow Orchard Road have not been swept. There is no evidence of litter picking following the reports made at previous meetings. Road gullies are blocked at the Mossy Lea Road/Church Lane junction. The 2 road gullies at the bottom of Raby Fold Farm driveway are blocked. The road gully near Rigby’s Bridge is only taking water slowly. No further action yet with regard to flooding at 15 Mossy Lea Road. West Lancs. BC has taken over weed spraying from this year which will take place in September. Several large pot-holes are still in need of repair on Carr House Lane, although some have received attention. The public footpath up to Harrock Hill is very overgrown and un-walkable in places.
- The public footpath at Boars Den, off Robin Hood Lane, has been cut and a good job done.
- The fact a defibrillator will soon be coming to In Touch, Dangerous Corner, will be added to the details in the Newsletter before going to print.
- Info. on ground fittings for the picnic tables will again be requested from Huws Gray.
- Sightlines exiting Courage Low Lane are obstructed by overgrown vegetation, both directions.
- The grass verges need cutting back on the bends on Church Lane.
- Ragwort is growing in the grass verges on Appley Lane North, between the bus shelter opposite Finch Lane and The Mount.
- As the road sweeper has not been in the Parish any mud is now baked into the road gutters.
- Councillor Mrs Burton will ask the contractor to cut back the old road at the r/o BP Garage.
- Overgrown vegetation obstructing footways on Mill Lane will be reported.
- The public footpath from opposite Skull House Lane to Finch Lane needs cutting back.
- The ditch on Wood Lane from the Corner House to Rivington View needs cleaning out as it is causing flooding to the garden at Rivington View.
- A price to paint over the graffiti in the bus shelter opposite Finch Lane will be obtained.
- The Council will request Community Concern signs be erected again on Church Lane, Tunley Lane, Mossy Lea Road, Robin Hood Lane and Appley Lane North.
- It was confirmed that Mossy Lea School is not closing and that over the past 12 months there has been a change in Headteacher, a change of staff and an increase in pupil numbers.

27. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Nothing to report.
28. **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER** – Following amendment to defibrillator details the Clerk will forward to Councillor Hodgkinson for printing. Paper and consumables required to be paid for by the Parish Council.

29. **VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Children’s Party £20. Nelson & Colne College £260. Reiki £20. Buffet Supper & Sing-a-Long, Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 7pm-10pm, Tickets £6 each. **Noted.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – Nothing more to report at this stage following earlier discussions on the wall/fence.

30. **PLANNING** The following applications were discussed:

- 1) 2018/0508/FUL Extension to existing business by construction of a 21.5m deep diving equipment test tank and 2+ storey extension to the side of the existing building. Northern Diver Ltd, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2018/0494/FUL Demolition of existing stable block and a part demolition of stable block. To construct a detached dwelling, a detached single garage and a bike store. Tunley Moss Stables, Tunley Moss, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2018/0520/FUL Alterations to west elevation. Northern Diver Ltd, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 4) 2018/0569/FUL Erection of single storey outbuilding with flat roof at bottom of rear garden. 76 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 5) 2018/0529/FUL Single storey building to house biomass boiler and fuel. Northern Diver Ltd, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**

31. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Neighbourhood Planning Workshop, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018, Howick House, 7pm-9pm. It was agreed that it is necessary for a new Councillor to be appointed to the role before attending a New Councillors Course.

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

**For Payment:**

Chubb Fire & Security Ltd	Servicing Extinguishers – ABVH		£66.48
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net		£751.57
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£6.76	
	NI due by Parish Council	£7.77	£14.53
D/D CPRE	Annual Subscriptions		£36.00
D/D E.on	Electricity supplied MLVH		£163.80
D/D E.on	Electricity supplied ABVH		£10.10CR
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied ABVH		£52.48
D/D E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH		£3.35

**Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved.**

33. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 July 2018 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 21 to 33 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 July 2018.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 8.55 pm

Chairman:

Date:

## **REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension to a semi detached house. 200 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification permission refused for demolition of single storey rear extension & detached garage. Proposed single storey rear and two storey side extensions. 5 Carr House Lane, Wrightington.
- c) Confirmation, following your email of 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in regard to flooding on Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge, that an inspection was carried out on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and the gullies jetted on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018.
- d) Formal Notification of temporary road closure on various roads in Lancashire on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018 to allow the Ironman UK event to take place.