

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15th October 2018 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

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.)

Members of the Community Association present asked if the Parish Council had received any update or response to their request for 2 crossings, or for Community Speed Awareness Signs, on Appley Lane North. The Clerk confirmed that nothing had been received from LCC. An update on the barrier at the entrance to the car park was requested – The Clerk explained that there is still some work to be undertaken at the village hall i.e.: wall repairs, window replacement, car park tidying and leaf removal before Remembrance Day and therefore, it is not an appropriate time to install the barrier. It was further confirmed that notices will be posted when a date is decided to allow residents to remove their cars and find alternative parking prior to installation. It was confirmed that 1 teacher and 1 parent have been identified from All Saints who will be responsible for unlocking and locking the barrier before and after school opening and closing times. Mrs Teasdale and Mrs Critchley reported that they, along with 7 other Appley Bridge residents who had been adversely affected by the anti-social behaviour and activity related to the quarry over summer, had met with the Police this evening to discuss this matter. It was reported that the Police are looking to put in place a strategic plan for next summer to reduce the antisocial behaviour and other issues experienced this summer. Mrs Teasdale reported that the Community Association are at the moment not able to use the Community Centre which has now changed ownership. Mrs Teasdale expressed her concern that the war memorial, informally adopted by ABCA, and the fact it could be removed from its current location. Mrs Teasdale asked whether the Parish Council would consider adopting the war memorial as the Community Association do not think a private company should influence how a war memorial is looked after in the future. The Chairman agreed that, should this situation arise, the Parish Council would discuss the possibilities. However, it was confirmed that earlier enquiries by the Parish Council could not reveal who actually owned the war memorial. Enquiries did reveal that West Lancs. BC do not own it, the British Legion do not own it and nor do the Parish Council. Mrs Jukes reported on a recent ABCAGE Meeting at the school to discuss the proposals in the Local Plan Review which was well attended. Those who attended the meeting were told about the contents of the plan and how to have an input and the question which was raised was: Is there a need for so many houses in Appley Bridge or, is West Lancashire simply absorbing and fulfilling a housing need created by the Liverpool Mersey terminal and is Appley Bridge simply a commuter village due to the excellent transport links close by. The Chairman confirmed that in his view West Lancs. BC is adamant that this will go ahead. The Community Association reported that they are having a commemorative event on Sunday 4th November 2018 in the Community Centre which will be turned into a Tea Room to commemorate the end of World War I, with afternoon tea being served between 1pm and 4pm. The Community Association will forward this information which the Clerk will circulate to Councillors.

61. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor House (childcare).
62. **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.**
63. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th September 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and having accepted the apologies of the Clerk for incorrectly spelling Mrs Jukes's surname in the July Minutes, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

64. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Picnic Tables – Mossy Lea Playing Field – The Clerk will ask that picnic tables be installed at Mossy Lea Playing Field following which discussions on a similar exercise at Appley Bridge will be undertaken. Sightlines when exiting Chisnall Avenue – Councillor Mrs Burton has checked this personally and asked other motorists to do so and cannot see a problem with the bus shelter obscuring sightlines. The shelter does need to be cleaned.

65. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items to be reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Confirmation that the audit of the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018 has been completed with the only matter arising being the incorrect details recorded in last year's submission had not been corrected in the prior year comparative column this year. The auditors confirmed that that this matter is not a problem for the Clerk or the Council, and is being raised in order to help the Council with the completion of the AGAR in future years. **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) Formal notification from LCC of their intention to apply for an order to stop-up a section of highway on Broadhurst Lane (discussed previously on site with Parish Councillors) which will be heard at Preston Magistrates Court on 28th November 2018 at 10.00am – **The Council will monitor the upkeep of this verge once it has been stopped-up.**
- c) Confirmation that LCC officers are attempting to agree a Deed of Easement to enable them to introduce a new drain on land in private ownership in the vicinity of 15 Mossy Lea Road – **The Council will request an update. It was reported that LCC were recently observed working on the gully near Rigbye's Bridge, Mossy Lea Road, however, as soon as it rained again the road was flooded and the drain obviously still blocked.**
- d) Confirmation from the Local Plan Team that the Consultation period for the Local Plan Preferred Options has been extended and will now run from 12th October to 13th December 2018. Confirmation that it is not possible to hold a drop in session in Appley Bridge but that there will be one in Parbold by prior appointment between 10am and 9pm – **The Parish Council will respond to the consultation proposals at their November Meeting.**
- e) Copy press release informing the Parish Council that Strategic Planning are consulting on – The Local Plan Review Preferred Options – The draft CIL funding Programme for 2019/20 and – The Methodology for a Viability Assessment – **The Parish Council will request clarification of the proposals for Hunters Hill Country Park.**
- f) Notification of the Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review. The draft revised plan sets out strategic and development control planning policies for minerals and waste development. Representations must be received by 28th November 2018 – **The Parish Council will respond to the consultation at their November Meeting.**
- g) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Confirmation that Councillors' partners are also invited to attend the Institution & Induction of Revd. Stefan Mykola Dnistrianskyj as Vicar (half time) of Heskin with Wrightington St James the Great on Wednesday 31 October 2018 at 7.30pm at St James the Great, Wrightington – **Noted.**
ii) Notification that the term of office of Councillor Clinch as the Parish Council representative on the Peter Lathom Charity is due to expire and an enquiry whether he wishes to continue – **Councillor Clinch will be asked at the November Meeting if he wishes to do so.**

66. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- The bus shelter on Mossy Lea Road, near Chisnall Avenue, does need cleaning.
- Soil on the edge of the carriageway near St Joseph's Church has been cleared away.
- The Silent Soldiers will be put in place prior to Remembrance Day.
- 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 still needs strimming around hazard markers Mossy Lea Road. Footways in the Parish have still

not been swept. Chevrons are missing from the road sign on the first bend on Church Lane. 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. The "Wrightington" place name sign on the grass verge near 162/164 Mossy Lea Road is in a poor state of repair and the metal posts are rotted. The grass verge at the rear of the footways from where the telephone box used to be near the BP garage to the Boundary Lane junction has not been cut on the last 2 grass verge cuts, although the strip of grass at the edge of the footway has. The gateway planting at the junction of Mossy Lea Road/Crow Orchard Road are full of weeds, are overgrown and obstructing sightlines and need tidying up.

- It was reported that LCC operatives working in the Highmoor are have used leftover tarmac to create a parking area on the right hand side of High Moor Lane but, failed to use the excess material to repair pot-holes in the road in this vicinity.
- The Clerk has determined that the Defib Store is able to source and supply the same defibrillator as the existing ones in the Parish; therefore, an order will be placed for a Lifepak CR Plus defibrillator, paediatric pads and a coded lockable box for installation at In Touch.

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

68. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – The Road Closure Order and Policing is in place. Street light poppies have been received and were passed to the Community Association for putting in place. Knitted poppies will be attached to poppy shaped plaques for display inside the village hall. The service and leadership is now in place and uniformed organisations will be sent the details for the day. Refreshments will be purchased and Orders of Service printed.

69. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Sleep Apnoea £40. Yoga Classes £140.00.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Next Village Hall Committee Meeting – Monday 5 November at 8pm.

Report from Fir Tree Fishery on planters and ABVH work, plus quotation for repainting bus shelter opposite Finch Lane of approximately £150 – **Resolved** – **painting to go ahead, colours as they think fit**. The contractor will be asked to repair the wall before Remembrance Day if possible. Mutually agreeable dates will be worked out for fitting of the new windows. The contractor will also be asked to measure and fit a new fire door if possible.

70. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2018/0754/FUL Variation of conditions 2 and 12 imposed on planning permission 2012/1089/FUL. Tunley Lane Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **The Parish Council objections to the amended proposals remain unchanged as follows: The Parish Council object to the variation of these conditions as planning permission for a much larger dwelling on this site was only granted in the first instance provided the original dwelling was demolished. If these conditions are amended, and the applicant is allowed to retain any of the original dwelling, no matter how little, this will set a precedent for future applicants to obtain planning permission for otherwise unacceptable development knowing that any conditions attached can later be removed/varied.**
- 2) 2018/0941/FUL Redevelopment of Richardson's Farm including alterations and extensions to existing farmhouse, barn conversion and associated external works. Richardson's Farm, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2018/1005/LDC Certificate of Lawfulness – Use of residential outbuildings and related land ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling house known as Earlswood. Earlswood, Moss Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 4) 2018/0997/FUL Loft conversion with pitched roof extension and first floor balcony to rear. 114 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 5) 2018/1022/FUL Demolition and reconstruction of part of side and rear elevation, and erection of single storey extension to side and rear. Alterations to existing rear windows. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections**

provided the proposals satisfy all the relevant criteria for the extension of a listed building.

- 6) 2018/1023/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition and reconstruction of part of side and rear elevation, and erection of single storey extension to side and rear. Alterations to existing rear windows. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
Resolved: No Objections provided the proposals satisfy all the relevant criteria for the extension of a listed building.

71. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Next Area Committee Meeting Thursday 18th October 2018, Council Offices, Derby Street at 7.30pm. Info. on the latest edition of Charles Arnold-Baker Local Council Administration - £111.00. **Resolved: The Charles Arnold Baker book be purchased, cost to be shared with Charnock Richard Parish Council.**

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

For Payment:

PKF Littlejohn LLP	Annual Audit Fee		£240.00
Mr D Thompson	Reimburse cost of additional lights for Christmas Tree ABVH		£24.57
Fire Eqpmt Services	Servicing Fire Extinguishers – MLVH		£41.23
Fir Tree Fishery CIC	Grounds Maintenance ABVH £70		
	Watering/deadheading planters MLVH & ABVH £30		£100.00
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 BT	Tel line & Broadband - MLVH		£181.63
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied at ABVH – estimated		£90.00
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH – estimated		£145.48

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC	2 nd Half of Concurrent Contributions		£1159.00
MLVH Committee	Transfer		£3000.00

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

73. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 November 2018 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 61 to 73 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 November 2018.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 8.50 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- Notification permission granted for infill between two projecting wings of the existing church hall to improve the catering facilities at the hall. St James Sunday School, Church Lane, Wrightington
- Notification permission granted for 1st floor rear extension over existing ground floor rear extension. Partially convert detached garage into study/granny flat, with ground floor connection and 1st floor dormer extension. 321 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- Notification permission granted, proposed carport structure. Inglenook, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
- Notification an inspector has been appointed to determine the appeal against West Lancs. BC decision for an agricultural livestock and storage building, Coopers Lane, Hilldale.
- Email of thanks for your support from OPSTA.
- Notice of Casual Vacancy for Mossy Lea Ward Councillor as a consequence of Councillor Gartside's continued absence due to ill health.

- g) Confirmation LCC have contacted the landowner requesting that he maintain the overgrown hedges on Mill Lane, repeated failure to do so could result in this being passed to the legal dept.
- h) Confirmation LCC will investigate the reported blocked ditch on Wood Lane, Wrightington, and report back in due course.
- i) Confirmation your report that footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, is overgrown will be prioritised and investigated.
- j) Notification from LCC of temporarily prohibiting any pedestrian from proceeding over public footpaths 8-17-FP2a & 8-17-FP2 Wrightington ie: – that part of public footpath 8-17-FP2a Wrightington from Point A and continuing along public footpath 8-17-FP2 Wrightington in a generally southerly direction for approximately 370 metres to Point B at the junction with Mill Lane. The closure is necessary whilst works are carried out on or near the footpaths. The order will be operative from 1st October 2018 for a period of 6 months or until work is completed.
- k) Reminder information from West Lancs. BC to Parish Councillors relating to the Register of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary and Non Pecuniary Interests. (Circulated to Councillors).
- l) Copy correspondence following last month's meeting from Mrs Dalfen (circulated to Councillors)
- m) Copy correspondence following last month's meeting from Ms Jukes (circulated to Councillors).
- n) Request from Royal Mail to display posters in the Notice Boards to raise awareness of scam mail.