

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

## 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.)

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the January Parish Council Meeting and welcomed new Parish Councillors, Mrs Katie Jukes and Mrs Robina Critchley, as Appley Bridge Ward Councillors on Wrightington Parish Council who, having signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed Declaration of Interest Forms took their place on the Parish Council. Initially those present had nothing to report, however, a subsequent arrival to the meeting reported a large pot-hole on Beacon View, off Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge, near to the footway which residents believe has only appeared since work was recently undertaken to re-install the nearby bus stop sign on Appley Lane North. Beacon View is a private road which was stoned last year at the residents cost but, it is believed that the recent work has disturbed the stone and caused the pot hole to appear. This will be reported to LCC.

**99. APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr House (family illness)

**100. 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 – **Councillor Mrs Jukes wished it to be known that her daughter is engaged to Mr Martin Taylor, Director of Fir Tree Fishery, however, she herself has no affiliation with Fir Tree Fishery. No further 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.**

**101. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

**102. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Noted.

## **103. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 - Accepted

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Invitation to Chairman to attend the Lancashire County Civic Carol Service – 3 Feb 2019 – **Apologies will be submitted.**
- b) Copy correspondence from Rosie Cooper MP confirming the continuation of the 113 service – **Confirmation from LCC the 113 bus service will continue without interruption and, confirmation from Stagecoach the service will continue on a contract for the next 2 years**
- c) Response from LCC to the following highways requests: 1) No right turn out of Herons Wharf – **The Council feel this response is inadequate and the statistics LCC have do not take account of any information from the Greater Manchester Police side of the bridge. Furthermore, the Council disagree that sight-lines are adequate, and confirm that it is impossible to see from Herons Wharf if vehicles are behind the protruding bays until it is too late and the motorist has exited Herons Wharf. It is equally difficult to see if vehicles are stopped at the bays when approaching from either end of Mill Lane.** 2) Speeding vehicles on Tunley Lane – **the lack of recorded incidents on Tunley Lane does not indicate that there is not a speeding issue on this route.** 3) Additional signage junction of Courage Low Lane/Tunley Lane – **the lack of collision incidents at this junction does not mean there is not a road safety issue.** 4) Update from the Chief Executive LCC re: flooding Mossy Lea Road, confirming that an easement deed is being agreed with the Diocese which will enable LCC to introduce a new drain on land in private ownership and confirming that funding

- is in place to carry out the works – **Noted.** 5) Response to request for Community Speed Signs on various roads in the Parish – stating that current records do not indicate there to be a road safety concern on these roads therefore, additional highway measures cannot be considered – **The Council will ask what has changed since some of these were issued with community speed signs previously.**
- d) Confirmation that concrete barriers are in the LCC depot and work to install them in the lay-by on Hall Lane is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> January subject to no emergency work being required – **Not fitted to date, the situation will be monitored.**
  - e) Burscough Parish Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation – for comment if deemed necessary – **It was confirmed that this is the first one to be produced in West Lancs. Councillor Mrs Jukes reported that she had been asked about having a Neighbourhood Plan for Appley Bridge & Wrightington. Since the recent issues with the Local Plan Review, many residents would like more say in what happens in the village in the future. It was reported that the production of a Neighbourhood Plan is a complex, lengthy and expensive process requiring a considerable amount of time, knowledge, information and a steering committee made up of residents, businesses owners and parish councillors. Together with this, a number of public consultation events, a housing needs survey and a referendum would all be required before getting the Neighbourhood Plan to the consultation stage. Once agreed and submitted there is no guarantee it will be accepted as a document providing supplementary planning guidance for the Parish. The Council could look at this again in the future once the benefits of having one can be assessed accurately against the costs of producing one.**
  - f) Capital Grant Funding for 2018/19 capital projects for submission by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – The Clerk reported an email from Appley Bridge WI requesting a new kitchen, detailing problems with the water boiler and cooker, and requesting better outside lighting to illuminate the car park – **The Chairman confirmed that the WI are merely a village hall user, just like all the other village hall users and, that it is up to the Parish Council what a bid should be for. Councillor Johnson confirmed he had been approached by a member of the WI requesting a new kitchen before Christmas. Councillor Mrs Burton reported that, as Chairman of Appley Bridge Village Hall Committee, she had discussed this request with the village hall committee representatives when first raised and confirmed that they did not believe that a new kitchen was necessary and that there were better things to spend money on. The Clerk was unaware of any problems with the cooker. The Parish Council confirmed that they had provided the refreshments for Remembrance Day and that some members of the WI had helped other volunteers from the village hall committee to serve them. Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that the village hall committee has received some very good feedback on the new windows and proposed that a Capital Bid be submitted to cover the cost of the remaining windows in the village hall being replaced, replacement of the fire doors and the main doors, painting of the porch and exterior woodwork and metalwork in gray to match the windows, the installation of new roller blinds in the main hall and the addition of 2 external lights with sensors to light the car park. The Parish Council will agree to contribute 30% of the total cost and submit a capital bid for the remainder. This proposal was agreed by those present to be confirmed at the next meeting.**
  - g) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) details of potential contested and uncontested election costs from West Lancs. BC for consideration at the Budget Meeting in February – **Noted.**

#### **104. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- Councillor Johnson once again reported on a number of matters which he has reported over previous months to which he does not believe the Parish Council has had a satisfactory response eg: clear water still running down Broadhurst Lane. Councillor Johnson will take his list in to the Moss Lane depot to request responses to previously reported items. He then reported the following: Speeding vehicles are an issue on Tunley Lane, Carr House Lane and Church Lane. Of the 3 reflective plastic marker posts erected at the edge of the carriageway on Carr House Lane on 1 remains which is damaged and the other 2 are completely gone. He

has had a request for double yellow lines at the junction of Manse Avenue and Mossy Lea Road to prevent motorists from parking just on Manse Avenue and compromising highway safety for other drivers entering Manse Avenue. The family who are responsible for the wooden bench on the grass verge near St James's Church, Church Lane, will be refurbishing it in the near future. The large stone bollards have been seriously damaged at the entrance to the old road which goes to the side and rear of the BP garage. The bus shelters at Dangerous Corner, Chisnall Avenue and opposite the BP garage need cleaning and the brick-built one on Wood Lane needs the inside painting.

- Councillor Mrs Burton pointed out that despite emails of January 2018 saying the railings on Courage Low Lane would be replaced, this work has still not been completed.
- There is a large pot-hole in the carriageway on Smithy Brow, just past Charity Farm.
- There is a large pot-hole just after the farm entrance on Smithy Brow.
- A petition was received from residents at Stoneygate Court in opposition to the overgrown hedges encroaching on to the footway in front of 176 & 178 Appley Lane North. The hedges encroach so far that the bus stop sign and street lamp are now set back in to the hedge. The hedges obstruct sightlines for motorists exiting Stoneygate Lane and significantly narrow the footways for pedestrians, wheelchair users and people with prams. The gateposts erected on Stoneygate Lane to access 178 Appley Lane North have also encroached on to the footway.
- During heavy rainfall the carriageway near the bridge over Wrightington Fish Ponds floods, this could possibly be the result of blocked drains at this location.
- Parked vehicles on Skull House Lane, near the Methodist Church, are compromising highway safety as passing vehicles have to overtake and find themselves facing oncoming traffic with nowhere to go. The vehicles are connected with the dance classes on most occasions.
- The small cottage adjacent to the Methodist Church on Skull House Lane has built a stone wall at the front on what many thought was the footway. The Council will ask for clarification of whether this is/is not footway and if this is a breach of planning control.
- Complaints have been received about the volume of HGV's using Appley Lane North and Skull House Lane at all times of day and night, with particular problems being faced at school opening and closing times. It was confirmed that Appley Bridge has many businesses and is quite commercial and that vehicle movements are to be expected.
- It was reported that water is discharging from the storm drain in the carriageway in front of The Mount, Appley Lane North. During heavy rainfall, the water surges up from the storm drain, causing flooding on the carriageway and is slippery and dangerous when it freezes.

**105. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Nothing to report which is not reported elsewhere on the Agenda.

#### **106. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Receipts from: New Years Eve £50. Craft Classes £45. Sleep Apnoea £60.00. Tuesdays Yoga £220.00. Request to use the village hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> May as a Polling Station – **Noted**. It was suggested that the Notice Board outside the hall needs replacing and the central heating needs extending in to the small meeting room and the chair store – **To be discussed at the Budget Meeting**.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Confirmation PCSO spoken to the wife of the owner of the white 4x4 vehicle who lives locally but who is working away until the end of January, when it will be removed. **The white vehicle on the car park will be monitored. It was agreed that, following wall repairs, James Prescott be asked to remove the excess stone from the grass at the village hall. Following this, Fir Tree Fishery will be asked to tidy the area, remove the leaves and re- seed. It was reported that when installing the new windows it was not possible to fit the plastic trim on the outside due to the uneven edges of the stonework around the windows, therefore, the cost of pointing has been deducted from the final bill and Frank Cornwell has agreed to point around the windows for £65. It was agreed that when Frank Cornwell is pointing around the new windows, he will be asked to clean the gutters out all round the hall at the same time and add this to the bill.**

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

- 1) 2018/1242/FUL Single storey rear extension. 5 Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**

2) 2019/0020/FUL Front, side and rear extensions. 22 Church Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**

**108. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Area Committee Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> January, Ormskirk – **The Chairman, Councillor Hodgkinson and his wife, will be nominated to attend the Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Councillors Hodgkinson and Mrs Burton reported on their recent attendance at the West Lancs. Area Committee Meeting of LALC. It was reported that at the previous meeting, Borough Councillor John Hodson, Portfolio Holder for Planning, had been present and explained that the reason for the significant housing development in West Lancs. was the result of an overspill housing requirement from the Liverpool City Regions. As a neighbouring borough, and under Duty to Co-operate Legislation, West Lancs. were required to allocate development land to supply the additional needs of the Liverpool City Regions. Having attended the recent January Area Committee Meeting where it was revealed that, following a Freedom of Information request to the City of Liverpool Regional Councils, those present were informed that no approaches, discussions or negotiations had taken place between West Lancs. BC and the Regional Councils with no suggestion that extra development needed to take place in West Lancashire to accommodate an unmet need in the Liverpool City Regions. Understandably, those present at the Area Committee Meeting felt disappointed and disillusioned with the actions and reports of Councillor Hodson, and felt that the Local Plan Proposals should be redrafted to reflect only the needs of West Lancashire and, that a new Consultation process should then be undertaken. At the meeting Councillors Hodgkinson and Mrs Burton agreed to compose a letter, on behalf of all the Parishes, indicating their disapproval of the process and requesting a new consultation on true requirements for West Lancashire. Once a letter has been drafted it will be approved by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and sent to the secretary of the Area Committee for action and distribution.**

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

**For Payment:**

West Lancs. BC	Lease of ABVH		£1.00
Fir Tree Fishery	Winter planting at ABVH + Painting Bus Shelter		£200.00
Matrix FSE Ltd	Installation of defibrillator at In Touch		£120.00
Cornwell Constctn	Rebuilding stone wall ABVH		£2375.42
D McCormick	Fitting new windows ABVH		£935.00
Mr F Cornwell	Pointing around windows ABVH		£65.00
Printerinks	Ink Cartridges (£98.94 – 50% paid by CPRC)		£49.47
Mr F Johnson	Window Cleaning – MLVH		£15.00
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	Telephone line charges MLVH		£181.47
D/D British Gas	Gas use – MLVH		£479.87
D/D British Gas	Gas use – ABVH (estimated)		£360.06
D/D Waterplus	Water used at MLVH (Account in credit)		£34.91

**Receipts:**

West Lancs. BC	Contribution to rebuilding wall – ABVH		£1187.71
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**Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts is approved.**

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

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Appley Bridge Village Hall, 6.45pm Budget Meeting, 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Minutes 99 to 110 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

Meeting Closed: 9.40 pm

Chairman:

Date:

**REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for loft conversion with rear dormer extension. 114 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification permission granted for new vehicular access and use part of front garden for parking space. 1B Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge.
- c) Notification Certificate of Lawfulness permitted for proposed single storey rear extension. 5 Manse Avenue, Wrightington.
- d) Notification West Lancs. BC has No Objections to the County Matter – Construction of a 5MW gas fired power plant. Appley Lane North Landfill Site, Appley Bridge.
- e) Notification permission granted for demolition of existing conservatory, utility and porch. Construction of new single storey extension to side and two storey extension above existing single storey porch. Holdcrofts, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- f) Confirmation that Preston Magistrates authorised LCC's application to stop up part of the highway on Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
- g) Confirmation that a reply to your enquiry regarding whether planning permission is required to erect banner type signs on railings, fences or bus shelters, will be forthcoming in due course.
- h) Passenger Information from LCC, Amendment to Bus Timetables for the 113 bus service.