

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## INTERIM ACTION

Due to the cancellation of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** of the Parish of Wrightington scheduled to be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm, the following interim action was taken by members of the Parish Council which will be ratified by full Council at their next proper meeting.

27. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interest they may have to disclose in relation to matters for consideration as interim action – **None received.**
28. **INTERIM ACTION** – The Interim Action of items on what should have been the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 had been circulated in advance and were agreed in principle by the Parish Council and will be ratified and signed by the Chairman at the next proper meeting.
29. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items requiring discussion, observations, action or for note by the Council:

- a) Notification permission granted for erection of one detached dormer bungalow. Land adjacent 4, Tunley Lane, Wrightington – **Noted. Councillors are disappointed with this decision as it will set a precedent for possible development of Green Belt land in the future.**
- b) Notification permission granted subject to conditions for T1 Sycamore – remove dead and dying wood. T2 Sycamore – remove. T3 Sycamore – remove. The White House, Moss Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**
- c) Notification permission granted for single storey rear flat roof extension. 8 Dawber Delph, Appley Bridge – **Noted but a disappointing decision.**
- d) Confirmation that the allegation in relation to the structure in the rear garden of 8 Dawber Delph was investigated in 2016 with no further action taken. Possible further updates available once officers are back at work in Borough Council offices – **Noted. However, the Parish Council will continue to pursue the issues in relation to the size and scale of the pergola and Hobbit Hut in the garden of this property when officers are back in the office.**
- e) The Arboricultural Officer at West Lancs. BC says that, if the Parish Council thinks that there is a real and identifiable danger or hazard to persons using the public footpath from the tree outside the back garden of 8 Dawber Delph then he recommends contacting LCC on the fault reporting system – **Noted. The tree will be reported to LCC.**
- f) Confirmation that the community skips on the village hall car parks were only operational when the refuse and recycling centres were closed. Also confirmation that there is no funding in place this year for the skips previously located in Skelmersdale, used to target anti-social behaviour and therefore, no funding for additional visits in the Parishes either – **Parish Councillors are disappointed with this response as the skips were a great success and very well used in both Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge.**
- g) Notification that the Great British Spring Clean is now the Great British September Clean, between 11<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – **Councillors Ms Jukes and Johnson confirmed that they would be litter picking in their own areas. Details will be forwarded to ABCA.**
- h) Request from LALC for your views on the new proposed Code of Conduct – **Councillors confirmed that they were happy with the proposed new Code of Conduct.**
- i) Notice of temporary road closure on Lees Lane, Dalton, from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July until Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 to enable scaffolding to be placed in the carriageway as part of gable end replacement works to be undertaken by Platinum Traffic Management – **Noted.**
- j) Copy correspondence received from Borough Councillor Baybutt, County Councillor Fillis and Inspector Jones in response to issues raised following receipt of residents' complaints about anti-social behaviour associated with East Quarry. No response has as yet been received from the quarry owner. To date, the application to the Environment Agency to empty the quarry has not been granted, no planning application has been submitted for infill and development of East Quarry – **It was agreed that the Parish Council will inform the**

**original complainants of the action they have taken along with a brief outline of the responses received along with the assurance that the Parish Council will continue to support them by working with other agencies such as the Police, to stop the anti-social behaviour, nuisance and problems being experienced as a result of access to the Quarry.**

- k) Info. on the new campaign by LCC from 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 to help raise public perception of the excellent work LCC highways service deliver. Focusing on work on fixing potholes and improving the condition of roads and encouraging the public to complete the National Highways and Transport (NHT) survey as well as reporting potholes to LCC on their website – **Noted. However, Councillor Johnson reported that the LCC ‘Report It’ system online is difficult to use and is inadequate. It is impossible to re-report something, the website prevents you from doing this, it is only possible to add your details to an already reported matter. Many reported issues remain on the system as ‘report received’ for long periods of time before being actioned.**
- l) Request for a donation from British Red Cross Support – **The Council agreed not to support this request as the Red Cross receive government support and, due to the difficult times the Parish Council finds themselves in, with no income being received from rental of the village halls as a result of the pandemic, resources may be limited in the future.**
- m) Email from a resident regarding something seen in the Parbold Community Association Newsletter re: - volunteer litter picking. PC to provide litter pickers, gloves and bags and feedback forms indicating where had been litter picked. Anyone looking for a volunteering opportunity to meet the requirements of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme could benefit from this opportunity and be supervised in doing so. Suggesting that this could be something the PC could consider doing in Mossy Lea & Appley Bridge – **Noted for the moment. This would need to adhere to all guidelines on social distancing and not being too close to anyone from another household. This will be held on file for possible future reference.**

**30. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**—The following have been reported to date:

- The possible dangers to public footpath users of the large tree at the rear of 8 Dawber Delph – response to this outlined above. The Council will report this to LCC.
- Litter Skull House Lane – reported to LCC
- Report of alcohol and nitrous oxide canisters found and removed following swimmers visiting the quarry in the hot weather.
- There are numerous blocked and slow running gullies in the village.
- There is a blocked culvert at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane causing flooding to the road.
- There are 2 blocked gullies at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane.

**31. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Not applicable

**32. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA—Closed. Windows cleaned last week – **Noted.**

APPLEY BRIDGE—Closed. Arrangements have been made for 2 barrier key holders to have keys to enable use of the car park at school opening and closing times from September.

John has been back at work for the past 2 weeks and has managed to finish the painting, plastering, levelling and small repair work he had started before his diagnosis. He will have also cleaned both village halls fully by the end of the month. I am currently reading guidelines on re-opening the village halls and have also contacted West Lancs. BC, asking for their advice/guidance on doing so. The issues remain around cleaning and repeated cleaning of both facilities before and after each use and the number of people allowed in the village halls at any one time and from how many households, to remain compliant with Covid-19 guidelines and legal requirements. I will be looking into bulk purchasing hand sanitiser to enable hand sanitation stations to be set up at the entrances to both village halls, and cleaning products and disposable clothes to enable cleaning to be undertaken efficiently and effectively whilst also following guidance on disposing of the same. It may also be necessary to prevent kitchen facilities from being used in the short term and advise that village hall users bring their own cold drinks only and ensure that all refuse, along with anything else they have touched during their use, be taken home with them for disposal. I will advise Councillors of my findings and conclusions over the next couple of weeks – **Noted**

- 33. PLANNING** To discuss the following applications:
- 1) 2020/0481/FUL Removal of the existing open porch roof and replacement with an enclosed glazed porch area. Brookfield, Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington – **Agreed - No Objections.**
  - 2) 2020/0238/FUL Additional driveway and parking with new access to the highway. 8 Apple Hey, Appley Bridge – **Agreed - No Objections.**
  - 3) 2020/0498/FUL Planning application to regularise land as garden land (use class C3). Holdcrofts, Tunley Lane, Wrightington – **Agreed -leave the decision to the professional officers.**
  - 4) 2020/0504/FUL Erection of stable block and access track (from existing field gate). 10 Carr House Lane, Wrightington – **Agreed No Objections.**
  - 5) 2020/0565/FUL Variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission 2018/0841/FUL to vary the approved plans. Sprodley Brook Farm House, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge – **Agreed - No Objections.**

**34. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** –Nothing to report.

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

**For Payment:**

Mr F Johnson	Reimburse Window Cleaning MLVH		£15.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£820.56
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£5.48	
	NI due by Parish Council	£12.98	£18.46
D/D Plusnet	Bill for July		£26.39
D/D Waterplus	Water use MLVH		£112.62
D/D British Gas	Gas use at MLVH		£59.91
D/D British Gas	Gas use at ABVH		£90.97

**Agreed - that Payment of the above accounts is accepted.**

The Internal Audit of the Parish Council accounts will be undertaken sometime within the next 2-4 weeks, weather permitting and at a convenient time to the internal auditor. It will be necessary for the Parish Council to agree the accounts, remotely if necessary, as by law they must be submitted to the external auditors by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. Therefore, I propose a short meeting, with 1 agenda item only, to agree the end of year accounts and the submission of the Annual Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement based on those accounts. I will forward all the information required to agree the accounts prior to the meeting and anticipate this taking no more than 15 minutes to complete. If the meeting is held remotely, via zoom, I would set up the meeting and provide log in details for Councillors to attend the meeting virtually. If Councillors prefer, as the village halls are not open at the moment and there would be several people from various households, we could hold a short socially distanced meeting to discuss this 1 Agenda Item on Mossy Lea Village Hall car park at a date to be arranged – **Parish Councillors agreed to hold a socially distanced Council Meeting on Mossy Lea Village Hall car park to approve the annual statement of accounts and annual governance statement on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 6.00pm.**

**36. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** – Guidelines and Government advice permitting. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020 at Mossy Lea Village Hall.