

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the cancellation of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** of the Parish of Wrightington scheduled to be held on Monday 21st December 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.

INTERIM ACTION

63. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interest they may have to disclose in relation to matters detailed below – **Councillor Mrs Burton declared an interest in any discussions on the grounds maintenance contracts at the village halls. No further declarations made.**
64. **INTERIM ACTION** – The Interim Action of items for what should have been the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th November 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.**
65. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

- a) West Lancs. BC Christmas & New Year 2020/21 office opening times - **Noted.**
- b) Confirmation from West Lancs. BC that they are not responsible for removal of the graffiti on Mill Lane. LCC have now been contacted about the graffiti on the fence on Mill Lane – **Noted. The Council will continue to report this to LCC until some action is taken.** Confirmation from Network Rail that the graffiti on the railway bridge on Mill Lane has been added to their register and will be actioned alongside other work in the area – **Noted.**
- c) Confirmation from West Lancs. BC that the request for new and/or replacement litter bins in the Parish is in hand, the Clean & Green Team are waiting for approval to proceed but this could take another couple of months or so to action due to Covid-19 – **Noted, however, some action needs to be taken soon as some of the litter bins are very badly damaged and others are too small to cope with the current usage.**
- d) Info. and details of the LCC Pothole campaign for December 2020 – **Noted, however, it was stressed that the LCC ‘Report It’ page is poor and deters people from reporting them.**
- e) Confirmation from PKF Littlejohn LLP that the Annual Audit of Wrightington Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31/3/2020 has been completed with no matters arising requiring further action by the Parish Council - **Agreed: The completed audit with no matters arising requiring attention/action is accepted & approved.**
- f) Contact details & info. from Utility Aid, an energy broker specialising in providing low cost energy to the not-for-profit sector, with an offer to undertake a free energy audit – **The Council will ask for further information and potential future cost implications.**
- g) Info. from NALC - consultation on Standards Matter 2 with consultation questions – **Noted.**
- h) Details from LCC of proposals to alter speed limits in the County, the effect of which will be to introduce the measures set out in the public notice in the email – **Noted. Concern was expressed about speeding vehicles using country lanes as rat runs eg: Moss Lane.**
- i) Responses from all the agencies the Parish Council contacted following receipt of the residents’ letter expressing concerns about the storage of flammable materials at West Quarry – **The responses received by the Parish Council will be forwarded to the resident who initially brought this matter to the Parish Councils attention.**
- j) **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS** – Fly tipping of soil and mixed materials by LCC on the old road adjacent to BP Crow Orchard Garage – some work has been undertaken and the route is now walkable most of the way. Litter on the route remains an issue. The grass verges and hedges on Crow Orchard Road to the church need cutting back as they are significantly narrowing the footways. The grass verge in front of the BP garage, on Mossy Lea Road, has been churned up and needs attention following work at the BP garage.

Grass verges and hedges on Mossy Lea Road between the junction and Rookery Fold are overgrown and need cutting back. The Clerk will continue to look into the cost of purchasing a SPID and any additional costs which may be necessary to move the SPID around the village. I will provide alternatives when I have the information together in the New Year.

66. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Not applicable

67. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Closed. Moss will be removed from the car park in the New Year – **Noted.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – Closed. Dale Burton will quote for removal of moss on the car park, cleaning out gutters and power washing the steps and path to the cellar where the utility meters are as they are quite slippery and dangerous. Agreed tree work will take place in the New Year. **It was reported that due to the lack of sunlight caused by shading from the trees the grass is in a poor condition and therefore, it has been suggested that it could become a wild flower meadow area.**

The Parish Council considered the question of re-opening the village halls for only those permitted activities in line with Tier 3 guidelines. Having assessed all the classes which take place in the village hall, the only one which can legally take place at the moment is Jujitsu as the government are allowing supervised classes for under 18's. The teacher of this class at ABVH has been in contact and asked about restarting his classes in January. However, as guidelines changed in January 2021 and a 3rd lockdown was introduced the village halls remain closed.

68. PLANNING To note the following planning decisions and discuss the applications listed:

1. Notification consent subject to conditions has been granted to Sycamore fell reason-dead. Silver Birch fell reason-dead. Replace with small trees such as 6/8cm girth half standard – to be confirmed. Earlswood, Moss Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**
2. Notification permission granted for demolition of existing extensions, garage and outbuildings. New extensions, garage and internal alterations, associated external works. 203 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – **Noted.**
3. Notification permission refused for proposed residential development comprising of 3 detached dwellings. Ashurst Garage and Signs, Wood Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**
4. Notification permission granted for enlargement of front facing balcony structure. Proposed garage structure with balcony to roof. Garage conversion to create two new bedroom spaces. Changes to landscaping to front garden. Elevational changes to include changing the windows to grey. Oak House, 13A Finch Lane, Appley Bridge – **Noted.**
5. Notification permission granted for front garage extension, side and rear extension, external render, driveway alterations and proposed drop kerb. 18 Church Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**
6. Notification permission granted for two storey side extension to include garage and bedroom. 8 Dobson Close, Wrightington – **Noted.**
7. Notification permission granted single storey rear extensions to include larger kitchen/dining room and new bedroom. Double detached garage to be erected at front of the property with new wider access off Hall Lane to ensure safer ingress/egress from the property with new electric gates. Porch to be added to front elevation along with all windows being replaced from White UPVC to Black/Anthracite. Wetherby Lodge, Hall Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**

PLANNING APPLICATIONS REQUIRING OBSERVATIONS:

1. 2020/0986/FUL Car parking in association with retail unit and restaurant. Retrospective. Derby House, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – **The Council remain concerned that the work has been completed prior to the submission of a planning application. There is little point in having planning legislation if development is allowed to take and then retrospectively agreed to.**
2. 2020/1015/FUL Proposed extension and remodelling of the first floor loft space. To include the garage conversion to form a kitchen at ground floor, with a master bedroom extension at first floor to the outer wall position. Removal of the left hand side hip roof to form a gable to match the RHS roof and increase the available room in roof accommodation. 8 Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington – **Agreed – No objections.**

3. 2020/1075/FUL First floor extension, rear extension to existing garage to provide home gym and sun room. 136 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - **Agreed – No objections.**
4. 2020/1069/FUL Domestic extension, driveway reconfiguration & erection of summer house. Tauranga, Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington - **Agreed – No objections.**

69. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – The Clerk was able to join the Zoom Meeting for the Finance Workshop which was very informative – **Noted.**

70. ACCOUNTS - To receive the following list of accounts for agreement:

For Payment

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| Parish & Town Trng | Finance Workshop (50% with CRPC) | £12.50 |
| SLCC | Annual Subscriptions (50% with CRPC) | £92.50 |
| Charnock Richard PC | 50% of Net cost of Zoom Annual Fees | £59.95 |
| 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 |
| Dale Burton | Part Payment for: 2 replanting of planters to date, tidy up ABVH, stump treatment ABVH, Half year grounds maintenance ABVH | £1040.00 |
| Mr F Johnson | Window cleaning MLVH | £15.00 |
| D/D Plusnet | Internet MLVH | £26.39 |
| D/D British Gas | Gas use – ABVH (estimated figures will alter with today's readings) | £230.61 |
| D/D British Gas | Gas use – MLVH (estimated figures will alter with today's readings) | £106.43 |

Agreed - that Payment of the above accounts is accepted and that the Bank Reconciliation Statements as at 30/6/20 & 30/9/20 are accepted.

71. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30 pm, via the Zoom platform.

Chairman:

Date: