

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mrs K Jukes, Mr F Hodgkinson and Mr R Alexander. Also present 5 members of the public and Borough Councillor Bailey.

## 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, Borough 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 those present to the June Parish Council Meeting and asked that we all treat each other with respect and respect everyone's points of view.

Borough Councillor Bailey – Confirmed his attendance at the first Parish Council Meeting as a Borough Councillor for the Parish. He confirmed that the red route signs are now up and operative on Hall Lane. Highways are also looking at mobile cameras and squads to look at parking hotspots. If Councillors note any double yellow lines being regularly abused, please inform BC Bailey. He reported that the government are looking at legislation on pavement parking and the resultant narrowing of the width of the footways/pavements. It was confirmed that this happens a lot on Mossy Lea Road with parked cars on the pavements causing problems for farm vehicles and HGV's who struggle to get through and, the parked cars are blocking the pavement for pedestrians, wheelchair and mobility scooter users. Councillor Bailey confirmed that motorists need to be breaking the law for action to be taken against them. Details of times, dates and locations can be emailed to Councillor Bailey. It was confirmed that action will be taken. It was reported that there are certain things that highways can do in the vicinity of schools e.g.: new powers give them the authority to issue tickets for parking on the zig zag lines. It was confirmed that Borough Councillors can look into street cleansing issues. Councillors confirmed that going back years now, they have been complaining about blocked road gullies. This service was contracted out by LCC to A1 Contractors who have done a great job. Councillor Bailey confirmed that now, every Borough has its own gully cleaner and these services have improved dramatically. However, it was reported that road sweeping has not improved. Councillor Johnson reported that the roads were swept last week, however, it was 10 months prior to last week when the last sweep was undertaken. It was confirmed that if this is reported on the LCC report it page, LCC will react to this. Councillor Bailey agreed to find out what the current road sweeping schedule is. It was reported that before Christmas 2021, at a Meeting between the Chairman, Councillor Jukes, the Clerk and Stephen Bissette from West Lancs. BC, several replacement and new litter bins were promised in both Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge. To date, only 2 litter bins have been replaced in Mossy Lea. The Clerk will try to find a copy of the maps and locations requested. Open Forum closed at 7:45pm.

19. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Chambers (bereavement), Councillor Shaw (unwell) and Councillor House (childcare issues).
20. **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 reported that she is currently in a legal debate with the owner of West Quarry over land ownership which remains on-going. Councillor Mrs Burton declared an interest in Planning application 11. 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.**
21. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
22. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items reported to, & noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5-6 – ACCEPTED. Item 1) – the Chairman suggested that a photograph from the Jubilee Coffee Morning be submitted and a photograph that Councillor Burton has of a Jubilee crown made from horseshoes is submitted.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Confirmation from LCC that the Appley Bridge/Parbold Quarry Liaison Committee has now been disbanded – **Noted.**
- b) Confirmation the boundary signs on Wood Lane were moved closer to the actual boundary and 349 Wood Lane over 6 years ago – **Noted.**
- c) Response to requests for clarification to issues raised re: the ramp at East Quarry – Read aloud at the PC Meeting – **It was confirmed that the scale and appearance of the concrete pad is such that the permitted development rights apply. It is a matter of planning judgement whether the pad materially affects the external appearance of the site and the opinion of LCC is that there is no material impact on the external appearance. An apology for the poor choice of words was reported and confirmation that LCC obtained a legal opinion on this matter and not a legal judgement. A copy of this response will be forwarded to Councillor Mrs Jukes and Councillor Alexander.**
- d) Request for your views on the WLBC Stakeholder Survey 2022 – **Councillors will send their observations to the Clerk and a response to the survey will be submitted from the responses received. Councillor Alexander felt the following public health preferences have the greatest impact: Obesity in children and adults, dementia and mental health.**
- e) Copy of the revised and updated Parish & Town Council Charter from LCC and a request that the PC ratify the Charter – **Resolved – The Parish Council are happy to ratify the revised and updated Parish & Town Council Charter.**
- f) Info. on, and request to fly the Red Ensign, on 3 September, Merchant Navy Day – **Resolved – The Council will purchase 2 flags, one to be flown at each Village Hall. Councillor Alexander will check the flag poles and report on the correct size of flag required.**
- g) Email from a resident asking why WLBC do not do a cut and lift when cutting the grass at the playing fields at Mossy Lea – **It was reported that if the machine used to cut the grass can also mulch it, then all the nutrients will go back into the ground and it is therefore better for the playing field to leave it. The Council will however ask the question.**
- h) Info. on an initiative to use sport facilities on a fun and relaxed basis to help with mental and physical health + request for assistance in promoting this and possible financial assistance – **It will be suggested that the originator of the email contact West Lancs., BC as they own both playing fields in the Parish. The Council applaud this initiative and agreed that if any classes or activities begin as part of the project, they will advertise it in the Notice Boards.**
- i) Letter from CC Edwards explaining LCC's position re: attaching items to lighting columns – **Noted. BC Bailey reported that the guidance is being re-looked at in regard to things like bunting which, if it is reported as having a low breaking strain, will not require a structural survey of the street light.**
- j) Reminder – Advance Notification from West Lancs. BC of Code of Conduct Training for Parish Councillors, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 6pm-8pm, Council Chamber, Ormskirk – **The Clerk will circulate any further information on this matter when it is received.**
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) A number of items frequently reported by Councillor Johnson, which he would like to discuss in more detail i.e.: Road sweeping in the area. The road sweeper has been in Mossy Lea twice recently but has not swept Church Lane, despite having done so in the past. Grass is now growing in the road channels and on the footways on Church Lane near St James's Church. This does not look good when there are a large number of Weddings coming up over summer. BC Bailey agreed to ask why they no longer sweep Church Lane. Councillor Johnson reported that the grass, weeds and brambles near the bus stop near the drive to Raby Fold Farm, is very overgrown and needs cutting back. It was confirmed that grass verge cutting is the responsibility of LCC but this could be a function delegated to West Lancs. BC. Councillor Johnson reported that the Clean and Green Team from West Lancs. BC trim around the bus shelter and bench near Chisnall

Avenue but not the one at Raby Fold Farm. BC Bailey agreed to get this location added to the list for cutting back and strimming.

At this point in the Meeting Councillor Jukes became unwell and left the Council Meeting.

It was confirmed that children walk down the footway from Raby Fold Farm bus stop towards Wrightington Bar and that the footway is now considerably narrower due to overgrown vegetation from the grass verges. Also, the hazard markers at this location are once again obliterated by the long grass and overgrown grass verges. Some of the markers, which have been displaced and have concrete bases showing, are now hidden in the long grass and could be a trip hazard. Long grass is obstructing the sightlines for motorists exiting Wrightington Fisheries onto Mossy Lea Road and also for motorists exiting Derby House onto Mossy Lea Road. Councillor Johnson confirmed he would send photographs to BC Bailey. Councillor Johnson reported that the footways on Manse Avenue and Hinds Head Avenue are breaking up and could prove to be a trip hazard for many of the elderly residents who live on both these streets. It was agreed that Wrightington Windows would be asked for a price to clean the 3 bus shelters in the Parish. ii) Confirmation that the quote to repair the bench on the grassed area on Mossy Lea Road, near the Boundary Lane junction, using hardwood will be £350. **Resolved** – **The contractor will be instructed to go ahead with repairs.**

### 23. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Councillor Mrs Burton reported that she had been looking at SPID's in Mawdesley. They have solar panels on the top and the SPID is fastened to the post. The village Lengthsman moves them around and LCC will provide training on how to do this safely. It was reported that Hilldale PC are also looking to purchase a SPID/s and it was suggested that it may be cheaper if they are all purchased together, maybe at a discounted price. BC Bailey suggested contacting Andy Pratt the deputy Police and Crime Commissioner as they have purchased a few SPID's and it may be possible to obtain one through him. It was confirmed that some of the newer ones collect data which can be downloaded via an app on a mobile phone. It was confirmed that, in light of the recent guidance and protocol on SPID's issued by LCC, moveable SPID's are likely to be the best option. LCC will provide the posts and plates, at a cost to the Parish Council, and it will be possible to send someone on the training in the future. The first step is to have the locations approved by LCC. The Clerk asked Councillors to email their suggested locations to her, using an address or a street lighting column number to identify the location. The list of suggested locations will be submitted to LCC for approval. BC Bailey further reported that the Road Safety Partnership has been re-launched.
- BC Bailey was asked to find out when the next grass verge cut is due in the Parish.

24. **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER** – The Newsletter is not complete yet as the revised locations for 2 of the defibrillators in Appley Bridge need to be confirmed. The Annual Report will need to be shortened to free up some space for information on Village Hall activities and clarification is required as to whether Appley Bridge Pensioners Group has started up again. It is hoped that this information will be available for the July Meeting. The Clerk confirmed that delivering the Newsletter is now becoming a problem and suggested that prices be obtained for delivery to every household in the Parish. **Resolved** – **Prices for delivery will be obtained from Royal Mail and an independent delivery company for comparison.**

25. **DONATIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN LIEU OF JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS** – Councillor Mrs Burton requested that this be an Agenda Item. Councillor Mrs Burton proposed that in lieu of Jubilee Celebrations, the Parish Council donate £100 to each of the 3 primary schools in the Parish – All Saints, St Josephs and Mossy Lea Primary Schools, to be specifically used by the school to provide a sign language demonstration/training for the pupils. The proposal was seconded and it was **Resolved** – **That a donation of £100 be made to each primary school in the Parish for this specific purpose.**

26. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Nothing specific to report. The Chairman reported the fact that the Clerk recently visited Buckingham Palace in

recognition of her voluntary fundraising group - CRUK Wrightington & Wigan GOF - having been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for the amenity the group provides to the people in the Parish, and beyond. The Clerk also attended the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Civic Service at Blackburn Cathedral to celebrate the historic event of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as a result of obtaining the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.

## 27. VILLAGE HALLS

**MOSSY LEA** – Increase in window cleaning charges reported – **Resolved** – **The increase is accepted.**  
**APPLEY BRIDGE** – Notification of a broken window in the main hall. Cost of repair £430 – **Resolved** – **The necessary repairs be undertaken to the broken window.** It was reported that there is quite a large sapling growing in the wall on the right-hand rear side of the village hall. The caretaker will be asked to look at this and a price obtained for the removal of the tree.

## 28. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2022/0438/FUL Demolition of former garage and erection of one detached dwelling. Ashurst Garage & Signs, Wood Lane, Wrightington - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2022/0439/FUL Erection of two detached dwellings. Ashurst Garage & Signs, Wood Lane, Wrightington - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2022/0493/LBC Listed Building Consent – Proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory and form a traditional constructed lounge/garden room extension. Drapers Farmhouse, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 4) 2022/0476/FUL Proposed renovation and conversion of an existing building (former workers' cottage) to a detached dwelling. Re-submission of refused application 2021/1309/FUL. 14 Speakmans Drive, Appley Bridge – **Resolved** – **The Council objects to these proposals on the same ground they have objected to the previous applications for development of the site. The Council will leave the decision to the professional officers.**
- 5) 2022/0499/ADV Signage proposed consisting of 5 signs, 2 large set of letters, 2 Nameplates, 1 Oval post mounted sign. As well as 12 floodlights and 50 metres of festoon lighting around the building on the 2<sup>nd</sup> gable and front elevation. Pesto, 206 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 6) 2022/0523/FUL Proposed single storey extensions to the front of the existing house with a new tiled pitched roof to the existing kitchen/garage following the demolition of the existing front porch, internal and external alterations. 259 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 7) 2022/0492/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension to replace an existing conservatory and form a traditional constructed lounge/garden room extension. Drapers Farmhouse, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 8) 2022/0534/FUL Proposed single storey rear kitchen extension and side extension, single storey to create cloaks, WC and utility room. 194 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 9) 2022/0536/FUL Change of materials for a previously approved chimney, re-position of patio doors, reinstatement of a previously blocked up window, and reinstatement of internal walls (retrospective). South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 10) 2022/0566/FUL Refurbishment of an existing cottage with a proposed rear two storey extension and oak framed front porch (Revised proposal as previous app rejected(2020/1098/FUL) 1 Tunley Lane, Wrightington - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 11) 22/00612/NOT Notification of intention to upgrade existing telecommunications equipment including the replacement of 3no. existing antennas with 3no. new antennas, the replacement/installation of equipment within the existing cabin and minor ancillary work. Telecommunications Mast, Chisnall Hall Farm, Chisnall Avenue, Wrightington - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 12) 2022/0071/TPO G1 mixed species crown raise to 6m to clear access road. Unit 2 Conway Industrial Estate, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge - **Resolved: No Objections.**

13) 2022/0118/FUL Demolition of existing house and erection of proposed new house. The Poplars, Tunley Lane, Wrightington - **Resolved: No Objections.**

29. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Nothing specific to report.

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

**For Payment:**

The Wiper Company	Hand Towels & Toilet Rolls MLVH & ABVH	£44.40
Waterplus	Water Charges ABVH	£91.85
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net of NI and Pension Contributions.	£888.38
HM Rev. & Customs	NI due by Clerk	£12.41
D/D NEST	Pension Contributions (employer + employee)	£35.70
D/D Plusnet	Internet ABVH	£23.62
D/D Plusnet	Internet MLVH	£27.60
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied ABVH	£82.85
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied MLVH	£55.90
D/D Waterplus	Water usage MLVH	£29.08
D/D E.on	Electricity usage ABVH	£58.49
D/D CPRE	Annual Membership	£36.00

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

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

**RESOLVED:** That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 19 to 31 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Close: 9.25pm

Chairman:

Date:

**REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension. 25 Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification permission granted for proposed single storey rear extension. The Old Carriage House, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- c) Notification permission granted for single storey rear and side extensions. Conversion of existing outbuilding to habitable use. 1 Lowther Terrace, Appley Bridge.
- d) Notification permission granted for proposed single storey rear extension. 18 Millbank, Appley Bridge.
- e) Notification application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – Refused – for extension of dwellinghouse. 14 Church Lane, Wrightington.
- f) Notification consent granted with conditions for T1 – Ash - Dismantle as the tree is heavily weighted to one side, possible root exposure from water erosion crack. 2 The Vale, Appley Bridge.
- g) Notification consent granted with conditions for T1 – Sycamore – Fell due to poor form and neighbouring tree failed during storm so now exposed to higher wind load. T2 – Silver Birch – Fell due to poor form with heavy lean. T3 – Silver Birch – Reduce height by 3 metres leaving a natural aesthetic crown, pruning to be carried out to reduce wind load. T4 – Ash – fell due to suspected chalarra fraxinea. T5 – Silver Birch – Reduce height by 3 metres leaving a natural aesthetic crown, pruning to be carried out to reduce wind load. T6 – Silver Birch – fell due to poor form and reduce density of canopy. T7 – Silver Birch – fell due to poor form and reduce density of canopy. Ashurst, Hall Lane, Wrightington
- h) Notification permission refused for conversion of barn to dwelling house with associated works. Earlswood, Moss Lane, Wrightington.

- i) Following a request for an update – notification that a committee date has not been fixed yet to discuss the planning application for the Corner House as the case is not ready to be determined. Further assessment needs to be undertaken before officers can make recommendations. Due to high workloads in the dept. it is taking longer than normal for some applications to be determined.
- j) Details from LCC about the upcoming Lancashire Choir of the Year Competition (Notice Boards)
- k) Formal notification of continuous road closure, Bank Brow, Upholland, 1/8/22-11/8/22 to enable installation of a road crossing and completion of connection works on behalf of Electricity NW.
- l) Request from LCC for photographs of Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Lancashire for their Summer 2022 Parish & Town Councils' newsletter.

**Meeting Protocols:** Please note the following procedures to ensure the smooth running of the meeting:

- Members of the public will only be able to speak during the Open Forum section of the meeting. If you wish to speak during this section please email the Clerk by 5pm on the day before the meeting, with brief details of the subject matter being raised. The Chairman will ask the member/s of the public to speak. Before speaking, the member of the public should state their name. Time permitting the Chairman will ask if members of the public wish to raise anything else, however, dependant on time, this may need to be held over until the next meeting. Each member of the public will be able to speak for a limit of three minutes.
- Parish Councillors wishing to speak are asked to please raise a hand and the Chairman will invite him/her to speak.
- To vote, members should raise their hand as appropriate.