

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 21st October 2024 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Ms K Jukes, (Vice Chairman), Mr Lee Burton, , Ms Anne Fletcher and Mr Hugh Carey and J Ashurst, Clerk

Also in attendance were members of the public.

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 September meeting and asked everyone to treat each other with respect, and respect everyone's points of view.

Open Forum closed at 7.35pm.

- 67. APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillor Judith Nicholson
- 68. 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 – Cllr Jukes again declared an interest
- 69. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Wrightington Parish Council held on Monday 21st September 2024 were proposed, seconded, and accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
- 70. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3– was accepted.
- Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:
- a) Replacement Notice Board at junction of Mossy Lea road and Chisnall Avenue. A reply from West Lancs had still not been received. The Clerk agreed to chase it up
 - b) **It was resolved** to order an 8 ft Christmas tree from Joseph Noblett.co.
 - c) Resignation of Cllr C. House. Following the resignation of cllr C.House, **it was resolved** to advertise the vacancy in the usual manner.
- 71. NEW WEBSITE**
The new website is not yet ready to go live. Cllr Carey agreed to carry on populating the website retrospectively with of presenting it to Council when approaching completion
- 72. EAST QUARRY** – Cllr. Jukes gave an update
- 73. WEST QUARRY & THE PAD** –
Councillor Jukes gave a further update
- 74. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**
The Chair reported that Mossy Lea Road was not being swept properly and the gullies were blocked causing repetitive flooding. **It was resolved that** the Clerk would report the problem to the Chief Executive of Lancs C.C. and on line to LCC's Highways Dept.. The flooding at the junction

of Mossy Lea Road and Church Lane also needed to be reported . Cllr Jukes agreed to report this hazard also.

Cllr L. Burton reported a fallen stile and agreed to send precise details to the Clerk so the problem could be reported.

Cllr Jukes reported that WLBC had handed the grass cutting responsibility back to LCC.

Car Parking on grass verges / Double yellow lines. **It was resolved** that Cllr . Jukes would raise the problems with LCC.

75 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES -

Nil Report

76 VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – **It was resolved** that Cllr. Jukes would deal with any issues

APPLEY BRIDGE – The Chair indicated that a meeting needed to be called . **It was resolved** that the ABVH Treasurer would be asked to report on the village Hall Accounts for the six months ending 30 September 2024

Leaking Toilets **It was resolved** to instruct the plumber to attend to the leak in the Ladies toilets as soon as possible.

ABVH Car park – The Chair reported she had met with West Lancs regarding the holes in the car park and WLDC agreed to investigate and also to consider the possibility of a roof being put over the cellar area.

77. **PLANNING** **It was resolved** that the Council would raise no objections to any of the Applications listed on the Agenda.

78 LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS –

It was resolved noted that the LCC Parish and Town Councils Conference would be held on 2nd November 2024 at County Hall Preston followed by the LALC AGM.

79. NEW FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was resolved that the Chair would call a Working Party meeting to complete the revision of the new Model Financial Regulations as applicable to Wrightington for submission for adoption by Council at its November meeting.

80. NEW BANK MANDATE

The new Bank Mandate was being processed by the NatWest. All the relevant information had been submitted by the Authorised Signatories.

81 ACCOUNTS - It was resolved to accept the following list of Accounts

For Payment:

Mr. J Ashurst	Clerk's Salary (net) Sept. 2024	£656.48
Mr. J Ashurst	Clerk's PAYE Sept 2024	£164.12
Mr. J Ashurst	Clerks Expenses September	£97.20
Petty Cash	Office Sundries	£50.00
DTG Plumbing/heat	Boiler Services in ABVH and MLVH	£230.00
West Lancs BC	Lease of Appley Bridge Village Hall	£1.00
Mr. J Ashurst	Reimbursement of Cost of Poppies from Royal British Legion	£131.76
PKF Littlejohn	Audit Fee 23/24	£252.00
D/D Brit Gas	Gas Supplied to ABVH October	£129.51
D/D British Gas Lite	Gas Supplied to MLVH September	£68.48
D/D Waterplus	Water charges MLVH October	£27.20
D/D Waterplus	Water charges ABVH October	£37.74

Receipts:

Nat West	Bank Interest to 30th September 2024	(to be confirmed)	£
Mossy Lea VH	Transfer from MLVH Account		£9000.00

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts and income received is approved. The Clerk was unable to present a financial report since a bank statement could not be obtained pending completion of the new Bank Mandates - Resolved: The financial report and Bank Reconciliation to 30th September 2024 would be submitted to Councillors on receipt of an up to date bank statement.

82 Matters Arising – It was resolved that Matters Arising would follow Minutes of the Last Meeting on future Agendas

83 Any Other Business -- Cllr. L Burton agreed to take over the Defibrillators previously looked after by Cllr House who had resigned. Cllr House's name would need to be removed from the contact details and Cllr. Burton's added

Advertising of Councillor Vacancy. --- Following the resignation of Cllr. House, the Clerk agreed to investigate the procedure for advertising the vacancy and report to the next Meeting.

84. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 18th November 2024 at 7.30pm at Mossy Lea Village Hall**

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.00 pm.

Chairman:

Date:

