

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 October 2006 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr C Taylor, Mrs A Rees and Mr J Clinch.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Mr I Young (Work) and PC Hackney.

OPEN FORUM

Included a presentation from John Forrest and John Twinn of Village in Partnership, on their service provision. Based in Croston with 9 membership villages, funded by DEFRA with additional funding from Awards for All and Grants for Growth. Formal Name – Rural Community Partnership Trust. Aims and Objectives are to improve the social, environmental, educational and economic quality of life, by delivering community focused projects, offering support and advice, identifying potential funders, project and event management and advice on setting up new community groups. There are currently 51 projects ongoing. To take advantage of their services, consultation with communities, groups and organisations must have taken place to identify and substantiate a need. The organisation is headed by Trustees, currently only 5, ideally one from each of the member villages, meeting on the first Tuesday each month to report and input. The Council enquired whether funding may be acquired for the installation of CCTV. A resident of Mossy Lea raised vandalism, litter, rubbish and debris issues in the Parish and suggested people who are sentenced to hours of Community Service by the Courts could be called upon to attend to litter picking, fence repairing, tidying in Parishes etc. Road sweeping and weed control by West Lancs DC is very poor and the road sweeping schedule is not adhered to.

A letter received from Charnock Richard Parish Council requests that the Council ask LCC to improve signage on Carr House Lane to indicate that the road ahead and Whittle Bottoms is totally unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles which appear to be using this route presumably at the suggestion of their Satellite Navigations Systems. The road is unsuitable and the bridge is unable to cope with increased HGV's.

41. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 July 2006 and notes of discussions held on 18 September 2006 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

42. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Council will raise the issue of lack of Policing in the Parish with PC Hackney being displaced to undertake duties out of the area.

43. 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 – NONE AT THIS POINT.

44. ACCOUNTS - To receive the following list of accounts:

Paid during the Summer Recess for approval:

C Lowton	Expenses for tidying Parish	£11.79
Powergen	Electricity supplied to ABVH	£101.83
Standish Print	Postage Stamps/Stationery	£21.61
Collins & Darwell	Printing Newsletters	£75.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary Net of Tax and NI (For July)	£436.36
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI due by the Clerk	£55.47
Inland Revenue	Employers NI liability	£9.19

Paid following discussions 18 September 2006 for approval:

Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary Net of Tax and NI (For August)	£436.13
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI due by the Clerk	£55.70
Inland Revenue	Employers NI liability	£9.19

Receipts:

HM Customs & Revenue	VAT Refund by BACS Transfer	£1579.65
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For Payment at this Meeting:

West Lancs DC	Rent for ABVH	£1.00
Standish Print	Photocopying	£9.31
Croston Conservats.	Repairs to door handles MLVH	£76.97
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary Net of Tax and NI (For September)	£436.34
Inland Revenue	Tax and NI due by the Clerk	£55.49
Inland Revenue	Employers NI liability	£9.19

RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts be Approved.

45. PLANNING To ratify decisions on the following planning applications made at September Discussions:

- 1) 2006/0942 Two storey rear extension.
Wakefield House Farm, Carr House Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2006/0949 Single storey rear extension including replacing existing flat roof with pitched roof.
13 Lowther Terrace, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2006/0971 Two storey rear extension.
12 Toogood Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2006/1023 Two storey office extension
Bullen Plant Hire, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.

To discuss the following applications received:

- 1) 2006/1058 Single storey extensions to main entrance/WC's.
All Saints CE Primary School, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2006/1068 Ground and first floor extension to rear.
Brae Bank, Moss Lane, Wrightington.
THE COUNCIL OBJECT AS THE APPLICANT, TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, DOES NOT LIVE AT HIGH MOOR FARM AS STATED ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION. HIGH MOOR FARM IS NOT NOW A WORKING FARM & THE APPLICANT IS USING IT AS AN ACCOMODATION ADDRESS TO JUSTIFY APPLYING FOR PERMISSION TO EXTEND A HOUSE WHICH IS SUBJECT TO AN AGRICULTURAL HOLDING CERTIFICATE – AN APPLICATION WHICH WOULD OTHERWISE BE REFUSED. BRAE BANK CANNOT CLAIM AGRICULTURAL USE/DWELLING.
- 3) 2006/1083 Conservatory at rear.
22 Manse Avenue, Wrightington.
NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2006/1106 Part two-storey, part first floor front extension and two storey rear extension.
198 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
NO OBJECTIONS.

Amendments To:

- 2006/0949 Single storey rear extension including replacing existing flat roof with pitched roof.
13 Lowther Terrace, Appley Bridge. Alterations to Roof.
NO OBJECTIONS.

46. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items to be reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3 Any issues arising at this point are reported under Highways and Environmental Matters.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Request for Donation from North West Air Ambulance – RESOLVED: Donation of £25.00
 - b) Copy Parish and Town Council Charter for West Lancs and response to your queries on this subject. Plus consideration of whether to sign up to the Charter – RESOLVED: The Council agreed to sign up to the Parish and Town Council Charter for West Lancashire.
 - c) Info. on possible involvement in the Lancashire Partnership: Lancashire Older People Strategy Consultation Draft – COUNCIL OBJECT TO FACT 50yr OLDS ARE DESCRIBED AS “OLDER PEOPLE”. FACILITIES SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO LOCAL VILLAGE OR PARISH HALLS, HEALTH CLUB FACILITIES SHOULD BE EXTENDED AND SUBSIDISED, DAY CENTRES AND OUTREACH CENTRES SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO RURAL AREAS. IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FOOTPATH NETWORK WOULD ASSIST.
 - d) Request for Parish Council Capital Scheme Bids for 2007-2008, by 8 December 2006 – RESOLVED: The Council will obtain 3 quotations for resurfacing Mossy Lea Village Hall car park, once obtained a suitable bid will be submitted.
 - e) Confirmation that your objections to the proposed diversion and extinguishment orders for public footpaths 5, 5a and 5b respectively have been registered by LCC – AWAIT OUTCOME.
 - f) Letter from Charnock Richard PC re: increase in number of HGV’s using Whittle Bottoms – RESOLVED: The Council will request additional/more accurate signage from LCC.
 - g) Request for your consideration of West Lancashire Development Framework (LDF) Consultation on Draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and Draft Public Open Space/Recreation Provision in new Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) by 15 Nov. (Both can be viewed on-line at www.westlancsdc.gov.uk/planning - NOTED.
47. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF PARISH AND TOWN COUNCILS** – notice of event to promote action to save the village shop, 16 November 2006, Kelbrook Village Hall, 10-3.00pm – Copy Newsletter Sept 06 – notification of proposals for allocation of votes at AGM – Notification of Area Committee Meeting on 19 October 2006 – ACCEPTED AND NOTED.
48. **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY** – RESOLVED: That Mrs Penketh be appointed to the vacant post of Mossy Lea Ward Councillor, Wrightington Parish Council, with effect from the November Meeting. The Appley Bridge Ward Councillors post will be re-advertised.
49. **NEWSLETTER** – Distribution – ONGOING.
50. **VILLAGE HALLS** –

MOSSY LEA – Councillor Hodgkinson asked the Parish Council to consider increasing the hourly rental rate for village hall users to £7.50 per hour for users from within the Parish and £10.00 per hour otherwise. A quotation will be obtained for bricking up one of the side and the rear small windows to prevent further vandalism. Councillor Taylor will look into gutters, downspouts and grills to be fitted over them to prevent vandalism. Quotations will be obtained to support funding applications for CCTV. Councillor Taylor to replace the broken double glazed window.

APPLEY BRIDGE – The cost of Tree works at the village hall and to branches overhanging the neighbouring garden is £150.00. RESOLVED: This work can go ahead.

51. **STANDING ORDERS**

RESOLVED: In accordance with Standing Order No 19, Standing Order No18 be suspended to allow the remaining items of business to be conducted.

52. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- Re: footpath 13, users should not have to walk through a field of horses, Councillor Mrs Burton has discussed this matter with the Footpaths Inspector in whose opinion footpath is passable.
- Clerk reported the Councils objections to the Proposed modification orders for footpaths 5, 5a, 5b re: levelling, hard surfacing and objections to kissing gates.

- From footpath 8 to 8a signs are required to indicate its route through the farm and access is denied from footpath 8 to 8a.
- Footpath 9, stile too high to get dogs over as it the stile from footpath 8 to 12.
- There are two locked gates on footpath 13. Council will request clarification of law re: gates adjacent to stiles.
- Way markers are required on footpath from Smithy Brow through Charity Farm.
- Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson are meeting Dominic Rigby from LCC re: Right of Way Improvement Plan and possible suggestions.
- Disabled access is prevented by a locked gate just after the Community Field, Canal Bank, Appley Bridge.
- The Council will enquire when the recommended review of speed limits on rural roads will take place by LCC.
- The current position with regard to the wall built on the grass verge at Broadheys Lane.

53. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 November 2006 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Minutes 41 to 53 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 November 2006.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:10 pm

Chairman:

Dated:

REPORT 1 – September 2006

- a) Notification of following Planning decisions: **Planning Permission granted for –**
- 2006/0581 – single storey extension and replacement conservatory at rear.112 Mossy Lea Road.
 - 2006/0649 – Retention of non-illuminated board sign. Derby House Saddlery, Mossy Lea Road.
 - 2006/0650 – Retention of decking and relocation of bin store, Derby House Saddlery, Mossy Lea Road.
 - 2006/0715 – Part two storey/part single storey side extension. Two storey rear extension. 14 Toogood Lane, Wrightington.
 - 2006/0716 – Conservatory at rear. 110 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
 - 2006/0749 – Two storey rear extension. 242 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- Planning Permission Refused for –**
- 2006/0664 – Retention of hard standing area. Derby House Saddlery, Mossy Lea Road.
- b) Confirmation shrubs at Mossfields will be dealt with as part of West Lancs DC grounds maintenance section's winter work.
- c) Notification the results of the current Sand and Gravel Study for Lancashire are now available.
- d) LCC will inspect the overgrown vegetation at the junction of Manse Ave and Mossy Lea Road and the landowner will be contacted.
- e) Confirmation the Footpaths Inspector considers Footpath No9 in a fit condition for use by the public.
- f) Confirmation Footpath 13 will be inspected.
- g) Notification Police Authority Community Meeting for West Lancs will be held on Monday 25 September 2006 at Tarleton High School, Hesketh Lane, Tarleton at 7:00 pm + copy Newsletters.
- h) Notification West Lancs Crossroads Caring for Carers AGM will be held Tuesday 19 September 2006, Council Chamber, West Lancs DC at 7:30 pm.
- i) CD version of West Lancs DC Corporate Performance Plan 2006/2007 for your information.
- j) Copy Minutes of AGM of West Lancs Environmental Network 2006.
- k) Copy Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Draft Year Four Action Plan 2007/08
- l) Request for support for the Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill.
- m) Notification of Salford City Council – Informal Consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement.
- n) Notification of proposed commencement of the following Supplementary Planning Documents from Wigan Borough Council: 1) Travel Plans 2) Development and Protected Species 3) Development and Air Quality.
- o) Notification of Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document.
- p) Copy Connexion – OPSTA Newsletter. q) Copy Beacon Newsletter. r) Copy CPRE Fieldwork
- For October 2006:**
- a) Posters from LCC re: Requirement for Volunteer Drivers for Community Car Scheme.
- b) Work to cut back vegetation from Mossy Lea Road and Bus Stop sign and re-erection of white sign will be undertaken shortly.
- c) Request from LCC for copy of letter re: confrontational incident at Coopers Lane.
- d) Addendum to information received from DEFRA re: Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act.
- e) Notification of Liaison Meeting for Clerks as per Parish and Town Council Charter.
- f) Notification of Greater Manchester Joint Waste Development Plan Document Public Consultation – Drop-in Sessions, 5-7.00pm, Tuesday 17 October & Thursday 2 November, Urbis, Manchester.
- g) Poster, application form and guidance notes for the Youth Capital Fund and Youth Opportunities Fund
- h) Invitation to attend the District Celebration Event, during National Youth Week, 9 November, 7-9pm.
- i) Notification from West Lancs DC Legal Dept. that there will be no training event scheduled until March/April 2007 re: The Code of Conduct as they are awaiting changes.
- j) Notification from Chorley BC of – Chorley into 2016 – Local Development Framework – Draft Householder Design Guidance Supplementary Planning Document.
- k) CVS Autumn 2006 Poster Campaign.
- l) Copy Local Strategic Partnership, Working Together for West Lancashire Newsletter.
- m) Notification Childline North West 20th Birthday and Ball.
- n) Copy West Lancs DC VOICE.
- o) Letter of thanks from LCC for input into Libraries and Information Service Task Group consultation.