

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 October 2010 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Acting Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mr J Clinch, and Mr I McRae. Also present Borough Councillor Gartside.

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, District and County Councillors if attending – Once open forum is closed the Chairman will only suspend standing orders to allow public participation in extreme circumstances.)

Public Present – Trees are overhanging the pavement on Mossy Lea Road and wood protruding from behind the wall at 311 Mossy Lea Road has now made the coping stones dangerous. Leylandi are overhanging the carriageway at Diglake Cottage, Mossy Lea Road. Hedges on Mossy Lea Road, between Boundary Lane and Crow Orchard garage are overhanging the carriageway. Hedges are also overgrown on Robin Hood Lane. The carriageway is eroding away around the road gully at the bottom of Raby Fold Farm driveway. There is a large pot-hole in the road on Tunley Lane, near South Tunley Farm, which requires attention. It is extremely dangerous for cyclists, joggers and those on mobility scooters. There are pot-holes, and a dip in the carriageway where earlier workings have sunk, on Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge, near Dawber Delph. Grass cuttings have been dumped on the narrow grass verge in-front of the bowling green adjacent to the Hinds Head Public House, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. The cuttings are providing ideal growing conditions for nettles and mares-tails and make the verge look untidy. A litter bin is required on Tunley Lane. It was reported that recent discussions with refuse collectors revealed the fact that they may be cut to a 4-day week. It was reported that recent press coverage revealed that half a million front gardens have been turned over to parking areas in the last 5 years. A resident off Broadhurst Lane has reported the dangers created by dog owners using this lane to access public footpaths who do not put their dogs on a lead. Dog fouling is also an issue. It was stressed however, that dogs on leads are often more vulnerable to attack from other animals and therefore this could prove a debateable point. Councillors stressed that dogs must be ‘under control’. It was reported that contractors have been taking measurements at the playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall as tenders for refurbishments must be submitted by 22 October 2010. Paula Campbell, from West Lancs. BC, asked whether it was considered a necessity that the play equipment for the younger children is contained within a fenced area. Councillors feel that this would be an un-necessary use of funds as the whole area is fenced and, would mean that the money for fencing could be used to purchase other equipment. It was also confirmed that the Parish Council do not want a gate from the car park directly onto the playing field as this could prove very onerous. Radio Lancashire interviewed LCC officers recently who reported that uneven footways are inspected weekly in the town centres, monthly on the outskirts of the town centre and every 6 months in all other areas. The Council will suggest that remedial work to footways in the Parish is scheduled for inclusion in next years budget – Councillor Johnson will make a list of footways requiring attention for the next Meeting.

57. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mr F Hodgkinson (holidays) and Mrs Rees (prior commitment).
58. **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. There were no declarations at this point in the meeting.
59. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 September 2010 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
60. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific.

61. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Info. and details of public meetings re: review of Lancs. Mental Health Inpatient proposals – NOTED.
- b) Up-date/info. on policing issues in the Parish + Details of PACT Meeting dates – NOTED.
- c) Request that the Mayors Charity Events for the remainder of 2010 be advertised – NOTED.
- d) Notification of proposed clearway – Hall Lane and Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington – RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO THESE PROPOSALS.
- e) Reply to issues raised with Notice Board, Appley Lane South – NOTED/ON FILE.
- f) Confirmation audit of Wrightington Parish Council Accounts for year ended 31 March 2010 has been completed with the only issue arising relating to payment authorisation and how this is detailed on the Agenda and in the subsequent Minutes – RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL CONFIRM THAT THE AUDITED ANNUAL RETURN HAS BEEN APPROVED AND ACCEPTED BY THE COUNCIL. THE ISSUES ARISING REPORT PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN ACCEPTED AND PROCEDURES ARE NOW IN PLACE TO ENSURE ALL PAYMENTS WILL BE AUTHORISED FOR PAYMENT UNDER THE SPECIFIC ACCOUNTS ITEM ON THE AGENDA AND IN THE MINUTES.
- g) Late items received which may requiring discussion/action/observations: i) Notification from Councillor Mrs Rees that she would like to step-down as the Parish Council appointed representative on the Peter Lathom Charity – RESOLVED: COUNCILLOR MR CLINCH WILL BECOME THE PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING PETER LATHOM CHARITY REPRESENTATIVES MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 2 NOVEMBER 2010, SHOULD THE CHARITY SO AGREE.

62. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS – Reports:

1. The public footpath from Hillhouse Fold Lane to Harrock Hall needs stoning – Councillor Mrs Burton will check the route and confirm.
2. Signs, including the T-junction sign, have been removed at junction Moss Lane/Courage Low Lane
3. Councillor Mrs Burton will request a meeting with LCC to discuss possible additional signage near the junction of Tunley Lane, Toogood Lane and Courage Low Lane following another recent accident at this location.
4. No progress has been made with removal of stakes in the grass verge, Appley Lane North.
5. The light is out and weeds are growing in the telephone box on Toogood Lane.

63. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES: The Clerk confirmed that the proposal put to Charnock Richard Parish Council regarding sharing their laser printer, with Wrightington Parish Council purchasing a set of toner cartridges at the outset, thereafter all maintenance, repairs, renewals and purchase of consumables to be shared was agreed. RESOLVED: THE CLERK WILL PURCHASE THE REQUISITE TONER CARTRIDGES.

64. REMEMBRANCE DAY ARRANGEMENTS – Confirmed scheduled for Sunday 14 November. Revd. Simon Glynn will conduct the service. Wreaths are ordered, orders of service will be printed. Letters and details will be sent to uniformed organisations, Parish, Borough and County Councillors, the Police and other invitees once confirmation of the road closure order has been received from West Lancs. BC. The British Legion have agreed to provide individual poppies, if required, for service personnel named on the Cenotaph.

65. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA - Day-to-day running and maintenance was discussed and due to the under-use of the village hall at the moment the Parish Council RESOLVED: The services of a cleaner are not required, until bookings increase the expenditure is not justified. The village hall Committee will inform the Cleaner of the facts and the situation will be discussed again if bookings increase significantly – Current

position re: application for funding from LAG, Rural Development Programme for England. The Clerk confirmed that the expression of interest submitted has been sufficient to progress to the next stage. A full application form and process must now be completed. It has been pointed out in correspondence that applications received are for far more than the funding available therefore getting through to the next stage is no guarantee of success. The Council agreed that if the bid is unsuccessful they will use the preparatory work submitted as the basis for a Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC. – Mossy Lea School confirmed Booking 8 November – PAT Testing now completed. Councillor Mrs Burton enquired about booking the village hall on a date between Christmas and New Year, as a base to start and finish a Parish Walk for Cancer Research UK. The Clerk reported that the Big Gig recently arranged by herself raised £1785.00 for Cancer Research UK – Computer Courses are looking promising numbers interested in attending increasing, Family History and Watercolour Painting Courses will also be pursued.

APPLEY BRIDGE – A Village Hall Committee Meeting has been held where it was reported that uneven flags on the path presented a trip hazard, this has now been attended to as an emergency by the contractor, one of the draw fronts in the kitchen needs re-attaching to the cupboard – A Electricians Letter has been obtained to confirm the siting of the new boiler over the existing plugs is safe – A large butchers block has been purchased to add height beneath the boiler – Tree works have been undertaken to compliment work anticipated by the neighbouring property owners - Car Park marking at Appley Bridge Village Hall will be drawn up by Councillor Hodgkinson – PAT Testing completed.

Formalising Hire Agreements for both halls – discussions prior to the next Parish Council Meeting.

66. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

Applications received for discussion:

- 1) 2010/1113/FUL Construction of ménage. Lathom’s Charity Farm, 248 Mossy Lea Road, (Case 780937) Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2010/1119/FUL Erection of replacement stable block. Harrock Lodge, Jacksons Lane, Bispham. Clarification of this application will be obtained prior to making a decision.

67. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Insurance info. from Came & Company, Parish Council Insurance providers – Newsletter, September 2010 – NOTED.

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

For Payment this month:

Vitalise	Donation		£25.00
West Lancs. BC	Rent for ABVH		£1.00
BDO LLP	Audit Fee		£334.88
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of butchers block for ABVH		£10.00
United Utilities	Water charges ABVH		£76.56
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net		£552.85
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£15.79)	
HM Rev. & Customs	Employers NI liability	£11.86)	£27.65
Colway Services	PAT Testing, Fire and Emergency Lighting Checks ABVH/MLVH		£366.60
K Burton	Tree works at ABVH		£80.00
D/D Open Spaces Soc	Annual Subscription		£40.00
D/D E.on	Electricity at MLVH		£57.17
D/D United Utilities	Water charges MLVH		£17.29

Receipts:

ABVH Committee	Quarterly Transfer		£602.50
A Resident	Payment for hire of chairs and tables from MLVH		£30.00

Notification:- Council has Credit Balance with British Gas for ABVH and with Non-Domestic Rates for ABVH and MLVH.

Councillor Mrs Burton declared her interest in the payment to K Burton and took no part in agreeing this item for payment.

RESOLVED: That payment and receipt of the above Accounts is approved.

69. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15 November 2010 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 57 to 69 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 15 November 2010.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:35 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification problems reported on footpaths No.23 and No.28 have been investigated and rectified.
- b) Notification of application for HGV licence for 6 vehicles, 0 trailers, by Huws Gray Ltd at Ainscough Business Park.
- c) Latest edition of Local Update and Your News from Cancer Research UK.
- d) Copy OPSTA Connexion, Autumn 2010.
- e) Notification of receipt of highway matters reported after the last meeting