

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Parish Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15 November 2010 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mr J Clinch and Mrs A Rees. 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: Reported that there is an absence of street lights on Courage Low Lane. There is a pot-hole in the carriageway on Courage Low Lane, just before the junction with Tunley Lane. The grass has been churned up in-front of No.10 Mossfields. The hole in Mossfields car park has been patched.

Flooding Mossy Lea Road: - It was reported that flooding was an issue on Saturday 13 November 2010 on Church Lane, near Toogood Farm where water was running on the road and, on Tunley Lane near South Tunley Farm, water was running off the fields and down the carriageway. On Mossy Lea Road, near the village hall, the gully opposite was partially covered with leaves and two dead rodents were seen in the vicinity. Water was running out of the gully and over the road where the culvert goes under Mossy Lea Road. The Council will enquire with West Lancs. BC when work will be undertaken to address flooding and drainage issues on the playing field adjacent to the village hall. Water is also running from the fields and overflowing from the fish ponds at Raby Fold Farm, this adds to the drainage and flooding problems on Mossy Lea Road.

The Council will look into the possible services available from the Community Payback Scheme.

70. APOLOGIES - Were received and accepted from Councillors Mr I McRae (work).

71. 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.

72. MINUTES – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 October 2010 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

73. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Footpath Hillhouse Fold Lane to Harrock Hill: – The Parish Council were under the impression that the whole of this footpaths route would be re-surfaced. Only part of the route has been done and footpath users are now forced to walk on top of the banking again as the definitive route is too muddy and slippery

Persistent Absence: - Discussions took place with regard to continued absence of Parish Councillors and the fact that this will automatically result in the cessation of Office as a Parish Councillor if it continues.

Website: - It was reported that Councillor Taylor has re-instated the Parish Council website which is now fully operative and up-to-date.

Highways Act 1980: - Following discussions relating to mud on the road, Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that under the Highways Act 1980 prosecutions can be made if mud deposits on the road or not removed by the farmer, or a contractor, depositing mud during the course of their work.

Moss Lane/Courage Low Lane: - Councillor Mrs Burton reported missing signage has been replaced.

74. 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 arson attack at Parbold Police Station – NOTED.
- b) Response to report of pot-holes in Mossfields car park and refuse collection issues – NOTED.
- c) Request for support for the Sustainable Communities Act – ON FILE.

- d) Notification of LCC Winter Service Briefings – NOTED.
- e) Copy West Lancashire Highways Bulletin – Issue 2 – NOTED.
- f) Details of Help Direct Winter Initiative – NOTED.
- g) Notification CPRE have arranged a talk/workshop on 9 February 2011, in Skelmersdale, 6:00-8:00pm on the intricacies of the planning system – THE COUNCIL HOPE TO SEND 2 REPRESENTATIVES.
- h) Notification of application for HGV operating centre at 38 Church Lane, Wrightington for 5 vehicles and 3 trailers, by Specialist Crane Hire Ltd – NOTED.
- i) Notification of/opportunity to be part of, the Consultation on a change of status of Lathom High School from a community to foundation with a Trust – NO NEED TO RESPOND.
- j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – NONE.

75. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS – Nothing Specific to Report.

76. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to Report.

77. REMEMBRANCE DAY - The Parade went well, the road closure was in place and the procession and service well organised. Revd. Glynn would like to be involved in informal discussions with the Parish Council in the future.

78. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA - Day-to-day running and maintenance – Current position re: application for funding from LAG, Rural Development Programme for England – The Clerk has submitted all the required documentation for the next stage of the funding bid. It was agreed that if this bid is unsuccessful the Parish Council will use the information gathered as the basis of a Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Councillor Hodgkinson agreed to pursue enquiries with the surveyor re: removal of the false ceiling in the hall and kitchen. Car Park marking at Appley Bridge Village Hall needs measuring and plotting.

Formalising Hire Agreements for both halls (Details of Discussions held immediately prior to the Parish Council Meeting): Discussions resulted in the formalisation of a singular hire agreement applicable to both village halls. In discussions Councillor Hodgkinson felt that hire time should include setting up/down time at either side of the hire however, it was felt that making exceptions to this rule could prove problematic. Some Councillors agreed that it could be hard to justify making a charge for setting up/down time. It was also stated that it could prove difficult to introduce further changes to village hall use, particularly at Appley Bridge Village Hall. It was agreed that the current hire terms used are quite extensive. The Clerk will amend the single hire agreement, indemnity and terms of use document, as per discussions at this meeting and will circulate to Councillors. Provided no issues arise the Agreement will be implemented as soon as possible.

79. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2010/1119/FUL Erection of replacement stable block. Harrock Lodge, Jacksons Lane, Bispham. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2010/1116/FUL New porch to front elevation and erection of a 3 car detached garage. Harrock Lodge, Jacksons Lane, Bispham. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2010/1213/FUL Erection of industrial unit. Conway Industrial Estate, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2010/1259/FUL Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage and associated landscaping works. New vehicular access. Land between 321 and 325 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS HOWEVER, CONCERN WAS EXPRESSED ABOUT THE POSSIBLE OVERLOADING OF THE DRAINS AT THIS LOCATION WHICH ARE ALREADY WORKING TO CAPACITY AND, THERE IS A HISTORY OF FLOODING PROBLEMS IN THIS AREA. THE COUNCIL WOULD ALSO LIKE TO REQUEST THAT THE LARGE TREE, NEAREST TO MOSSY LEA ROAD, BE RETAINED.
- 5) 2010/1114/FUL Alterations including part two storey/part single storey extensions at rear and front

porch. Conversion of existing outbuildings and erection of new garage block and stable building. Closure of existing vehicular/pedestrian access and erection of 1.8m high boundary walls. New vehicular/pedestrian access, driveway, wall and gates. Lathom's Charity Farm, 248 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

- 6) 2010/1251/FUL Erection of building to be used as stables, feed store, tack room and garage. Whittle Fold Barn, Whittle Lane, Wrightington. NOT IN THE PARISH.
- 7) 2010/1306/FUL Erection of replacement two storey detached garage/fitness room. 8 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington. THE PLANS DO NOT SHOW THE VERY LARGE BUILDING RECENTLY ERECTED ON THIS SITE, THEREFORE THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL RESERVE JUDGEMENT ON THIS APPLICATION PENDING MORE INFORMATION.

80. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Nothing specific to report – the Clerk will ascertain the date of the next Area Committee Meeting.

81. ACCOUNTS - Receiving the following list of accounts for Approval:

For Payment this month:

F Cornwell	Work on internal doors/re-bedding flags/ filling pot-hole ABVH	£88.00	
Heskin Plumb/Htg	Supply and fit new security light ABVH	£70.00	
Bentham Ltd	Toner Cartridges for Laser Printer (set of)	£158.57	
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£552.65	
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£15.99)	
HM Rev. & Customs	Employers NI liability	£11.86)	£27.85
Dave Proe	Tidying work ABVH (£52) + Amenity Grass Cutting (£62)	£114.00	
D/D – BT	Telephone charges MLVH	£113.34	
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Notification – United Utilities – Water Charges – MLVH		£103.61CR	

Receipts:

ABVH Pensioners Contribution from Grant towards hot water boiler £225.00

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

82. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 December 2010 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 70 to 82 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 December 2010.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:40 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- Letter of thanks for Donation from Vitalise.
- Confirmation Wrightington Parish Council has been accepted as a member of West Lancs CVS.
- Confirmation the following reports and complaints from the previous meeting are being investigated: Payphone complaint, Toogood Lane/Footpath 24/Pot-holes on Tunley Lane, Skull House Lane and grass cuttings Mossy Lea Road./Carriageway erosion Mossy Lea Road/Litter bin request Tunley Lane.
- Notification of Wigan Local Development Framework Core Strategy – Revised Proposals and Draft Policies for Community and Stake Holder Involvement.
- Copy bus timetables service 206 – Wrightington Hospital to Wigan
- Copy Open Spaces Society magazine
- Copy Chorley & South Ribble CVS magazine