

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 July 2012 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr J Clinch, Mr F Johnson, Mrs D Hanlon and Mr I McRae. Also present PCSO Benson.

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 activity on Finch Lane, around the school, giving cause for concern. There are 3 people undertaking a survey, taking photographs, proposing to restrict access to land currently used by parents for parking when dropping children off at All Saints School. Residents have been informed that LCC have confirmed that the survey can be undertaken and that the school have been informed, this fact is disputed by residents present. Parents and residents are not comfortable with their homes, themselves and their children being included in some of the photographs. The survey is being undertaken by Carr Faulkner Association on behalf of the land agent. Following recent removal of trees which had been ring-marked on the land at the rear of Beacon View and fronting Appley Lane North, it was suggested that some of the trees on Finch Lane should be TPO'd. Vehicles are also parking on Finch Lane and obstructing/restricting ease of access. It was confirmed that a number of planning applications have been submitted, and refused, for development on land behind/around the school and church. LCC put a tarmac surface and kerb edges on the road approx. 4 years ago however, the kerbs were flattened during utility work. It was reported that the lady land agent has approached school in the past and been to school governors meetings. Residents want facts, clarity and accuracy rather than a cagey approach which puts parents and residents on their guard. The residents informed the Parish Council that the school were told the survey was approved by the Council however, no confirmation of this fact has been obtained therefore, they raised questions relating to the legality of taking photographs which include the school children. Parents were informed faces would be blurred. PCSO Benson, with no prior knowledge of these events, agreed to report it. The Parish Council, also unaware of this incident, agreed to report residents' concerns to the Police as a matter of urgency as it was reported similar survey activity will also take place over the next 2 days. Residents' names and addresses were noted and will be provided to the Police should they wish to pursue their enquiries. Some members of the Council expressed concerns about the possible impropriety of the photographic aspect of this survey and the fact this is being undertaken so close to a primary school following a suggestion that this could raise paedophile queries.

Parking Mossfields – It was reported a group of people attended on 4 July with clipboards to discuss this matter. It was confirmed that residents will be consulted, the car park will be re-surfaced, trees will remain untouched and it seems the proposal is to install grass screed on the verges in front of the flats.

Weeds – are a problem on Mossy Lea Road near the recruitment agency.

Telephone Boxes – Missing glass in the box on Mossy Lea Road has been replaced. Brambles are growing in the box on Toogood Lane and the box on Appley Lane South is an eyesore.

PCSO Benson – Reported he is currently consulting to assess whether PACT Meetings in Wrightington would be sustainable. PC Hackney is currently overseeing our area again however, advertisements to permanently fill this position are now underway. An incident at Appley Bridge Quarry was reported. Parking near schools in general is an issue with parents now parking on pavements and on the opposite side of the road from St Joseph's School on Mossy Lea Road. 2 recent incidences of vandalism on Mossy Lea Road may, or may not, be related. Looking at the crime figures – it would appear that figures are increasing in our area. It was suggested that PCSO Benson included details of solved crimes in his newsletter – whether there are any trends or patterns to the crimes, who are the perpetrators of the solved crimes and are they local or are they from outside the area. This information makes it easier to understand how the community can support the Police in trying to solve crimes. It was confirmed that there are links on the Police website of offenders and results. Following earlier reports PCSO Benson confirmed that it is likely he will attend school tomorrow following the log of complaints today however, if documents are in order and there are no details on file giving cause for concern, the Police cannot take any action. It was stressed that all Parishes need to come together and lobby Lancashire Police for more personnel to cover the large

geographical area that PCSO Benson has to cover. PCSO Benson confirmed that a vehicle fleet review is on-going and a vehicle may be available eventually.

36. **APOLOGIES** - Were received from Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt and Borough/County Councillor Ms Evans.
37. **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.
38. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 June 2012 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
39. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Accepted.
40. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.
Minute 27 – Councillor Mrs Burton met with Mr Burrows, LCC, reported accurately the flooding problems on Toogood Lane, confirmed the landowner is prepared to remove the large boulders at Highmoor and replace with a banking, reported the fact the stakes in the grass verge on Appley Lane North are still present, walked along Robin Hood Lane and Bannister Lane to see the overgrown hedges and agreed that they present a danger. Councillor Mrs Burton requested details of LCC’s insurance company at a rights of way forum meeting. When it was suggested that LCC take proceedings against landowners for obstructions to verges or overgrown vegetation it was confirmed that LCC do not have the finance to do this. Councillor Mrs Burton requested that the Clerk keep a log of reports, dates, to whom and details, which can be used as evidence to support possibly contacting the Chief Executive in the future.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Response from Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt to Parish issues raised previously –
RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO COUNCILLOR MRS BAYBUTT SO THAT WEST LANCS. BC OR LCC CAN PROGRESS WITH THESE MATTERS AS IT COULD BE CONSIDERED PERSONAL IF THE PARISH COUNCIL WRITE.
- b) Current position with regard to increased parking provision at Mossfields – NOTED.
- c) Response to request for assistance with cutting back trees opposite homes on Chisnall Avenue -
THE PARISH COUNCIL CONFIRMED AGAIN THAT THEY BELIEVE WEST LANCS. BC HAS A DUTY OF CARE TO THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS IN THE SHELTERED BUNGALOWS ON CHISNALL AVENUE RELATING TO THE OBSTRUCTION OF LIGHT INTO THEIR HOMES FROM TREES OPPOSITE.
- d) Response to request for PACT Meetings in the Parish – **THE COUNCIL WILL ASK - IF RESIDENTS OF WRIGHTINGTON ARE ENCOURAGED TO GO TO PACT MEETINGS AT NEWBURGH OR PARBOLD TO RAISE ITEMS IN OUR PARISH WHY CAN RESIDENTS IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES NOT ATTEND A PACT MEETING IN WRIGHTINGTON?**
- e) Response to enquiries relating to activity at Charity Farm, Smithy Brow – NOTED.
- f) Information required to progress with naming the small street of Mossy Lea Road – **THE PARISH COUNCIL BELIEVE THAT THIS STREET STILL HAS A NAME, POSSIBLY SHEVINGTON MOOR, WHICH SHOULD BE RE-INSTATED.**
- g) Letter of Thanks from Appley Bridge Pensioners for their recent Donation – NOTED.
- h) Response to submission of Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC – **THE COUNCIL ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SUCCESSFUL THIS YEAR. RESOLVED: WORK TO THE FLOOR WILL STILL BE UNDERTAKEN AT THE SAME TIME AS WORK TO THE KITCHEN CEILING.**
- i) Request for Agenda Items for the next West Lancs. Three Tier Forum Meeting – NOTED.
- j) Info. from OPSTA and request/reminder to renew membership – **RENEW MEMBERSHIP.**
- k) Ideas for Schools Competition – Bird & Bat Watch – **NEXT AGENDA.**

- l) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Information from the Police – NOTED ii) Notification of the LCC Parish & Town Council Conference at County Hall on Saturday 10 November 2012 – THE CLERK WILL ATTEND.

41. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The grass verge on Mossy Lea Road, from Raby Fold Farm, has been missed during cutting.
- There is a large branch overhanging the amenity land and bench at the junction of Moss Lane and Hall Lane. The landowner will be asked if the contractor can remove the branch.
- It was reported that the owner of Moss House Farm, through which the public footpath from Tunley Moss Lane runs, would like to create another public footpath around the pond and past the caravans to rejoin the existing path. The existing route will remain open and this proposed route would be in addition. It was confirmed that the landowner should speak to LCC officers with regard to a footpath creation order. Councillor Mrs Burton will speak to the landowner.
- Nettles are overhanging the carriageway on Broadhurst Lane.
- The footway needs siding back between the grass verge and the grass at the kerb edge on Mossy Lea Road, from the telephone box to the Boundary Lane junction.
- Editorial relating to 40 mph speed limits will be forwarded to the Clerk for email distribution.
- It was reported that the public footpath from Mill Lane to Herons Wharf has been cut back.

42. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report.

43. CODE OF CONDUCT – RESOLVED: APPROVED AND ADOPTED CODE OF CONDUCT WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 2012, DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FORMS COMPLETED.

44. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – Distributed for delivery.

45. STANDING ORDERS – RESOLVED: In Accordance with Standing Order No 19, Standing Order No 18 was suspended to allow the remaining items of business to be conducted.

46. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY – The Clerk read aloud a letter of application from Mr Peter Gartside. Whilst most Parish Councillors know Mr Gartside new Councillors do not know enough about his work in, and associations with, the Parish. RESOLVED: THE COUNCIL WILL PROVISIONALLY APPOINT MR GARTSIDE WITH EFFECT FROM THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WHILST AT THE SAME TIME REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT HIS APPLICATION. THE CLERK WILL FORWARD THIS TO COUNCILLORS.

47. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Cheque received for Zumba/Pilates classes, £100 – classes now also held on Wednesday evenings + Payment from Yoga £100 – NOTED.

APPLEY BRIDGE – End of year Financial Statement from ABVH Committee – NOTED.

48. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2012/0629/FUL Alterations to front including new vehicular access to provide off road parking. 62 (Case 1158098) Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 2) 2012/0644/FUL Erection of detached outbuilding to provide replacement garage, study and WC. 53 (Case 1158100) Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 3) 2012/0737/LDC Certificate of Lawfulness – Use of land as residential garden area. Tunley Lane Farm, (Case 1158102) Tunley Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.
- 4) 2012/0727/LBC Listed Building Consent – Internal alterations to Long Room and replacement timber windows to side elevation. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington. NO OBJECTIONS.

49. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Notification of 68th AGM, Saturday 10 November, County Hall, Preston – NEXT AGENDA – New Councillors & Clerk’s Workshop, Module 1 - 13 October, Module 2 - 27 October, Howick House, Penwortham – Notification next Area Committee Meeting 19 July.

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

Payments:

Vitalise	Donation	£25.00
MBW Services	Supply & fit 2 x 7foot flag poles (1xMLVH, 1xABVH)	£30.00 Cancelled
CSI Security	Supply & Installation of microphone socket ABVH	£90.00
Bentham Ltd	Toner Cartridges for Printer (Total £234.72 shared with CRPC)	£117.36
British Gas	Gas supplied ABVH	£564.99
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse attendance at LALC Training and Annual Conference	£30.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£586.23
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£1.00
Collins & Darwell	Printing of Newsletter	£100.00
OPSTA	Membership	£10.00

RESOLVED: That payment of the above accounts be approved.

51. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 17 September 2012 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 36 to 51 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 September 2012.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10:20 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for replacement two storey detached garage/fitness room. 8 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for single storey extension to rear. 76 Appley Lane North.
- c) Notification permission granted for replacement store and new paddock. Land rear of 14-32 Toogood Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Confirmation telephone kiosk, Mossy Lea, will be investigated and repaired as necessary.
- e) Confirmation Planning Inspectorate issued final report on the Joint Core Strategy Local Plan.
- f) Notification, closure, Carr House Lane, 6 July 2012, 10am-3pm, maintenance at electric substation.
- g) Notification, closure several roads, 22 July 2012, 6am-5pm, Iron Man Event.
- h) Information on Paths for Communities Scheme.
- i) Open Spaces Summer 2012, Newsletter.
- j) Lancs. Minerals & Waste Development Framework update.
- k) Copy Lancashire Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter.