

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 June 2014 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mrs A Kay, Mr J Clinch and Mr P Gartside. 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 – The first street light on Chisnall Avenue is obscured by overgrown vegetation. The footpath sweeper has been seen in the village over the past 2 weeks however, the work has not been completed. Councillor Johnson reported a response from Mr Concannon at West Lancs. BC stating that footways should be swept every 6-8 weeks whilst roads should be every 13-16 weeks however, a number of things such as the weather, lack of manpower and maintenance of machinery, can affect these frequencies. It has been suggested that Councillor Johnson may wish to attend a site meeting with Mr Peters, Streetscene, West Lancs. BC. Grass has been cut and test digs completed at Mossfields.

PCSO Benson – Reported 0 crimes in June and 9 in May as follows: 3 drive offs from the BP garage, 1 individual stopped recently for drugs, 1 physical/verbal altercation between a husband and wife, 1 assault with injury, 1 burglary on Mossy Lea Road, 1 possession of cannabis from a vehicle stopped on Hall Lane – given a warning and a fixed penalty, 1 criminal damage at a factory off Appley Lane North. PCSO Benson was asked if he could find out the legal width of a farm vehicle on public roads.

21. **APOLOGIES** – Were received from County Councillor Fillis.
22. **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. No declarations were made at this point in the Meeting however, should a Councillor feel he has any interest in later matters he/she will declare it at that point.
23. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 19 May 2014 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
24. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – None.
25. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Expressions of thanks from the WRAT Pack and residents of Carr House Lane for your support in objecting to the proposed wind turbine application, now been withdrawn – **Noted.**
- b) Confirmation the Lease for Mossy Lea Village Hall has now been completed – **Noted, on file.**
- c) Confirmation that drainage works on Mossy Lea Road and the playing field adjacent to the Village Hall will commence on Monday 16 June 2014 – **Once the drainage work is completed a request will be made that the fence and large gate be repaired.**
- d) Enquiry from a resident of Dobson Close regarding becoming a Parish Councillor – **The author of the letter was present to observe, and possibly submit an application for the vacant post. The Council will discuss any application in due course.**
- e) Email resignation of Councillor McRae – **West Lancs. BC will be informed and, once due process has been followed, the Parish Council will advertise the vacancy.**
- f) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Request for a Donation from Appley Bridge Pensioners Social Club – **Resolved: £100 at the next meeting.**
ii) Parish Council website – **The Clerk is liaising with the new web co-ordinator and trying to obtain web hosting and domain name information from Mr Taylor.**

26. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Japanese Knotweed on Mossy Lea Road, near Tunley Lane, is spreading.
- Councillor Johnson continues to pursue the issue of inadequate road and footway sweeping.
- The Council will await completion of drainage works on Mossy Lea Road.
- Public footpath signs need re-setting for footpath 23B Mossy Lea Road, opposite Diglake Farm and footpath 19 Raby Fold Farm driveway.
- The rusty litter bin near the bus shelter at the junction of Mossy Lea Road and Chisnall Avenue, which has been reported several times, still needs replacing.
- Wood chips have been left on the playing field following the removal of tree stumps.

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

28. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – Draft for Amendment/Approval – **Resolved – that the draft Newsletter is approved and should now go to print for distribution in July/August.**

29. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Work to refurbish the notice board is complete – costing less than £200 for the materials and saving approx. £1000.00 on the price of a new one. Once confirmation is received the joiner will be contacted to fit the new kitchen units to be chosen by the Clerk and Councillor Mrs Burton.

APPLEY BRIDGE – The contractor has removed the ivy from the bottom of the trees and the ivy is now dying. The trees will be pruned at the end of the season. The Village Hall Committee is not particularly happy with the suggestion of a metal fence at the edge of the grass and suggested planting shrubs or hedges as an alternative. It was suggested that planted troughs could be attached to a metal fence. This matter will be given more thought.

30. PLANNING Observations on the following applications are as detailed:

- 1) 2014/0364/FUL Proposed extension to and resurfacing/linemarking of existing car park to allow patients to park nearer main hospital wards/departments. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
(Case 1548046)
- 2) 2014/0395/FUL One pair of two storey semi-detached houses. Land adjoining 51 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge – **No objections in principle provided the plot is large enough for a pair of semi-detached dwellings and that this would not constitute overdevelopment of the site.**
(Case 1548055)
- 3) 2014/0513/FUL Extension and alterations to existing bungalow. Increase roof height by 0.8m to provide first floor accommodation. Rear two storey gabled extension (projection of 0.4m) Extension/alterations to existing garden room. Construction of a new front porch. High Fields, Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
(Case 1548059)
- 4) 2014/0524/FUL Proposed two storey rear extension to delivery area. Northern Divers Ltd, Northern Divers Building East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – **No Objections.**
Case 1548061)
- 5) 2014/0470/FUL Erection of one detached house. New vehicular/pedestrian access. Land between 321 and 325, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – **The Parish Council object to these proposals as they would result in an overdevelopment of the piece of land in question. Also, the proposals would be a development of agricultural land in the Green Belt thereby changing the status of the land. Furthermore, the proposals would landlock the piece of land at the rear of the development site which is also owned by the applicant. Access to the applicants land could then only be achieved by demolishing a second property which the applicant owns on Broadhurst Lane which is totally unsuitable for any heavy plant and machinery needed to develop the landlocked piece of land.**
(Case 1548088)
- 6) 2014/0475/FUL Construction of new dummy mansard roof with new entrance porch. The Waters Edge, Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – **No Objections.**
(Case 1548075)
- 7) 2014/0545/FUL Erection of part two storey part single storey extension to rear and side following demolition of existing extensions and alterations to access and front driveway, boundary wall. Thornleigh, 1 High Moor Lane, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
(Case 1548072)
- 8) 2014/0559/FUL Variation of Condition No. 12 imposed on planning permission 2010/1161/COU to allow the conversion of the building to be implemented strictly in accordance with the measures specified in the structural survey dated 19 May 2014 and received by
(Case 1548074)

the Local Planning Authority on 27 May 2014. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington – **No Objections.**

- 9) 2014/0422/FUL Variation of condition No.4 imposed on planning permission 2013/0158/FUL to allow surface water to be connected to the existing system via a water attenuation system. Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2013/0158/FUL to allow amendment to approved plans as shown on plan reference 3080-14-10E received by the Local Planning Authority on 23 May 2014. Land to the rear of 9-17 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington – **The Chairman, Councillor Hodgkinson, left the room during these discussions. Councillor Mrs Burton took the Chair. All Parish Councillors declared an interest in this application as a result of the close working relationship they have with the applicant. No discussions took place, no comments will be submitted by the Parish Council.**

31. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Notification that the next Area Committee Meeting will take place on 17 July 2014 at Derby Street. Response from Area Committee Secretary to some of the points raised in your comments submitted – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

Standish Print Co.	Stationery		£8.50
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse fluorescent tubes/air fresheners MLVH (£12.31)		
	Paint & Materials to refurbish Notice Board MLVH (£167.07)		£179.38
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£618.92
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk		£4.00

Receipts:

ABVH Committee	Quarterly Transfer		£2611.50
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ABVH End of year accounts. **Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved. That the end of year accounts for Appley Bridge Village Hall be noted and held on file.**

33. **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21 July 2014 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 21 to 33 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 July 2014.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:00 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- Notification permission REFUSED for demolition of existing lean-to and construction of new two storey rear extension with workshop to ground floor and offices to first floor. Northern Diver Building.
- Notification permission GRANTED for single storey extension to side, replacement porch and internal alterations. Fenestration alterations to rear and replacement timber windows. South Tunley Farm and Notification Listed Building consent GRANTED for the above at South Tunley Farm.
- Notification permission GRANTED for in roof solar Panels at South Tunley Farm.
- Notification permission GRANTED by LCC for retention of office at Highways Depot, Moss Lane.
- Request to display Parbold Festival Posters in the Notice Boards.
- Confirmation highways matters reported following the last meeting are being investigated.
- Notification of process and dates for Whitemoss Landfill proposals.
- Notification of Open Spaces Society AGM, 8 July, London & copy of Summer edition of Open Space.
- Copy SELRAP Newsletter for your information.