

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15 September 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 P Gartside and Ms J Patterson. Also present PC Beverley Lodge and a visiting PCSO.

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.)

Chairman – Welcomed Ms Patterson to the post of Parish Councillor and Appley Bridge Ward Councillor. PC Lodge reported the crime figures for August – 6 crimes including 1 assault, 2 drive offs from the garage, 1 damage linked to a civic action and 1 theft from a vehicle. No anti-social behaviour incidents were reported. Other statistics for Dalton & Parbold were reported. In response to a number of complaints relating to parking on Appley Lane North the Police issued warnings a couple of months ago with very little effect. Since that time a number of parking tickets have been issued. Liaison has taken place with the Police highways dept. and LCC's highways dept. who have confirmed that parked cars can sometimes act as a traffic calming measure. The Police have spoken to commuters and residents who are parking inconsiderately. Financial constraints prevent the introduction of yellow lines or traffic calming measures. Parked vehicles are stretching further and further up Appley Lane North. It was again confirmed that the obvious place to use for commuter parking is 'The Pad' in West Quarry as was originally promised when the planning permission was granted. PC Lodge confirmed that motorists could be committing the offence of unlawfully obstructing the pavement however, the Police do accept that this happens to ensure that the highway can be used. It was further confirmed that the presence of HGV's makes the problem worse. PC Lodge was asked to ascertain the maximum width for vehicles on the highway eg: tractors or combine harvesters and also the maximum speed at which they are allowed to travel. Councillor Mrs Burton asked if the Police could work with the Farmers Union to run an article on the law relating to size of vehicles and permitted vehicle speeds on the highway. It appears that large farm vehicles are travelling long distances because it is cheaper than taxing ordinary large vehicles.

Public Present – The litter bin near the pensioners' hall/bus shelter on Mossy Lea Road still needs replacing. Water is holding on the edge of the carriageway near the entrance to Huws Greys. Weeds, silt and mud are stopping the water flowing along the edge of the carriageway and into the road gullies on Mossy Lea Road, from Broadhurst Lane to the Village Hall. Councillor Johnson will continue to pursue this matter. It was reported that the residents of Mossfields had been informed that there was a query with the gas pipes at the site and that the budget costs for the work had increased. The Clerk reported the Housing Officers response received which confirmed that work is likely to commence sometime in October. It is anticipated that friction will be caused by homeowners with more than one car and those who will not be allocated a parking space in the new scheme. Hedges which will be left in situ once the work is completed will need to be maintained by West Lancs. BC.

48. APOLOGIES – No apologies were received.

49. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES – The Chairman and the Parish Council welcomed Ms Patterson on to the Parish Council as an Appley Bridge Ward Councillor with effect from the commencement of this evenings Meeting having signed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office form and undertaken to complete a Declaration of Interest form and return this to the Clerk as soon as possible. **Resolved** - As it is now apparent that a large number of Newsletters still require delivering in the Appley Bridge area, the Council will wait until all parishioners have been able to view the Parish Council Vacancy details in the Newsletter before filling the remaining vacancy.

50. 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/she has any interest in later matters he/she will declare it at that point.

51. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 21 July 2014 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman
52. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Councillor Gartside reported that he had been unable to attend the Civic Service. It was reported that the public footpath at Boars Den is still overgrown and needs cutting back. The roll out programme for superfast broadband has started in West Lancashire – **Noted.**
53. **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) Annual reminder from West Lancs. BC to record any amendments to your Declarations of Interest forms – **Noted.**
 - b) Confirmation that LCC Officer has not forgotten about assisting in getting the computer classes off the ground – **Noted.**
 - c) Early correspondence on the 2015 Ironman Event – Sunday 19 July 2015 – **It was confirmed that the gentleman contacted last year was extremely helpful but the action taken was too late for some businesses. The Council will request that the route and road closures are announced earlier and that local businesses are contacted as soon as the route is known with the suggestion that a meeting is held to discuss possible solutions.**
 - d) Press Release requesting your observations on what area a proposed Neighbourhood Plan for Burscough should cover – **It is not necessary to comment on this as it is outside the area.**
 - e) Confirmation that West Lancs. BC has recently adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy which came into force on 1 September 2014 – **Noted.**
 - f) Notification of the Licensing Act 2003 – Consultation on draft Licensing Policy – **Noted.**
 - g) Information from Joseph Noblett re: ordering Christmas Trees for Christmas 2014 – **Resolved: That a tree is ordered for outside Appley Bridge Village Hall.**
 - h) Information from Veterans in Communities (VIC) about their work and how communities can help, financially and in other ways – **Noted.**
 - i) Confirmation Accounts for year ending 31 March 2014 have been audited the only matter arising, £1 difference in balance carried forward due to rounding up/down, will be addressed by the Clerk at the next Audit – **Resolved: Audit Recommendations accepted & approved.**
 - j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Notification of current position with additional parking provision at Mossfields – **Noted.** ii) Notification from a resident of their 3 priorities for action in the Parish – **It was once again suggested that the use of The Pad as a car park for rail commuters would ease parking problems on Appley Lane North. The Clerk will request assistance with the priorities from the Police, the County Councillor and the Borough Councillors.** iii) Correspondence from North West Air Ambulance requesting financial assistance through the sale/purchase of raffle tickets enclosed – **Councillor Gartside and the Clerk agreed to purchase a book.** iv) An email from a local resident regarding road safety issues on Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – **LCC will be informed.**
54. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**
- The memorial bench on Church Lane is damaged. Councillor Johnson will pursue this.
 - Fallen leaves and pine nuts from the trees need sweeping on Church Lane.
 - Councillor Johnson met with representatives of Tunley Church to discuss cutting back the trees and hedges on Chisnall Avenue. The trees are subject to a TPO (a copy of which has been forwarded to the Church) which was placed on the trees several years ago when the Church were asked to cut back the overgrown trees. The Church representatives were advised to contact West Lancs. BC Arborist who will advise what can/cannot be done to the trees.
 - Hedges on Mossy Lea Road, from Raby Fold to Wrightington Bar, require cutting back.
 - Signs at the junction of Moss Lane/Courage Low Lane and on Robin Hood Lane, opposite the High Moor, are obscured by overgrown vegetation.
 - LCC will be asked to remove the signs erected to notify road users of work on Church Lane which has now been completed.

- The snack van in Ainscough's yard has been taken over by Derby House. Several signs are displayed along Mossy Lea Road which are considered a distraction to motorists.

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

56. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – The Clerk has applied for the road closure order – Wreaths have been ordered – The Clerk will meet with the Vicar who will be taking the service to clarify details – 300 Orders of Service will be printed – Pop, crisps and refreshments will be ordered – Confirmation has been received that Policing is in place. Once the road closure order is confirmed the Clerk will notify all the uniformed organisations of the details and send out the appropriate invitations to attend the service on Sunday 9 November.

57. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – To book for a Hot-Pot Supper & Sing-a-long on Friday 17 October, a Pre-Loved Clothes Sale on Saturday 1 November (both to raise funds for Cancer Research UK). It is hoped that a Christmas Craft & Gift Fair will be held on either Sunday 23 or Sunday 30 of November. Written confirmation from British Gas Complaints Dept. that they finally accept the disputed meter reading from February 2014. Confirmation the new kitchen will be installed at the end of October/beginning of November – Noted. It was confirmed, work will commence shortly to install the zipwire and basket swing on the playing field. **APPLEY BRIDGE** – The joiner will be attending shortly to determine, and rectify, the problem with the hatch. It is likely to be a problem with the weights. The shelf has been erected for the Pensioners Trophy.

58. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

Planning Applications during summer recess for ratification – REPORT 2 – page 4 - Resolved: Decisions approved.

- 1) 2014/0769/ADV Removal of existing signs and post sign. Installation of new post signs, signwriting (Case 1593407) and poster cases. The Waters Edge, Mill Lane, Appley Bridge – **No Objections.**
- 2) 2014/0825/FUL Remove existing dormer roof from bungalow and flat roof from integral garage. (Case 1593409) Replace with first floor extension under a pitched roof. First floor to extend over full width of bungalow and garage. 4 Tunley Lane, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
- 3) 2014/0898/FUL Relocation of existing driveway and vehicle access. Thornleigh, 1 Highmoor Lane, (Case 1593411) Wrightington – **No Objections.**
- 4) 2014/0912/FUL Part two storey/part single storey extension to rear. Porch and new window opening (Case 1593413) to front elevation. 1 Coalgate Cottages, Hall Lane, Wrightington – **No Objections.**
- 5) 2014/0854/FUL One pair of two storey semi-detached houses. Land adjoining 51 Skull House (Case 1593415) Lane, Appley Bridge – **No Objections however, the Parish Council question whether the plot is large enough to accommodate the proposed dwellings.**
- 6) 2014/0903/FUL The replacement of barn and dwelling with two dwellings. The Hermitage, Moss (Case 1593417) Lane, Wrightington. **No Objections.**
- 7) 2014/0837/FUL Convert stable block to a one bedroom single storey bungalow. Tunley Moss (Case 1593422) Stables, Tunley Moss, Wrightington. **The Parish Council remain neutral on these proposals however, they would like to express their concerns about the effects of allowing/opening up this type of development in the Green Belt.**

59. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Newsletter – Noted.

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

Payments during summer recess for ratification – REPORT 3 – page 4 – Payments approved.

For Payment:

British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH	£474.60
E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH (in credit)	£53.69
BDO LLP	Audit Fee for yea ending 31/3/14	£120.00
Petty Cash		£25.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£618.72
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£4.20
D/D E.on	Electricity supplied at MLVH	£123.44

