

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17 November 2014 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mr P Gartside, and Mr J Clinch. Also present PC 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.)

PC Lodge: Reported on investigations into the speed at which tractors can travel on roads. PC Lodge obtained the opinion of a traffic officer and reported that newer tractors are allowed to travel at 40mph provided they have anti-locking brakes whilst for older tractors the speed limit will be increased to 25mph from March 2015. There are other factors which also affect the permitted speeds eg: the size of the vehicle or whether they are towing a trailer etc. PC Lodge reported the crime figures for the last month – 29 incidents including lead theft from the school, 5 highway disruptions eg: branches on the highway during high winds. The Parish Council thanked PC Lodge and PCSO Benson for attending, and policing, the Remembrance Day Parade. A formal thank you letter will be sent.

Members of the Public Present: Reported that the gutter/gully in-front of 321 Mossy Lea Road is full of detritus. Fallen leaves presenting a danger to residents on Chisnall Avenue have recently been cleared by Councillor Johnson. It was confirmed in an email from Cath Pulford that work to enhance parking provision at Mossfields will now commence on 5 January 2015. A request was also made to use the village hall car park for Mossfields tenants during work. The Parish Council could not agree to this as it would detrimentally affect the use of the village hall by paying hirers. It was suggested that an application be made to LCC to temporarily suspend parking restrictions to allow tenants to park on Mossy Lea Road whilst the work is undertaken. It was further suggested that contractors' vehicles be parked at the Moss Lane depot until the work is complete. It was reported that it appears the recruitment agency has now ceased. Newspaper editorial reporting that a 61 year old man from Wrightington has been reported missing was noted however, no-one present appeared to recognise the missing man.

77. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Patterson (childcare) Councillor Mrs Kay (childcare), Councillor Mr Horrobin (emergency callout), County Councillor Fillis and PCSO Benson
78. **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.
79. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of Parish Council held on Monday 20 October 2014 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
80. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing to report which will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
81. **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) Response to request for Agenda Items on the next Three Tier Forum Meeting – **It was confirmed that the question for reducing speed limits on some derestricted rural roads will be placed on the Three Tier Forum Agenda whilst the issue of training for stewards at parades and similar events will receive a response in due course.**
- b) Reminder - Code of Conduct Training on 25 November has been cancelled – **Noted.**

- c) Notification of review of public rights of way improvement plan for Lancashire – for comment – **The Parish Council feel strongly that all obstructions should be removed from highway verges to ensure they are completely accessible to walkers, cyclists and horse-riders who should be able to use them in the event of an emergency. The Council would also like to see the improvement of surfaces of many rights of way to make them accessible to all as multiuse routes - by cyclists, horse-riders and walkers, both able-bodied and disabled. The Council would also like to see more rural rights of way upgraded to bridleways to secure safe routes for horse-riders to travel between Parishes at minimal risk. The creation of multi-purpose routes would also assist parents looking for safe routes to and from schools, would enable able-bodied and disabled people to use the countryside for leisure and amenity purposes and, would help to relieve traffic congestion at school times and possibly reduce commuter traffic to and from work.**
- d) Request that the Parish Council consider correspondence circulated at the last meeting relating to the diversion of public footpaths off Robin Hood Lane at Boars Den - **The Council has considered information in the letter and supporting information and can see no justification for withdrawing their objections to the proposed diversion of the footpath at Boars Den Barn and Farm. The Clerk will inform Mr Dickinson of this decision.**
- e) Confirmation from VIP that the first networking meeting will be on Thursday 27 November, at 2pm in the classroom at Mere Sands Nature Reserve – **Noted.**
- f) Response to your observations at the planning stage on Heron’s Wharf development – **Noted.**
- g) Notification that Councillor Clinch’s term of office on the Peter Lathom’s Charity will come to an end on 6 December and of his willingness to continue – **Resolved: That the Parish Council appoint Councillor Mr Clinch for a further term of office.**
- h) Notification that LCC are considering Revocation and Introduction of part time advisory 20mph limit at Mossy Lea Primary School, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – **Noted.**
- i) Notification from the WRAT Pack that the appeal has been dismissed for the Wind Turbine on land east of Wrights Covert, Toogood Lane – **Noted.**
- j) Notification that West Lancs. BC tenants can apply for a share of the Designated Tenants Environmental Improvements Budget to improve their area – **Noted.**
- k) Copy of a press release from West Lancs. BC informing that homeowners can apply for free gas heating appliance servicing, repair or replacement – **Noted.**
- l) Info. from LCC about how they are preparing for the winter ahead – **Noted.**
- m) Minerals & Waste Local Plan Review and Statement of Community Involvement Consultations – **The Parish Council feel that the contents are detailed and comprehensive and, they support the details contained therein. The Council also give their total support to the continued use of sand quarries in the area as they are of growing importance.**
- n) Email from a resident of Appley Bridge regarding diminishing community spirit – **The Parish Council share the concerns expressed and would support any additional parking provision for rail commuters which would assist in reducing parking problems on Appley Lane North however, they cannot see a quick fix to this problem.**
- o) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) If the Council can provide a delivery address which will accept delivery of The Champion, it may be possible to arrange this – **Councillor Johnson agreed to take delivery.** ii) Notification of charges for the forthcoming elections – **Resolved: The Council will take account of these figures when setting their budget.** iii) Enquiry from West Lancs. BC whether the Parish Council has a members allowance scheme – **Confirmed that no allowance scheme exists.** iv) Notification that it is highly likely that improvement/enhancements to parking provision at Mossfields will commence in the New Year and a request that tenants be allowed to park on the Village Hall car park during the work – **Resolved: The Parish Council will have to give a negative response to this request as village hall users, who pay for use of the car park in the hire charge, will not be able to park on the car park if tenants are parked. The Council will suggest that a request be made to LCC for suspension of the parking restrictions in front of Mossfields to allow tenants to park on Mossy Lea Road whilst work is undertaken.**

82. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Progress with the website remains ongoing. It was suggested that information about the Tumulus at Boars Den could also be put on the website.
- The Parish Council agreed to undertake repairs to the damaged bench on Church Lane. A notice to this effect will be displayed in the porch at St James's Church.
- Councillor Johnson reported a check on progress with tree cutting/pruning at Tunley URC. He will re-visit this subject when Mr Hull returns from holiday.
- Hedges are overgrowing the footway near the BP garage on Crow Orchard Road.
- Hedges are overgrowing the carriageway on Hall Lane, just over the bridge.
- Flooding remains an issue on Mossy Lea Road and on Broadhurst Lane where the inspection chamber is broken and 2 road gullies are blocked.
- The cover over the bulb of street light No2 Chisnall Avenue is permanently open.
- Councillor Johnson continues to pursue the issue of road sweeping.
- The possibility of planters on the railings at Mossy Lea Village Hall is still being explored.
- Inconsiderate parents are causing parking problems and issues at St Joseph's school, often blocking resident's driveways and making it difficult for buses and large vehicles to pass.

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

84. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Christmas Craft & Gift Fair, Sunday 23 November. Payment for Clothes Sale £35 & Craft Class £15.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Pruning trees around hall and car park is going ahead. The Christmas Tree has been ordered costing £35 + £15 for delivery + £10 VAT = £60. It was reported that some commuters are now parking on the car park. The Clerk distributed flyers which can be placed on the parked cars informing the owners that the car park can be closed without notice.

85. PLANNING To discuss the following applications, observations as detailed:

- 1) 2014/1099/PNC Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3), and for associated operational development. Boggart House Farm, High Moor Lane, Wrightington – **Resolved: Parish Council objects and feel that a full planning application should be submitted.**
- 2) 2014/1101/FUL Utility and sun room extension to rear of property. 49 Finch Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 3) 2014/1129/FUL Replacement dwelling. High Fields, Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 4) 2014/1064/FUL Provision of ramp. St Joseph's Church, Crow Orchard Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 5) 2014/1011/LDC Certificate of lawfulness – use of land as a caravan park for touring caravans. Moss House Farm, Moss Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No objections.**
- 6) 2014/1182/LDP Certificate of lawfulness – proposed use of dwelling under use class C3 (B). 37 Glenside, Appley Bridge – **Resolved: No objections.**
- 7) 2014/1172/FUL Enhancement of 2no entrance canopies, removal of 2no bays to front elevation and erection of oak framed glazed lean to structure. Removal of 3no bays to car park elevation and replaced with full height timber framed glazed screens. Extension of existing patio area with amendments to existing ramp. The Dicconson Arms, 206 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No objections.**

86. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Parish & Town Council Conference, March 2015, Burnley Town Hall – Reminder LALC AGM, Saturday 8 November. Agenda Items for Parish & Town Council Conference – resolutions for the LALC AGM – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

AJW Joinery	Removal of existing & Installation of new kitchen	£1484.25
David Proe	Grass cutting (Amenity £162) (ABVH £30)	£192.00
British Gas	Gas used at MLVH	£56.25

Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Remembrance Day Refreshments	£38.90
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£618.72
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£4.20
Joseph Noblett	Christmas Tree for ABVH	£60.00
D/D Utd Utils.	Water used at MLVH	£26.01
D/D E.on	Electricity supplied at MLVH	£110.48

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts & ban reconciliation approved with finances on track.

88. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15 December 2014 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 77 to 88 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 15 December 2014.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:58 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Permission GRANTED for retention of retail units, restaurant/café and associated storage with associated parking and lighting. A1 retail in internal courtyard area. Derby House.
- b) Permission GRANTED for erection of 2no. security cctv cameras. Huws Gray, Mossy Lea Road.
- c) Permission REFUSED for conversion of stables to single storey bungalow. Tunley Moss Stables, Tunley Moss.
- d) Permission REFUSED for one pair of two storey semi-detached houses. Land adj. 51 Skull House Lne
- e) Permission GRANTED for demolition of existing dwelling and adj. barn and replacement of barn and dwelling with two dwellings. The Hermitage, Moss Lane.
- f) Permission GRANTED for conversion and extension to existing outbuilding to form dwelling. Wakefield House, Carr House Lane.
- g) Confirmation that winter pruning is due to be carried out in December in Mossfields.
- h) Notification from Chorley Council of Draft Central Lancs. Joint Biodiversity & Nature Conservation SPD – Consultation.
- i) Copy Open Spaces Society – Open Space.
- j) Info. from Right at Home providing support, companionship and care in a person's own home.
- k) Copy CPRE Field Work.
- l) Notification of www.rightdriver.co.uk where you can practise the Highway Code online for free for car, motorbike, lorry or bus.