

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15 June 2015 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson. Also present PC Lodge.

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 crime statistics for the rural areas. The number of reports of suspicious circumstances are nothing to worry about, however, they do indicate that residents are reporting them, which is a good thing. The caravan left on Mossy Lea Road has now been removed. A few Community Road Watches are planned over the next few weeks. Speeding was reported on Courage Low Lane. PC Lodge explained that it is difficult to undertake a road watch on a derestricted road. The Council still feel the speed limit should be reduced on this road. Regarding 20mph speed limits outside schools, PC Lodge reported that they are enforceable, however, the Police would rather motorists were educated to slow down. There appears to be some confusion over the speed limit outside St Josph's School. The Council will ask LCC to clarify the speed limits on Mossy Lea Road. Councillor Mrs Burton reported the recent problems with parking and verbal abuse at Appley Bridge Village Hall car park, confirming that she will once again be raising and lowering the bollards at random and without notice. It may be that the Police will get telephone calls about this. PC Lodge confirmed that as this is a private car park it is not a Police Matter however, if a complainant is abusive this is a different matter.

Public Present – Reported the new signs at Mossfields quote 'Mossfield' – minus the 's' and refers to residents rather than tenants and this, is the cause of numerous problems. It was confirmed that the tenant of No. 12 Mossfields still insists on parking on the parking space numbered 11 despite having been sent letters telling her to use her designated parking space. It is believed that this misuse, and the tenants verbal responses and attitude towards requests not to park on No.11, is considered to be bullying and harassment. Volunteers were recently seen weeding the roses at the gateway planting at Crow Orchard. It was reported that the laurels at the front of Mossfields have been planted in clay soil. Despite confirmation that the fence in front of block 9-12 Mossfields would be started today, this has not been done. The telephone box on Mossy Lea Road has been re-painted and the missing door has been replaced. The contractor will be asked to clean the bus shelter opposite the BP garage. A resident attending the Meeting to report he had recently been to a garden festival and suggested that the Parish Council may wish to engage in a similar community engagement initiative to encourage young people to be aware of the adverse impact of littering and promoting litter picking. The Parish Council took this suggestion on board and will look to initiating a Poster Competition in the schools in the Parish, in conjunction with the Police, once the schools re-commence their Autumn term in September.

22. **APOLOGIES** - Were received from Councillors Mr J Clinch and Mr P Gartside (hospital).
23. **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.
24. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 May 2015 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
25. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Nothing specific to report that will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.

26. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 2 - ACCEPTED

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Response to issues raised at the May Meeting re: parking at Mossfields – **Noted.**
- b) Response from LCC to report of water holding nr Gibson’s Garage, Mossy Lea Road – **Noted.**
- c) Request that you support West Lancs. BC Flag Raising Ceremony for Armed Forces Day – **The Council has purchased official Support Armed Forces Day Flags. The contractor will be asked to put them up at both Village Halls before Armed Forces Day.**
- d) Email from a resident of Wrightington regarding litter on Tunley Lane and suggestion that it would be good to see some floral displays in the Parish – **Following discussions in Open Forum the Parish Council will include a small piece in the Annual Newsletter suggesting that residents may wish to support the Parish Councils efforts to enhance the exterior of the Village Hall with planters, by displaying colourful displays themselves.**
- e) Request for a donation from Park Children’s Centre – **Resolved: The Parish Council would rather support local organisations with Donations.**
- f) Info. on Lancashire Speed Reduction Wheelie Bin Stickers – **Noted.**
- g) Notification that West Lancs. BC is starting the process of deciding how CIL monies retained by them will be used to fund strategic infrastructure projects in West Lancs – **Resolved: The Parish Council will suggest that CIL money be used to enhance/improve play equipment at Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge, and to improve drainage at the water logged football pitch on the playing field adjacent to Mossy Lea Village Hall. It is unlikely that the parking problems on Appley Lane North can be addressed without installing double yellow lines. It was also suggested that the Council look into signage for Mossy Lea Playing Fields regarding dogs on leads. The Council will check Dogs on Leads and on Public Footpaths in the 2011 Dog Exclusion Orders.**
- h) Call for future development sites in West Lancs – **Resolved: The Council believe that empty or existing buildings and sites should be utilised rather than calling for new sites.**
- i) Planning Policy Consultation – Development in the Green Belt and Affordable/Specialist Housing SPD’s – **Noted.**
- j) Possible suggestions for submission for a VIP grant – **Councillor Johnson suggested that better toasters are required for use at Mossy Lea Village Hall Coffee Mornings. Resolved : The Clerk submit a funding bid for new Toasters for Mossy Lea Village Hall.**
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Confirmation the Environment Agency has served notices re: shutting off pumping stations at Hoscar Moss.

27. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Water is lodging in the road channel at the entrance to Raby Fold Farm, near the bus stop.
- It was reported that the recent grass cut was not particularly good and the Parish Council will confirm that they would like to see a better cut next time.
- Property repairs have been undertaken to No.6, Pipe Fold, Broadhurst Lane, however silt, sand, grit and stones have been left on the road which now requires a road sweep.
- Part of the retaining wall at the front of Treetops, Broadhurst Lane has collapsed into the Lane and the water is running off the banking and onto the carriageway.
- Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that following the Clerk’s report to LCC Legal Dept., stakes in the grass verge on Appley Lane North are under investigation.
- Councillor Mrs Burton recently attended a Rights of Way Meeting where a presentation was made on devolution of footpath repair services to Parishes. If the Parish Council opt in to this they will receive £200 per year initially, and reported faults will be forwarded to the Parish Council who will be required to check the report and confirm whether or not they wish to undertake the necessary repairs. If the Parish Council do not want to undertake the work they simply hand the report back to LCC and it will be dealt with in the normal manner. It was suggested that the Parish Council submit an Expression of Interest in taking on this service.
- The Clerk will pursue the suggestion raised several months ago about using the grass verge and small copse of trees on Moss Lane to create a safe route for walkers, joggers, dog walkers and horse-riders to use on this dangerous stretch of Moss Lane.
- It was again reported that the crumbling carriageway on Carr House Lane where the kerb edges have disappeared and there is a very dangerous and significant drop off the edge of the carriageway, requires attention.

28. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Nothing to report.

29. **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER** – Draft approved to include details of planting and floral displays to enhance the Parish. The Clerk will arrange for printing to commence. It was again reported that delivery of Newsletters in Appley Bridge always proves difficult.

30. **VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Confirmation LAG Meeting Booking, 9 July, 10am-4pm, 23 people attending. It was suggested that ‘No Ball Games’ signs be erected on each end of the Village Hall. The old/redundant electricity meters need removing from the cupboard in the porch. The bench at the rear of the village hall needs repair work. The Clerk will write to thank Mr Ainscough for the new granite dedication sign. The Clerk confirmed receipt of the payment from West Lancs. BC for use of the hall as a Polling Station £150

APPLEY BRIDGE – Nothing specific to report.

It was suggested that the Village Hall be advertised for bookings in the Local Life Magazine.

31. **PLANNING** To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2015/0397/FUL A steel framed/steel clad agricultural building to house a tractor and implements and livestock on a temporary basis for birthing and extreme weather conditions. Tunley Brook Farm, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington – **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 2015/0548/FUL Two storey front extension. Extension of existing garage with first floor extension over. Extension over the existing single storey rear extension. 15 The Grove, Appley Bridge - **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 3) 2015/0552/OUT Outline – erection of single detached dwelling including details of means of access. All Saints Vicarage, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge - **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 4) 2015/0593/CON Approval of details reserved by Condition No. 3 of planning permission (Case 1740950) 2014/1275/FUL relating to details of the external stonework and roofing materials. 12 Spring Bank, Appley Bridge - **Resolved – No Objections.**

32. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Notification next Area Committee Meeting will take place Thursday 16 July 2015, Derby Street, Ormskirk, 7:30pm.

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

For Payment:

Aon	Annual Insurance Premium		£1537.87
Mr D Proe	Amenity Grass Cutting	£108.00	
	Cutting Grass at ABVH	£69.00	
	Weed spraying & Leaf Clearing ABVH	£35.00	
	Bench Repairs Moss Lane	£68.78	£280.78
David McCormick	Supply and Fit double glazed unit MLVH		£60.00
Dale Burton	Tree work at ABVH		£175.00
E.on	Electricity use at ABVH		£114.09
Flags & Flagpoles	Armed Forces Day Flags		£21.57
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH		£133.27
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£618.92
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk		£4.00

Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved.

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

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20 July 2015 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 22 to 34 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20 July 2015.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:55 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for proposed roof lift with dormers front and rear, various internal and external alterations. Pitched roof to garage and dropped kerb. 128 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge
- b) Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension including link to garage. Conversion and reconstruction of garage to living accommodation. 4A High Moor Lane, Wrightington.
- c) Notification that an appeal has been lodged against Chorley BC refusal of permission for a retrospective application for a change of use from Agricultural Barn to an Office, Storage and Entertainment Venue at Swifts House Farm, Bentley Lane, Heskin.
- d) Notification that the Secretary of State has decided that development consent should be granted for the Whitemoss Landfill Western Extension.
- e) LCC Posters requesting support for the Shared Lives project.
- f) Right at Home Newsletter – Summer 2015.
- g) Open Spaces Summer 2015 Magazine and details of AGM on Tuesday 9 July in London.