

**Annual Report Continued:**

**VILLAGE HALLS** - Christmas Trees were erected at both Halls. The Council submitted a successful bid for £450 to the Parish Champion for a financial contribution towards the purchase of 2 defibrillators, one for each village hall. This, added to the successful bids of £450 by each village hall committee to the County Councillor, gave a total of £1350 towards the approx. £2100 total cost of 2 defibrillators + secure cabinets for them to be stored in and 'break glass to access the key' boxes. The defibrillators have been purchased and will be installed at each village hall shortly following which, training courses will be arranged for Councillors and village hall users wishing to familiarise themselves with their use. The Council has been informed that their bid for £1700 towards the total cost of £2551.50, for relocating galvanised fences plus associated ironwork to support the provision of planters at both village halls to improve the aesthetics on the exterior of both village halls, has been successful. Once terms and conditions are agreed the project can proceed.

**APPLEY BRIDGE** - It was recently confirmed that West Lancs. BC consider white-lining the car park would satisfy the criteria and be suitable expenditure from the £270 CIL money received, generated from development in the Parish. Trees and bushes have been pruned and thinned out which has made a considerable difference to the condition of the grassed area as it now benefits from more light and hence better growing conditions. A number of constructive Village Hall Committee Meetings have taken place during the course of the year and issues arising have been dealt with in due course. The Village Hall continues to be used on a regular basis for various meetings and classes including judo, the Women's Institute, yoga classes, exercise classes and the Pensioners Association.

**MOSSY LEA** - A Christmas Fair was held in November. Hot-pot Supper and Sing-a-longs are held. The hall continues to be used for children's parties, Yoga classes, Craft classes and by the Church of God. Following a successful Bid to West Lancs. BC, the new kitchen units were fitted. Following submission of a scheme for play equipment adjacent to the village hall

from s106 monies, a zip-wire and basket swing was installed. These items have proved very popular with children, parents and Parish Councillors. A new lease was negotiated with the Borough Council and the Council are considering re-opening discussions to extend the hall. Councillor Johnson liaised with Mr Ainscough for assistance towards replacing the faded family plaque on the outside of the building.

**HIGHWAYS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

The provision of 8 parking spaces at the front of 1-4 and 5-8 Mossfields went ahead in January 2015. The car park was re-measured and re-marked. Work has been undertaken on trees in Chisnall Avenue however, it is difficult to say what improvement residents will see. Disruption was caused by the Ironman Event in July 2014. Footways in Mossy Lea were cut back, edged and slurry sealed during the course of the year. Following complaints to LCC the Council were informed that gritter drivers from the depot on Moss Lane should, and will, be reminded that horses and riders must be given the same consideration as other road users and care must be taken when passing them. The Council objected to proposals to limit the quantities of non-domestic household waste which can be taken to Household Waste Recycling Centres with effect from 1 June 2015. The Council has asked West Lancs. BC to assess the safety of play equipment on Appley Lane South. Parking problems in Appley Bridge, on Appley Lane North and on Skull House Lane, remain an issue. In January 2015 Ms Jayne Bradbury attended the Parish Council Meeting to offer a solution to all the parking problems and highway safety issues in Appley Bridge. Details of this discussion can be found in the full Annual Report on the Parish Council website. The Council and the residents of Appley Bridge are totally opposed to the development of any Green Belt land in Appley Bridge. The Council continued to press for upgrading of public right of way, No.21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, to a bridleway.

Residents requiring help or advice are welcome to bring it to the attention of the Parish Council either through a Councillor, the Clerk or at Open Forum, held at the beginning of each Meeting.

**Reported at the Annual Parish Meeting 18 May 2015**

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Compiled by Mrs C A Cross—Clerk to the Council

## TIMETABLE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2015/2016

### 2015

18 May Mossy Lea Village Hall  
ANNUAL PARISH  
MEETING 7.00 PM  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
PARISH COUNCIL 7.30 PM

15 June Appley Bridge Village Hall

20 July Mossy Lea Village Hall

August No Meeting

21 Sept Appley Bridge Village Hall

19 Oct Mossy Lea Village Hall

16 Nov Appley Bridge Village Hall

21 Dec Mossy Lea Village Hall

### 2016

18 Jan Appley Bridge Village Hall

15 Feb Mossy Lea Village Hall

21 Mar Appley Bridge Village Hall

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ANNUAL PARISH  
MEETING 7.00 PM  
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**All Meetings commence at  
7:30 pm with Open Forum unless  
otherwise stated on the Village Hall  
Notice Boards.**

*For Further Information regarding Parish Council  
Business or to report incidents,  
occurrences, observations or objections on  
Parish Matters please contact:*

**Mrs C A Cross**

**Clerk to Wrightington Parish Council  
321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan,  
WN6 0QB**

**Tel: 01257 423128 or 0771 457 4478**

**Email:**

**[Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com)**

## WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

Following the recent Parish Council Elections and the  
Annual Meeting of the Parish Council your Parish Councillors are:

### MOSSY LEA WARD

Mr F Hodgkinson Acrefield House, 17A Broadhurst Lane,  
CHAIRMAN Wrightington, WN6 9RY  
Tel: 01257 453428

Mrs J Burton 2 Courage Low Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9RY  
VICE-CHAIRMAN Tel: 01257 252225

Mr F Johnson 351 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, WN6 9SB  
Tel: 01257 425585

Mr P Gartside 2 Chisnall Avenue, Wrightington, WN6 9RR

### APPLEY BRIDGE WARD

Mr J Clinch 16 Clifton Crescent, Wigan, WN1 2LB  
Tel: 01942 235092

**Plus 3 Vacancies**

Once due process has been followed vacancies will be advertised on the Parish  
Council Notice Boards for: 3 Appley Bridge Ward Councillors.

Anyone wishing to apply for these positions should do so, in writing, to

Mrs C A Cross,

Clerk to Wrightington Parish Council,

321 Preston Road, Standish, Wigan, Lancashire, WN6 0QB

Email: [Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com](mailto:Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com)

## The following Names and Contact Details could prove useful:

**Borough Councillor Mrs P Baybutt**

High Moor Farm, High Moor Lane, Wrightington, WN6 9PS. Tel: 01257 255501

**Borough Councillor Mrs C Evans**

30 Manse Avenue, Wrightington, WN6 9RP. Tel: 01257 433067

**County Councillor Mr J Fillis**

77 Southport Road, Ormskirk, L39 1LW. Tel: 07811388153

**Member of Parliament - Mrs Rosie Cooper MP**

House of Commons, London, SW11 0AA

(Local Office: 127 Burscough Street, Ormskirk,

L39 2EP Tel: 01695 570094)

## MOSSY LEA AND APPLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALLS

Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, and Appley Bridge Village Hall, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge, are Parish Council owned village halls for Community Use. Both facilities are available for hire during the daytime and on selected evenings by individuals, organisations, clubs and societies wishing to hold a meeting, party, family celebration or fundraising event. Details of classes available and organisations using the village halls can be seen on page 2 together with contact details for enquiries.

Should you wish to discuss an event, meeting or booking at the Village Hall in more detail or, wish to view or use either facility, please contact the Booking Secretary for the Hall you wish to use (contact telephone numbers can be found under useful contacts on page 2) or contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

## Useful Contacts:

0300 123 6701

Lancashire County

Appley Bridge Village

Hall Bookings:

Mrs J Rogers

01257 253781

Mossy Lea Village Hall

Bookings:

Mrs C A Cross

01257 423128/07714574478

West Lancashire BC

01695 577177

Lancashire County

Council General Enqs:

Police - Non-emergency - 101

Council - Highway and

Street Lighting Faults:

0300 123 6780

NHS non-emergency: 111

Police Southern

Communications Room:

08451 25 35 45

PCSO Dave Benson & PC

Beverley Lodge

(Voicemail) 01695 566051

## CAROLYN'S COFFEE CLUB

### AT MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL

Cancer Research UK Wrightington & Wigan Group of Friends, with the support of the Parish Council, who allow the use of Mossy Lea Village Hall free of charge, hold regular Coffee Mornings approximately every two weeks on Fridays, between 10am & 1pm and everyone is welcome. The Coffee Mornings which are organised by Carolyn, the Clerk to the Parish Council, are relaxed, friendly, well attended, and a great place to socialise and meet friends. There are books, a bring and buy table, and during the growing season many local gardeners who attend donate plants and produce. Not only do the Coffee Mornings provide an amenity for local residents but they are regularly attended by the Police, Fire & Ambulance Services, and West Lancs. Carers, who will all provide help and advice on request. All the money raised, which now totals in excess of £45,000.00, goes directly to Cancer Research UK. Please check the Parish Council Notice Boards for the list of future dates.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman of the Parish Council is happy to report the following work and achievements of the Parish Council during his initial year of Office.

Significant improvements and enhancements at both Village Halls have been made as follows:

### APPLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

- Significant tree work has been undertaken to improve the condition of the grassed area adjacent to the car park.
- The Council are now looking to erect a fence to protect the grass from further damage by parked cars following which the Parish Council will attach planters to enhance the aesthetic look of the exterior of the hall.

### MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL

- Additional Play equipment, in the form of a zip-wire and a basket swing have been added to the play area. Both items are proving popular with children, adults and Parish Councillors.
- Bulb planting in the grass verge at the front of the hall proved successful and it is hope that this can be improved upon next year with the addition of planters on the fences at the front of the car park.
- The new kitchen was installed making better use of the space available and, allows easier access to the water stop tap and the gas meter.

During the course of the year the Parish Council submitted a number of applications for financial assistance towards enhancements and improvements in both village halls and in the Parish. A successful joint funding bid by the Parish Council to the Parish Champion, and by the Village Hall Committees to the County Councillor, resulted in a £1350.00 contribution towards the purchase of 2 defibrillators, locked cabinets and 'break glass to access the key' boxes, at a total cost of approx £2100.00. One defibrillator will shortly be installed in each village hall following which training will be arranged for Parish Councillors and village hall users.

## WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT YEAR ENDING 31 March 2015 RECEIPTS

Balance b/f	£ 3705.59
WLDC - Precept (including grant)	12000.00
WLDC - Concurrent Contbtms	3311.00
VAT Reclaimed	382.01
Amenity Grass Cutting - LCC	246.84
Successful Capital Bid + Parish Champion	2250.00
ABVH Committee	3796.50
MLVH Committee	2000.00
Misc. Income-Interest	4.01
	<b>£27,695.95</b>

## PAYMENTS

Administration	£ 792.55
Clerk's Salary Gross	7475.04
Highways/Open Spaces	547.38
Insurance/Subscriptions	2332.74
Donations - s137	351.38
Village Hall Expenditure:	
Appley Bridge	5795.61
Mossy Lea	6811.18
VAT To Reclaim	1304.47
Total Payments	£25410.35
Plus - Balance In Hand @ Bank	5201.16
	£30611.51
Less - Un-presented Cheques @ 31/3/13	2915.56
	<b>£27,695.95</b>

## CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR CLASSES AND ORGANISATIONS USING THE VILLAGE HALLS:

### MOSSY LEA VILLAGE HALL:

John Duffy - Yoga Tuesday evenings  
Carolyn - Coffee Mornings - 07714574478

### APPLEY BRIDGE VILLAGE HALL:

Pensioners Social Club - 01257 255856  
Womens' Institute - 01257 400075  
Karate Club - 01257 427620  
Ju-Jitsu - 01744 606314/07890668839

## COMPUTER CLASSES

Could you teach older or more inexperienced people basic computer skills? The Parish Council has access to 10 desktop computers for use at Mossy Lea Village Hall. If you would like to share your knowledge with others please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

## FLORAL DISPLAYS

Over the Summer months the Parish Council will be undertaking work to install planters on the metal fencing at Mossy Lea & Appley Bridge Village Halls. Once fitted the planters will be replanted seasonally to enhance the exterior of both Village Halls. The Parish Council would like to invite you to join them in enhancing the Parish by planting and displaying colourful hanging baskets or planters outside your homes.

## PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The following vacancies exist on Wrightington Parish Council

3 Vacancies for the Appley Bridge Ward

Anyone interested in applying  
Should do so, in writing or by email, to:

**Mrs C A Cross**  
Clerk to Wrightington Parish Council  
321 Preston Road

**Standish**  
**WIGAN**  
**WN6 0QB**  
Carolyn.parishcouncil@googlemail.com

Applicants should outline why they wish to be considered for the post and, give details of any current activity or involvement in the Parish/Ward, together with any additional information they feel would assist with their application.

**Applications should be received by 1 October 2015**

**Wrightington Parish Council Website** - The website is currently being updated however, once work is complete, further useful information and contacts can be found by visiting the Parish Council website at: [www.wrightingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.wrightingtonparishcouncil.co.uk). Contact details and links for partner organisations, such as the Police, Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council can also be found on this website.

## Extracts from the Parish Council Annual Parish Report Below & overleaf. The complete Report can be viewed on the Parish Council Website

The Council began the year with 7 members. Councillor McRae resigned and subsequently, Mrs Patterson and Mr Horrobin were appointed as Appley Bridge Ward Councillors. The Council now had its full quota of 8 Councillors. In December Councillor Mrs Patterson resigned and the Council ended the year with 7 Councillors. The Clerk attended Liaison Meetings and the LCC Parish & Town Council Conference and Councillors attended briefings, Training, open days, consultations and site meetings as required. The Parish Council and Councillors continued to work throughout the year with Borough Councillor Mrs Baybutt, Borough Councillor Mrs Evans and County Councillor Fillis.

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The Council again produced their Annual Newsletter distributed by Councillors, the Clerk, Borough Councillors and other volunteers in the Parish. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who volunteered to help with delivery, for their assistance.

**PLANNING** -74 Planning Applications have been dealt with by the Parish Council during the year, in comparison to 53 applications last year. Examples of controversial planning applications can be found in the full Annual Report on the Parish Council website.

**POLICING** - PC Beverley Lodge and PCSO Dave Benson continue their responsibility for Policing this large geographical area. PACT issues can now be raised at the Coffee Mornings held at Mossy Lea Village Hall which PC Lodge and PCSO Benson try to attend. The new 101 telephone number for non-emergency calls is reportedly working well. Annual Report Continued overleaf