

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 November 2015 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mt J Clinch and Mr P Gartside.

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 – Enquired whether the Parish Council had any further information with regard to the removal of the trough, boulders and fencing at Coalgate Cottages. The Clerk will pursue this matter. The Chairman reported an altercation with a resident of Mossfields on a recent visit to Huws Grays, regarding the ongoing parking issues since the improvements to parking at Mossfields. A couple of days later the Chairman received an apology. The Chairman suggested to the complainant that the matter should be taken up by the residents with their Borough Councillors. Problems with parking on spaces 11 and 12 remain ongoing. The Parish Council will suggest to West Lancs. BC that, if the tenant of No.12 cannot concur with the agreement for tenants to park on the parking space corresponding with their home, then, permission to use any parking space on the car park should be withdrawn. The Borough Councillors will be copied into this correspondence. Councillor Johnson agreed to request a road sweep to remove stones transferred on to the footways by vehicles now that work has been completed on Mossy Lea Road. There is a depression in the carriageway on the Tunley URC side of Manse Avenue which requires attention. The applicant and his neighbour, pursuing the diversion of public footpath No5, Boars Den, attended the Meeting to discuss what measures would be required for the Parish Council to remove their objections. It was confirmed that 3 objections remain, 2 of which will be removed if the applicant agrees to lower the fence to 1 metre. The third objection is from the Parish Council. Councillors present had read the letters forwarded by the applicant and his neighbour, via LCC. The Chairman confirmed that one of the Parish Councils original concerns when discussing the current application for a diversion was due to the fact that, promises made in association with the first application for diversion of this path with regard to upgrading the surface of the diverted route for use by able bodied and disabled users, were never implemented. The applicants neighbour confirmed that this was his fault and he understood the Parish Councils concerns about this. Councillor Johnson confirmed that he has recently walked this route and his first thought was that the current fence is not in keeping with other fences in the area. Councillor Johnson also raised concerns about the signs on the route saying “dogs running free”. He believes that these should not be present as they act as a deterrent to footpath users. The Parish Council confirmed that the current solid fence is inappropriate at this location and, is too high. The applicant stated that the solid fence was erected to prevent dogs or children accessing the field and falling into the pond which is crumbling on one side. The applicant reported that his property has been broken into in the past and, that he has been subjected to some anti-social behaviour. The Chairman reported that when the workmen were originally constructing this fence he visited the public footpath to establish the facts, at which point the workmen were aggressive and intimidating with a sledge hammer. The applicant confirmed that he had no knowledge of this incident and that, had he known, he would have put a stop to this behaviour instantly. It was confirmed that LCC do apparently listen to the Parish Council on footpath issues. The applicant reported that in the first instance he did erect gates at either end of the public footpath for which he is responsible however, he subsequently removed these. The applicant is happy to make the route of this footpath as nice as possible and agreed that the pond is an attractive feature. The Chairman raised the fact that the Tumulus, visible from this route, is of historic importance as it is an iron-age burial ground. It would be advantageous if a sign could be erected to indicate the presence and historical significance of the Tumulus.

75. APOLOGIES - Were received from PC Lodge.

76. 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.

77. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 October 2015 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
78. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing specific to report that will not be dealt with elsewhere on the Agenda.
79. **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) Information on how LCC will be dealing with correspondence forwarded by the Parish Council relating to the upgrading of footpath 21, Moss Lane-Mossy Lea Road, to a bridleway – **Noted. The Clerk will ask LCC to investigate the stile obstructing the footpath.**
- b) LCC response to investigations into HGV's using Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge + a letter of complaint relating to the numbers of HGV's using this route from a resident – **The Clerk will forward the residents email to LCC and LCC's response to the resident.**
- c) Info. from LCC concerning the action proposed by the applicant requesting the diversion of footpath 5, Boars Den, to address Parish Council objections - **After detailed discussions on this matter the Parish Council Resolved to request: 1) That the existing 2m high solid fence be removed and replaced with a 1m high post and rail fence, to match existing fencing in this area and, so that the fencing is in keeping with the rural surroundings. If the applicant is concerned for the safety of animals or children accessing his land or the pond through the post and rail fence, it has been suggested that wire netting be erected on the inside of the fence to reinforce the fence and prevent access. 2) That suitable signage is erected on the footpath to warn footpath users of the dangers of the road they are approaching as they exit the diverted route. 3) That the whole route of the proposed diversion to point G, is upgraded to a hard surface suitable for a multi-purpose use eg: by walkers, joggers, dog-walkers, and people with prams, in wheelchairs and for the visually impaired. 4) That a suitable sign be erected to raise footpath user's awareness of the location of the ancient burial ground (Tumulus) visible from the footpath. If the applicant will comply with the four points above the Parish Council has agreed to withdraw their objections to the proposed diversion.**
- d) LCC response to your request to attend any site meeting arranged in relation to the proposed low temperature plant to convert plastic into diesel and gasoline, West Quarry, Appley Bridge – **Noted. The Chairman reported that the original landowner from Mainsprint sold the land at this site to the applicant, the previous landowner is still a resident of Appley Bridge and is totally opposed to the proposals. He also informed the Chairman that the pad was constructed over an existing watercourse which was not culverted and therefore, any damage to the pad could cause pollution of local watercourses.**
- e) Parish based public transport scheme consultation – **Resolved – The Parish Council feel that this is a nice idea however, a parish based public transport scheme would be cost prohibitive and too onerous in terms of the licensing and insurance implications. The Parish Council believe that these proposals will go the same way as the delegated responsibilities associated with public footpaths. If the Parish Council wish to take responsibility for public footpath maintenance they will need to Precept for the money to cut back and maintain footpaths. This is becoming more and more likely with all delegated services as funding cuts are passed down from LCC to Boroughs and Parishes.**
- f) Request for views on West Lancs BC proposals to meet the budget challenge 2015 – **On file.**
- g) Notes and info. on the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition – **On file.**
- h) Notification of 2 stage consultation by Story Homes re: proposals - at Camelot site – **Noted.**
- i) Email from a resident regarding the Parish Council Vacancy – **Resolved: The Clerk will send the applicant the necessary information and ask that if he is still interested in applying for the position forward the necessary details to apply for the post.**
- j) Notification of West Lancs. BC consultation on the Draft Leisure Strategy and Draft Playing Pitch Strategy – **Noted.**

- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Confirmation LCC have declined the Parish Council request for a reduction in speed limit on Moss Lane – **Noted.**

80. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Flooding in front of 321 Mossy Lea Road has been reported to LCC.
- There are 3 gullies at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane which are blocked.
- Councillor Johnson will check the number of the street light after what was the recruitment agency, Mossy Lea Road, and either, report the fault or, forward details to the Clerk.

81. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Clinch confirmed attendance at the LALC Area Committee Meeting. Councillor Clinch reported that £474.87 had been received from the Peter Lathom Charity which will be divided equally between Appley Bridge and Wrightington Pensioners Associations. The Chairman, Councillor Hodgkinson, attended the Remembrance Day Service, the absence of Borough and County Councillors was noted. The Clerk reported an offer to clean the war memorial from the Scouts who use the Community Centre. Enquiries will be made with West Lancs. BC as to whether this is possible and if so, for advice on how to, and what to use, to do this work.

82. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – £40 for use of hall for Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-long which raised £480 for Cancer Research UK – Craft classes £30. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 29 November 2015, 11am-3pm. Village Hall Committee Meeting at 6:45pm, 21 December, prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Long Term Booking of Village Hall by Old Hall Brass Band. The Parish Council are extremely pleased that Old Hall Brass Band has chosen to use the village hall from January 2016. The Council confirmed that they can use the secure storage room in the village hall for their instruments, however, the Council will require a disclaimer from their Insurance Company stating that they will not claim from the Parish Council in the event of a break-in and any loss or damage to their instruments.

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

- 1) 2015/1090/FUL Demolition of existing rear single storey extension. Erection of new two storey rear extension including new single storey lean to element and associated external work. 134 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2015/0857/FUL Redevelopment of Richardsons Farm including alterations and extensions to existing farm house, barn conversion and associated external work. Richardsons Farm, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge – **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2015/1098/FUL First floor side extension, reconfigured fenestration and chimney to north elevation. Lower Broadhurst Farm, 8 Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington – **Resolved: No Objections.**

FOR NOTE: 2015/1062/LDP – Certificate of Lawfulness – proposed single storey extensions to side and rear of existing bungalow. Sunny Mount, Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington – COMMENTS CANNOT BE SUBMITTED ON THIS TYPE OF APPLICATION.

84. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Nothing to report.

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

For Payment:

Royal British Legion	Wreaths	£200.00
Mrs J Rogers	Reimburse Remembrance Day Refreshments	£17.32
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Remembrance Day Refreshments	£67.90
United Utilities	Water charges ABVH	£55.14
FG Welch	Service of Central Heating Boiler ABVH	£78.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£618.72
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£4.20
Petty Cash		£25.00
D/D BT	Telephone charges MLVH	£147.33
D/D Utd Utils.	Water used at MLVH	£48.69
D/D E.on	Electricity use at MLVH	£124.81

Receipts:

West Lancs. BC CIL Money

£2234.31

Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved.**86. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING****Resolved:** That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21 December 2015 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 75 to 86 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 December 2015.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:58 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for alterations to front including new vehicular access to provide off road parking. 62 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification permission refused for alterations and extensions to existing bungalow to form two storey house. 2 Mossy Lea Fold, Wrightington.
- c) Letter of thanks for your Donation from Wrightington Pensioners' Welfare Association.
- d) Confirmation from LCC that the request to lower the speed limit on Toogood Lane was unsuccessful.
- e) Confirmation from LCC that request to lower the speed limit on Courage Low Lane was unsuccessful.
- f) Copy of Minutes of ABCAGE Meeting at ABVH on 4 November 2015.
- g) Confirmation that the overgrowth on Footpath 3 has been knocked back and the landowner has moved the reported barbed wire fence from the footpath.
- h) Confirmation that West Lancs. BC has recently adopted new planning guidance for anyone carrying out development in the Green Belt.
- i) Request from VIP for availability details for MLVH.
- j) Info on new Management Structure for West Lancs. BC following Gill Rowe's voluntary redundancy.
- k) Consultation on Greater Manchester Spatial Framework from Salford City Council.
- l) Details on 'The Deal for the Future' – Budget Consultation from Wigan Council.
- m) Copy Winter Briefing from LCC.
- n) Info. from Right at Home, care in the community. o) Copy Open Space – Autumn 2015.