

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 21 November 2016 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mr C House, Mr 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 – The Clerk read aloud a copy of a letter sent to West Lancs. BC by a resident of Chisnall Avenue in support of keeping, looking after, and maintaining the trees on Chisnall Avenue which he considers to be beautiful and an asset. The Chairman asked whether he had written this letter following complaints from other tenants about the trees. The gentleman present confirmed that this was the reason he felt compelled to write to the Borough Council. The Chairman confirmed that it is lovely to hear from someone who likes living in the countryside and appreciates it. It was stressed however, that leaf fall can be dangerous when they become wet and, when they block gutters on houses and block gullies preventing water from draining away and sometimes leading to carriageway flooding. These points were noted.

80. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Hodgkinson (holidays).
81. **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.**
82. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 October 2016 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
83. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Tree at Mossfields – Councillor Mrs Burton checked the tree stump left in the grass at Mossfields and suggested that it had been left so tall to prevent it being a trip hazard or, someone may return with a stump grinder at a later date.
Collation and Induction of Revd. Sue Timmins – attended by Councillor Mrs Burton. An enjoyable event.
Bus Stop Markings – are still required on Appley Lane North and Mill Lane.
Metal on Courage Low Lane – Cllr Mrs Burton provided photographs of the metal to send to LCC

84. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – Accepted.
d) – the Council will request a street light in place of the telephone kiosk on Toogood Lane.
War Memorial - Appley Bridge – The Clerk will contact the British Legion to determine who is responsible for maintenance of the war memorial and the flags around it.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Invitation for 2 reps of the Parish Council to attend the Scarisbrick PC Annual Civic Service at St Elizabeth's Church, at 11:00am on Sunday 27th November 2016 – **Apologies.**
- b) Response to reports of parking issues on Appley Lane North – **Noted.**
- c) Notice of proposed stopping-up of highway – part of the highway verge on Broadhurst Lane – **Resolved** – **the Council object to the proposed stopping up of this section of highway and request that the fence line be put back to his original position.**
- d) Enquiry whether the PC will be putting a Parish Councillor Allowance Scheme in place – **Resolved** – **The Parish Council will not be putting an Allowance Scheme in place.**
- e) Enquiry about a teacher at Wrightington Primary School – Mrs Janet Marsh – **The Clerk will forward the letter to Mrs Marsh.**

- f) Responses to Parish Council observations on the Ironman Event – **The Parish Council will pursue this matter with Bolton Council.**
- g) Copy Parish Champion Newsletter, November 2016 – with details of a Parish Transport Workshop on Saturday 10 December 2016, 10am-12.30pm in Preston and the need to book a place for 1 Parish Councillor to attend if you so wish – **Noted.**
- h) Request from Highways England to complete a Stakeholder Perceptions Survey – **Noted.**
- i) Request from Recycling Solutions NW Ltd to site a textile recycling bank in Wrightington raising money for Against Breast Cancer – **The Council will agree to a textile recycling bank at the back of Mossy Lea Village Hall car park on a 3 month trial basis.**
- j) Press release regarding where you would like to vote for the WRD Polling District – **No comment.**
- k) Press release detailing measures approved to tackle the gap in housing budget at WLBC – **Resolved** – **Cllrs are very disappointed at the introduction of a charge for residents for gardening services. 26 weeks @ £5 per week, £130 per year, per tenant, is a considerable amount of money and tenants of Mossfields could secure the services of a private contractor for less than this amount.**
- l) Info. from Cass Associates, who are currently assisting Burscough PC in producing a Neighbourhood Plan, and enquiry to see if you would be interested in working with them to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Wrightington – **The Council would be interested in the views of other Parish Councils on Neighbourhood Plans.**
- m) Press release detailing the measures agreed to meet budget challenges at WLBC – **Noted.**
- n) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Response to options for adopting the red telephone kiosk, Mossy Lea Road – **The cost implications of adopting this kiosk and relocating it to the village hall car park would be extensive. There would also be reinstatement works/costs required to the area where the kiosk will be removed from which will have to be completed to LCC specifications as it forms part of the highway. These costs are likely to be more than the Parish Council would recoup if they chose not to relocate the kiosk but sell it on. Resolved** – **The Parish Council will not adopt the red telephone kiosk on Mossy Lea Road.** ii) Notification of temporary road closure of Higher Lane, Dalton – **Noted.** iii) Response from West Lancs. BC environmental officer to the reported derelict land on Mill Lane, nothing can be done at present – **Noted.**

85. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The top surface of the carriageway on Chisnall Avenue is breaking up and eroded away in several places. This was been reported and 3 of the 6 locations have now been filled.
- Mossy Lea Road was last road swept on 20 October 2016 and the grass verges last cut on 27 October 2016.
- Gullies are blocked everywhere in the village but flooding problems are particularly severe at the following locations: Outside No.15 Mossy Lea Road, Courage Low Lane from the junction with Moss Lane, Mossy Lea Road near Rigbye's bridge and outside No.14 Carr House Lane. These will again be reported to LCC as the Local Lead Flood Agency.
- The Council will request an update on the proposed chain link fence on Mill Lane.
- A leaf sweep will be requested for Appley Lane North.
- The metal pole/fencing protruding on to the carriageway on Courage Low Lane will be reported and supported by photographs taken by Cllr Mrs Burton.
- The School sign on the footway near Sharrocks has been turned around the wrong way.
- The metal gully cover on the kerb edge on Mossy Lea Road, near Mossy Lea Farm, is missing and could be dangerous for pedestrians, runners and cyclists.
- A large quantity of tyres has been dumped on Moss Lane, just past the LCC depot in the lay-by on the left hand side, near the trees.

86. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Contact details for Appley Bridge Community Association are: appleybridgeCA@outlook.com. Councillor Clinch reported that a Peter Lathom Charity Meeting has been held and the money received will again be divided between Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge Pensioners Groups.

87. FLOODING MATTERS IN THE PARISH – Following detailed discussion of this subject earlier in the Meeting it was Resolved – That the Parish Council will report severe flooding problems to LCC, at various locations in the Parish for urgent attention, as they are the Local Lead Flood Authority and Highway Authority for our area.

88. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Received: £30 Hot-Pot Supper, £60 Embroidery Class, £15 Craft Classes, Notification that Metafit Classes have now started in the village hall and, that Lancashire Adult Learning are now running a 5 week Watercolour Painting Class on Monday afternoons, and a Get Up Get Active 5 week course on Tuesday afternoons. There will also be a computer taster class on Wednesday 30th November between 9.30am and 12.30pm for anyone wishing to enrol on an 8 week course commencing in January 2017. The taster course will help to determine the level of knowledge held by those wishing to attend and the type of course/s which will be delivered in January. The Clerk reported that course from Lancashire Adult Learning seem to be a success for the moment and will numbers will hopefully increase in 2017. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 27 November 2016, 11am-3pm. E.on will be attending the change the electricity meter on Tuesday 5 December between 8am and 12pm. Cllr Johnson agreed to be at the hall for part of this time and the Clerk will attend for the remainder. The Village Hall Meeting will be held at 6.45pm on Monday 19 December 2016 at Appley Bridge Village Hall prior to the December Parish Council Meeting.

APPLEY BRIDGE – AB Pensioners Social Club Christmas Party, Wednesday 14th December – The Chairman and Clerk have been invited however, both will have to tender their apologies due to other commitments. The Clerk reported that the electricity meter in the hall needs changing however, E.on said they cannot telephone before they go to the hall to do this work so that the Clerk can just meet them there and stay until the work has been completed. Cllrs agreed it is unreasonable to expect someone to wait for the 4 hour morning, 6 hour afternoon or, full day time slots and that E.on will have to telephone first. The Parish Council need to address the issue of white-lining the car park to include some disabled parking spaces. Cllr Mrs Burton will make some enquiries.

Enquiries will be made re: the age and efficiency of the central heating boilers at both village halls. The Clerk reported that it is proving difficult to schedule defibrillator training courses before the end of this year and therefore, the Clerk will try to arrange training early in the New Year.

89. PLANNING - There were no applications to discuss at this stage.

90. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Template letter from LALC to send to your MP opposing government suggestions which could cap Parish Council Precepts – **Resolved – The Council will adapt the template letter and request the support of the MP.**

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

For Payment:

Physio Control UK Sales Ltd	Defibrillator		£780.00
Dave Proe	Amenity grass cutting	£189.00	
	Grass cutting at ABVH	£92.00	
	Hedge cutting Raby Fold	£25.00	£306.00
Matrix FSE Ltd	Electrical Test ABVH	£72.00	
	Electrical Test MLVH	£168.00	
	2 x plug sockets MLVH	£126.00	£366.00
British Gas	Gas supplied at MLVH		£125.52
United Utilities	Water supplied at ABVH		£60.42
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of keys and bulbs for village halls	£12.99	
	Reimburse cost of ladders for MLVH	£39.99	
	Reimburse Refreshments, Remembrance Day	£80.06	£133.04
Petty Cash			£50.00
Royal British Legion	Wreaths for Remembrance Day x 8		£200.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£733.77
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£24.56	
	NI due by Parish Council	£11.36	£35.92
D/D Utd Utils	Water supplied at MLVH		£20.07

D/D E.on Electricity supplied at MLVH £96.43

Receipts:

ABVH Committee Quarterly Transfer £2,250.00

Resolved: Payment and Receipt of the above accounts is approved.

92. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 December 2016 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 80 to 92 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 December 2016.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:50 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for erection of timber post and rail fence. Eastern Lock of pair on Northern by-pass channel, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for alterations to existing outbuilding to provide ancillary residential accommodation. 122 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- c) Notification that issues with the septic tank at the r/o BP Garage will be resolved on 15 Nov 2016.
- d) Notification that the request that the telephone kiosk on Toogood Lane be replaced with a street light must be made to LCC.
- e) Confirmation that Legal at WLBC are seeking instructions re: obstruction of the lay-by, Hall Lane.
- f) Notification from WLBC that homeowners can apply for Winter Warm Scheme provided they satisfy certain criteria.
- g) Copy of a letter received by residents of Mossfields, Mossy Lea Road and the terraced houses adjacent to Mossfields re: parking in the cul-de-sac causing an obstruction.
- h) Letter of thanks from Wrightington Pensioners' Welfare Association for your Donation.
- i) Confirmation that LCC did not put up the "Kill your speed not a cyclist" signs, nor have they received a request for permission to put them up and, that they can be removed if they are on street lights and are causing a nuisance, by arrangement.
- j) Confirmation that the complaint re: derelict and neglected land on Mill Lane has been received by WLBC but that issues re: anti-social behaviour should be reported to the Police.
- k) Copy of a letter sent to WLBC by a resident of Chisnall Avenue supporting the retention of, and suggesting ignoring the complaints of occupants relating to, the trees opposite the bungalows.
- l) Copy Open Spaces Society Autumn Newsletter.
- m) Copy War Memorials Trust Bulletin.