

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19th November 2018 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs Burton, Mr F Johnson and Mr C House.

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.)

Members of the public were present to express their concerns and objections to the loss of the 113 bus service. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council has already expressed objections to the loss of the service on the grounds that with no facilities or amenities in Wrightington this service is a lifeline to those who use it and will result in social isolation and exclusion. The service goes through several Boroughs on its journey from Preston to Wigan including Preston, Chorley, West Lancashire and Wigan and it is not only a necessary service to the residents in the rural areas affected, but a vital one. The Council suggested lobbying Borough, County Councillors and the MP with the suggestion that if all the Boroughs work together to secure the service, which is currently not subsidised, it would be more effective. It was reported that there are online petitions which can be signed objecting to the loss of the service but, as not everyone is computer literate or has access to a computer this is sometimes unsatisfactory. The Parish Council will write to the Borough Councillors, County Councillors Iddon and Fillis, the MP and Stagecoach, to express their objections to the removal of the service and to outline the consequences of the loss to the residents of Wrightington. Questions were raised with regard to the recent sale of the Quarry at Appley Bridge. The Council has heard the rumours but has received no official notification or details in relation to the sale or the future plans for the site, the community centre or the war memorial. Discussions turned to the planning application for the gas turbine on the pad at Appley Bridge. Those present were asked if they had any objections or comments to make on the proposals. A resident present confirmed that she had taken advice on this matter and, whilst accepting that some people will object to the proposals, reported that the understanding is that this will form a back up of power, which will only be utilised when needed and probably only at peak times for the moment. It was suggested that, if Appley Bridge is viewed as a growing community and that electricity cables may need upgrading at some time, then this could provide a useful source of energy in the future. No further comments were made. The Parish Council will obtain further information before submitting their views on these proposals as they are not sure at this stage the effect this may have on the ecology in the area, how much noise it will produce, the impact it may have on Appley Lane North and request confirmation that the gas will be coming from the main gas pipeline and not from the quarry itself. The Chairman confirmed that the site around the proposed area of development is methane filled and, when it rains the levels of methane increase. The site is leaking methane on a daily basis and it may be that something similar to this could harness that methane and turn it in to electricity. Mrs Critchley informed the Council that she had been told that East Quarry will be filled in by the new owners within the next 4 years. A request for a salt bin near the Vale Methodist Church, Skull House Lane, although already made, will be repeated. A further request will be made for a salt bin at the top of the incline on Manse Avenue. The Chairman asked if anyone present had any objections to raise, or any views they wished to express, on the current Preferred Options Consultation on the Local Plan – Nothing was said at this point.

74. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Clinch (surgery).
75. **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.**
76. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15th October 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

77. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING - Picnic Tables – Mossy Lea Playing Field** - The Clerk confirmed that some progress has been made as she is now in contact with the officers who will arrange for fitting of these which is likely to take place towards the end of January/beginning of February 2019. **Defibrillator at In Touch** – The Clerk confirmed that the order has now been processed and we are now awaiting delivery. Councillor Johnson reported that the defibrillator box at Sharrocks is showing signs of rust. The Clerk will ask for advice from the supplier on this matter.

78. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items to be reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Response from Shevington PC to request for parking provision outside Bewley's Store – **The response is disappointing but noted.**
- b) Response and results of investigation from LCC of ditches on Wood Lane, Wrightington – **It is noted that several factors could be the cause of this problem, including work undertaken which did not have LCC permission. LCC will have to assess the cost implications before determining whether to take any action or not – Noted.**
- c) Confirmation from the CIL Officer that improvements will be general and to access at Hunters Hill Country Park – **Noted.**
- d) Correspondence from West Lancs. BC re: installation of picnic benches at Mossy Lea – **The Clerk confirmed that she will continue to discuss this with the appropriate officers with a view to purchasing and installing the picnic benches in the 2019. West Lancs. BC officers suggested installing tables made from recycled plastic which will require less maintenance in the future, however, the cost of these is double that of the wooden ones. The Council will proceed with the circular wooden ones originally discussed.**
- e) Outline of agreed proposals for the children and family wellbeing service in Lancs. – **Noted.**
- f) Enquiry from West Lancs. BC whether you would like to put a Members Allowance Scheme in place for the next financial year – **Resolved** – **No allowance scheme will be put in place.**
- g) Complaints received in relation to the cessation of the 113 bus service from January 2019 – **Discussions and proposals on this matter at the beginning of the meeting will be pursued.**
- h) Notification that the term of office of Councillor Clinch as the Parish Council representative on the Peter Lathom Charity is due to expire and an enquiry whether he wishes to continue – **Councillor Clinch has confirmed that he would like to continue in this office. Resolved** – **The Council will confirm Councillor Clinch's continuation as their representative on the Peter Lathom Charity for a further term of office.**
- i) Response to the Local Plan Preferred Options, due by 13th December – **Following discussions on this subject and examination of the Preferred Options by Councillors and the Clerk it was Resolved** – **The Parish Council will submit a strong objection to the proposals to develop the allocated sites HE3, HE4 and HSE15 in Appley Bridge. There is no evidence of a need for this development. The proposals would not be sustainable development due to the lack of facilities, amenities, poor transport links and inadequate road, rail and footway infrastructure in Appley Bridge and at junction 27 of the M6 Motorway. The impact on the already poor drainage system in Appley Bridge would be significant and would create an increased flood risk in the area. The loss of prime agricultural land and the employment opportunities, direct and indirect, would be irreversible and irreplaceable. The Parish Council object to the release of Green Belt land to accommodate the supposedly unmet need for dwellings in the Liverpool City Region, which should have been provided for in their own Local Plans.**
- j) Response to the Joint Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review, due by 28th November 2018 – **Resolved** – **The Parish Council will leave this to the professional officers.**
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Invitation to attend Scarisbrick PC Civic Service – **Apologies will be sent.** ii) Copy of the Draft Appley Bridge Meadows Woodland Management Plan – for information and comment – **This is not really a Parish Council matter, however, the plan seems good and the Council hope that future maintenance will be included in the long term plans for this site.** iii) Notification from

LCC of a new date for the hearing to stop-up part of the highway on Broadhurst Lane –
Noted.

79. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- A leaf sweep on the footways and carriageway on Appley Lane North will be requested.
- A further request for a no right turn out of Heron's Wharf will be submitted.
- The Police will be asked to look at the parking problems associated with the dance classes on Skull House Lane on Saturdays.
- Additional signage will be requested on Courage Low Lane to indicate the approaching junction with Tunley Lane.
- The Police will be asked to patrol at school opening and closing times at St Joseph's School on Mossy Lea Road, to try to address inconsiderate and dangerous parking by parents.
- Councillor Johnson reported the following: There is little change in his reports from previous meetings. It was confirmed that LCC consider that they have dealt with some of the reports and that things will not change any further e.g.: clear water running down Broadhurst Lane. The Clerk will report the following matters: The culvert at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane, which is running over the road and causing surface damage to the carriageway. Chevrons are missing from the road sign on the first bend on Church Lane. Road gullies are blocked at the Mossy Lea Road/Church Lane junction. The 2 road gullies at the bottom of Raby Fold Farm driveway are blocked. The road gully near Rigby's Bridge is only taking water slowly. The "Wrightington" place name sign on the grass verge near 162/164 Mossy Lea Road is in a poor state of repair and the metal posts are rotted. The Clerk will write to the Chief Executive at LCC in relation to the long term flooding problems in the vicinity of 15 Mossy Lea Road.

80. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES - LALC Area Committee Meeting** – attended by Councillors Mrs Burton and Hodgkinson who reported a presentation from Councillor John Hodson on planning issues and the Local Plan. Councillor Hodson has agreed to attend Parish Council Meeting to advise on the Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation. The Parish Council agreed that as observations are required before the December Parish Council Meeting an invitation to attend the next meeting would be too late. Community Association WW1 Tearoom – The Clerk attended this event on behalf of the Parish Council and reported that it was a well attended, interesting and enjoyable afternoon and thanked the Community Association for their invitation to attend.

81. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-Long, 30th November, 7pm-10pm Tickets £6 each. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 25 November 2018, 11am-3pm. Receipts from: Reiki £20. Machine Embroidery £100. Craft Classes £35. Children's Party £30. Sleep Apnoea £40. The Clerk reported on the presentation of a plaque for display in the village hall from Cancer Research UK, to celebrate the CRUK Wrightington & Wigan GOF raising £100,000.00 for Cancer Research UK since 2010.

Councillor Johnson reported that it may be necessary to alter the water flow to the urinals in the gents toilets as the smell from the drains is returning now the water usage has dropped. He confirmed that the owner of Heskin Plumbing and Heating has agreed to meet on site to try to assist with this.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Confirmation windows will be fitted on 4th, 5th & 6th of January. Request from WI for a new kitchen and an outside light. Confirmation that the defibrillator and box have been ordered and will be paid for by the Village Hall Committee from the grant received for this purpose. It was confirmed that the Village Hall Committee feel that the kitchen is adequate, however, it was stressed that the village hall, as a bookable facility, may need to be kept up to date. The Clerk suggested that a new kitchen could be the subject of a Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC for 2019/2020. It was confirmed that the contractor has started work on repairing the perimeter wall.

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

- 1) 2018/1052/OUT Outline – Erection of 2 dwellings including details of access, layout and scale. Land between 321 and 325 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved: The Council object strongly to these proposals as it will constitute inappropriate development in the green belt and will result in back building. The proposals would require the removal of several very mature trees which must be**

prevented. If permission is granted for this development it will set a precedent for further development of land at the rear of the houses in this area to which the Parish Council strongly object.

- 2) 2018/1047/FUL Dropped kerb to front of existing drive to allow easy access in and out of driveway. 311 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2018/1092/FUL New Vehicular access and use part of front garden for parking space. 1B, Appley Lane South, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 4) LCC/2018/0055 County Matter – Construction of a 5MW gas fired power plant. Appley Lane North Landfill Site, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – **The Council will request that a decision be deferred to allow them to obtain further information in relation to the proposals. The Council will ask our Borough Councillors for more information and request permission to attend any site visits. A decision on this application will be made at the next Parish Council Meeting.**
- 5) 2018/1145/PNH Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required - Extension of dwellinghouse. Dimension from rear wall of the original dwellinghouse - 4.5m. Maximum height of the extension - 3.55m. Height to eaves of the extension - 2.410m. 5 Stonemill Rise Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections. This application has now been withdrawn.**
- 6) 2018/1111/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory, utility and porch. Construction of new single storey extension to side and two storey extension above existing single storey porch. Holdcrofts, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**

83. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Nothing specific to report.

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

For Payment:

Royal BL Poppy Appeal – 7 Wreaths @ £20		£140.00
Mrs E Armstrong	Reimburse Tea & Coffee Expenses Remembrance Day	£16.94
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Pop & Crisps Remembrance Day	£56.20
Petty Cash		£50.00
Mr F Johnson	Reimburse window cleaning – MLVH	£15.00
Waterplus	Water used at ABVH	£47.77
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£751.57
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£6.76
	NI due by Parish Council	£7.77
		£14.53
Fir Tree Fishery	Work at ABVH 3 x visits @ £70 per visit	£210.00
Mr F Johnson	Reimburse window cleaning – MLVH	£35.00
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied ABVH	£170.40
E.on	Electricity supplied ABVH	£39.19
E.on	Electricity supplied MLVH	£157.04
E.on	Electricity supplied ABVH	£35.04

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved.

85. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 17 December 2018 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 74 to 85 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 December 2018.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.21 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for extension to existing business by construction of a 21.5m deep diving equipment test tank and 2+ storey extension to the side of the existing building. Northern Diver Ltd, Appley Lane North.
- b) Notification permission granted for erection of warehouse, retrospective consent for retention of store for a limited period, car park extension, excavation and erection of retaining walls and surfacing of access and hard standing. Northern Diver Ltd, Appley Lane North.
- c) Notification that the appeal against the West Lancs. BC decision to refuse permission for demolition of single storey rear extension and detached garage. Proposed single storey rear and two storey side extensions. 5 Carr House Lane, Wrightington, has been allowed.
- d) Confirmation LCC will investigate the cause of the drainage issue by Rigbye's Bridge and will update as soon as they can.
- e) Confirmation of receipt of your email re: flooding 15 Mossy Lea Road and that an update will be provided as soon as they can.
- f) Confirmation from LCC that cabinet agreed to accept the proposed increase in fare for disabled NoWcard holders who travel before 9.30am to £1.
- g) Details of the Parish & Town Council Clerk's Conference – the Clerk is unable to attend.
- h) Details of the open spaces society draft strategic plan 2019-2024 – circulated to Councillors.
- i) Notification from the National Grid that considerably more steelwork on the 102 pylons on the 35km long line between Penwortham and Kirby requires replacing than they anticipated and that they now expect the steelwork, painting and other works to be completed next spring.
- j) Copy Open Spaces – Autumn 2018 – Open Space