

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## INTERIM ACTION

Due to the cancellation of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** of the Parish of Wrightington scheduled to be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30 pm, the following interim action was taken by members of the Parish Council which will be ratified by full Council at their next proper meeting.

17. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interest they may have to disclose in relation to matters for consideration as interim action – **None received.**
18. **INTERIM ACTION** – The Interim Action of items on what should have been the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 had been circulated in advance and were agreed in principle by the Parish Council and will be ratified and signed by the Chairman at the next proper meeting.
19. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items requiring discussion, observations, action or for note by the Council:

- a) Notification permission granted for demolition of existing garage and stable block and erection of one detached dwelling. Horse Stone Farm, 50 Church Lane, Wrightington – **The Parish Council are disappointed with this decision.**
- b) Notification permission granted for removal of the existing open porch roof and replacement with an enclosed glazed porch area. Brookfield, Broadhurst Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**
- c) Notification consent granted subject to conditions for T1 Oak, fell due to extensive basal cavity with cubital brown rot compromising tree. Replace with 1 10-12 quercus robur. 8 Mossy Lea Fold, Wrightington – **Noted.**
- d) Acknowledgement from LCC of report of overgrowth on public footpath 17 leading to a diversionary route being created through farmers fields – **Noted. Councillor Jukes asked if the Parish Council could do anything to support farmers and help prevent public footpath users from going off route. Councillor Burton forwarded relevant articles from the NFU Newsletter which is helpful and informative and, the Parish Council can report any illegal diversionary routes to LCC for action.**
- e) Acknowledgement from LCC of report that since diversion of public footpath 7 the new diverted route is not being maintained properly and is overgrown, leading to a diversionary route being created through farmers fields sometimes used for livestock – **Noted and as above**
- f) Confirmation from West Lancs. BC that the Parish Councils application for Capital Grant funding towards new notice boards at MLVH and ABVH has been successful – **The Parish Council are delighted with the success of the application.**
- g) Invitation for any interested volunteers to become involved in partnership services across West Lancs. to assist with a medication collection and delivery service – **Noted.**
- h) Copy ABVH end of year accounts for 2019/2020 for your information – **The Clerk will forward these to the Parish Council for their information.**
- i) Copy correspondence re: the complaint from an Appley Bridge resident in relation to anti-social behaviour connected with the quarry and at the railway station – Councillors already have copies of this. As suggested in the responses, this matter will be discussed in full when Parish Council Meetings are resumed. In the meantime Borough Councillors and West Lancs. BC will be contacted to determine the current position. The Police are aware of these problems. The Transport Police will be asked about the use of CCTV cameras. Ongoing. **Some Councillors noted this correspondence and suggested this be discussed in more detail once Parish Council Meetings resumed. Councillor Critchley confirmed Police action taken during the recent incidents had worked very well. Parish Councillors acknowledged that this has been a long standing problem in Appley Bridge. It is perceived that there could be 3 main schools of thought on this matter i) those who want the quarry drained, filled and developed for housing and other uses. ii) those who want the quarry developed into a wildlife and country park, however, retaining the water for**

the wildlife will also retain the use of the water for swimming in summer/hot weather. Additionally, the question of who will fund and maintain this facility will need to be answered. iii) those who do not care about the site because they are not directly affected by the problems associated with it. Therefore, it will be difficult to reach a satisfactory solution to suite everyone in Appley Bridge. Councillor Jukes feels that this is a very important matter which cannot wait until Parish Council Meetings resume to be actioned. Councillor Jukes provided a link to MPA guidelines on security, safety and management of quarries as security of the site is a major issue. Furthermore, it was agreed that it would be extremely helpful if the residents reported every incident to the Police at the time of its occurrence. This will enable the Police to build a log which accurately reflects the extent of the problems associated with the quarry. It was confirmed that an application had been submitted to the Environment Agency to drain the quarry but this had not been approved as the EA were awaiting further information from the applicant. Councillor Jukes agreed to draw up a timeline, providing a rough idea how long each stage of the process will take from draining the quarry, obtaining permission to develop it, infilling it and possibly building on it in the future. Having read all the responses from Parish Councillors on this issue the Parish Council took the following action: Emails requesting updates on the quarry were sent to Borough Councillors Baybutt and Evans and County Councillor Fillis. An email was sent to Inspector Jones who was responsible for action taken in recent weeks suggesting that an exclusion order be applied for on the site. An email was sent to Mr O'Dowd, the owner of East Quarry, together with a copy of the MPA guidelines, with a request for confirmation that the site is secure, signage is appropriate and copies of any risk assessments undertaken during recent months.

- j) Info. from LALC on a Labour consultation asking for views on the impact on & future of local government, housing and transport – during and after the Covid 19 Lockdown – **Noted.**
- k) Copy of NALC new model code of conduct Consultation – for comment – **Councillors appear to be happy with the New Code of Conduct which it is anticipated will replace the existing Code of Conduct currently in place in due course.**
- l) Email from Councillor Jukes following her ongoing discussions with Steve Kent (WLBC) regarding upgrading/enhancing the play area at Appley Lane South with a request that the Parish Council write, as a matter of urgency, a letter of support outlining the reasons why the play area should be given priority, for submission with a funding bid he can make – **The Parish Council fully support any funding bids submitted by Steve Kent for the improvement, upgrading and enhancement of the play area at Appley Lane South and will confirm this in writing. Furthermore, the Parish Council will confirm the fact that they would be happy to purchase and supply 2 x recycled plastic picnic tables to be located at this site as part of the upgrading, if the Borough Council will install them.**
- m) Email from Councillor Johnson reporting damage, by vandalism, to the memorial bench on the grass verge near St James's Church, Church Lane. Details of the family may be held by the Vicar, this is being looked into. Councillor Johnson thinks the bench is repairable and should be retained. The Council will need to decide whether to take responsibility for repairs and maintenance, both now and going forward, if the family do not wish to do so anymore – **Noted by the Parish Council who feel that the family should be consulted before any action is taken. Councillor Johnson subsequently confirmed the Vicar will store the wrought ironwork in his garage and will try to contact the family.**

**20. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS** – please forward details of anything you wish to report, however, please note that many WLBC and LCC staff have been deployed at this time and therefore highway matters may not be a priority. The following have been reported to date: graffiti on the fence and railway bridge, Mill Lane. Overgrown hedges obstructing the footway, Mill Lane. A very large structure in the garden of 8 Dawber Delph. Footpath issues as detailed above. Councillor Johnson confirmed that following a telephone conversation with the clean and green team, the road sweeper attended in Mossy Lea and, over a period of days, did a road sweep apart from the section of Wood Lane which is in West Lancs. and he has been informed that this will be attended to. He further reported flooding to driveways, gardens and

some water damage to two properties, one on Wood Lane and the other at the junction of Broadhurst Lane and Mossy Lea Road. The homeowners in both cases are elderly ladies. The blocked and slow running road gullies near their properties have been reported and LCC now require further information to investigate. Councillor Johnson also reported the following information: due to Coronavirus work on blocked gullies in general had been on hold but should restart shortly. Social distancing guidelines had impacted on the use of vehicles. Work to address long term flooding problems on Mossy Lea Road, which should have started in March, was delayed but should be starting anytime. Blocked culverts near Windmill Garage, Church Lane and Broadhurst Lane are under investigation and ongoing. Money has not yet been allocated for resurfacing work at the junction of Mossy Lea Road and Boundary Lane but patching work has recently been undertaken. Councillor Johnson agreed to monitor and pursue these matters.

**21. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Not applicable**

**22. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Closed.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Closed.

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

- 1) 2020/0361/FUL Demolition of former chapel and construction of single bungalow. Chapel, Heyes Street, Appley Bridge. **Agreed – No Objections.**

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

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

**For Payment:**

Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net		£820.56
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£5.48	
	NI due by Parish Council	£12.98	£18.46
D/D E.on	Electricity – MLVH (estimated)		£180.41
D/D Plusnet	Bills for April/May/June		£52.78
D/D British Gas	Gas – ABVH		£269.51
D/D British Gas	Gas – MLVH		£168.67
D/D E.on	Electricity – ABVH		£126.86

**Receipts:**

West Lancs. BC	Concurrent Contributions		£1159.00
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**Agreed - that Payment and Receipt of the above accounts is accepted.**

**26. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING – Guidelines and Government advice permitting. Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Appley Bridge Village Hall.**