

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15 January 2018 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

## 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.)

Mrs Jacqueline Boyham was present to observe the Parish Council Meeting and Procedures involved, with a view to joining the Parish Council if her pending application is successful.

98. **APOLOGIES** – Councillors remain aware that Councillor Gartside is staying with his son and that his health is not good. Apologies were also received from PCSO Holderness.
99. **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.**
100. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 December 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
101. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that she had not had chance to request a price for refurbishing or replacing the Notice Board at Appley Bridge Village Hall. The Council will review prices of new notice boards, low maintenance ones if possible. The Clerk will ask if the Council can use CIL monies received to purchase new notice boards.
102. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items reported to, noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3 – ACCEPTED.

The following information from PCSO Holderness was reported: In the last 31 days there has been one burglary at the hairdressers in Appley Bridge and one report of a few youths in the woods down at Dawber Delph. Since then, no further calls. Councillor House reported an armed robbery at Spar in the neighbouring Parish, where thieves took cigarettes and cash. Councillors accept that a few recent crimes have taken place just over the border into Wigan and that any information on these matters could assist with cross border crimes. The PCSO confirmed he will continue to monitor parking at Appley Bridge Village Hall and the Council will ask him to determine if the car owners are local residents or commuters.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Response from District Lead Officer, LCC, confirming your suggestion that the fence at Courage Low Lane be replaced during forthcoming road closures will be looked into – **Noted.**
- b) Notification that our area is visited on a 10 day schedule, changeable due to holidays, the weather and sickness, by the litter picking operative looking after Wrightington, Parbold and Appley Bridge. Requests already submitted have been actioned. Re: litter from BP Garage- the enforcement team will be asked to visit and speak with staff, in the meantime the operative will be asked to litter pick this area which will then be inspected – **It was confirmed that Moss Lane has been litter picked. The old road at the r/o the BP garage still needs litter picking along with Rookery Fold. The holding tank at the rear of the garage is overflowing. The Clerk reported that following the last report on this matter the officer confirmed that an alarm had been fitted to the tank during recent developments at the site, which is supposed to alert staff when it needs emptying. The alarm malfunctioned and did not work on this occasion and investigations are underway to determine the**

**reasons behind this. The fly-tipped black bags in the hedge/verge on Mossy Lea Road, opposite the village hall will be reported.**

- c) Notification that Parbold Library has reopened and a request to put the opening time and upcoming events on the website/notice board + a suggestion that copies of the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings could be held there for the public to view – **The Parish Council agreed to publish opening times and events on their website.**
- d) Details of concurrent funding and the council tax support grant payable to the Parish Council in the 2018/19 financial year together with details of the tax base. These figures will be used at the Budget Meeting in February as part of the Precept requirement calculations – **Noted. Budget Meeting – Monday 12 February 2018 at 7 pm at Mossy Lea Village Hall.**
- e) Request for support from a resident of Appley Bridge with regard to a planning application at 113 Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge, and a wall constructed. (2016/1222/LDP) – **The Parish Council looked at the plans for the wall and will ask West Lancs. BC to respond to the resident’s email and ask LCC for clarification of land ownership where the wall is.**
- f) Request for support from a resident of Appley Bridge with regard to flooding and drainage problems around the Appley Lane North/Skull House Lane junction – **The Council confirmed that they share the resident’s concerns and will once again report the flooding to LCC and ask for their assistance in addressing this matter.**
- g) Invitation to Chairman to attend the Lancashire County Civic Carol Service – 4 Feb 2018 – **The Clerk will submit apologies from the Parish Council.**
- h) Capital Grant Funding for 2018/19 capital projects for submission by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – **In view of the ongoing problems with vehicles on Appley Bridge Village Hall car park and the adverse impact this is having on village hall users, Resolved – The Council will submit a Capital Bid for a barrier across the entrance to the car park, the approximate cost of which will be £990.00 + installation costs, plus VAT = approximately £1,290.00. The Parish Council will contribute 30% = £430.00 and will therefore submit a Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC for the remaining £860.00.**
- i) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Email from a resident of Lowther Terrace asking when the wall will be rebuilt at Appley Bridge Village Hall – **The Clerk will confirm that the Parish Council are in negotiations with West Lancs. BC to progress this matter. The Clerk reported the response from West Lancs. BC estates department. Councillors do not believe this wall is a party wall. The Council remain concerned that a resident was given more information than the Parish Council on this matter.** ii) West Lancs. BC response to the reported overflowing holding tank at BP Garage – **Noted as reported under item b) above.** iii) Request for additional information regarding the necessity of the signs requested for the car park on Chisnall Avenue – **It was confirmed that the pensioners hall car park is opposite their building and forms part of their lease with West Lancs. BC. The Parish Council understood that the parking areas at either end of the bungalows were created for use by the tenants of the bungalows. It was reported that there used to be “No Ball Games” signs on the gable end along with a “Parking for Residents Only” sign. Some Councillors believe that West Lancs. BC has a duty of care to the tenants to ensure that they feel safe and can park their cars safely, and feel that the minibus parking is a nuisance which gives the impression that anyone can park there and encourages other vehicle owners to do the same. The West Lancs. BC Officer needs to justify the expenditure on the requested signs.** iv) Details of LLC’s Budget Consultation – **Noted.**

### **103. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- Councillor Mrs Burton reported, Electricity North West have ruined the grass verges on High Moor Lane and beyond whilst they have been working there. Hopefully they will be reinstated
- There is a very large pot-hole on the left hand side of the road approaching the bridge on Hall Lane, immediately opposite the entrance to Moss Lane.
- The Clerk confirmed that she will submit an application to County Councillor Fillis for funding to purchase a defibrillator to be located at Pesto, Dangerous Corner.
- Councillor Johnson reported the following matters: Flooding near Rigbye’s Bridge and near No 15 Mossy Lea Road occurred again on 15<sup>th</sup> January. Yellow water in front of No 8

Broadhurst Lane is still evident. Flooding on Broadhurst Lane in 2 locations. There is no evidence of litter picking in the area in the last 3 months. There has been no action as a result of the request for waste bins in the area. It is too long between road and footway sweeps. Gullies are still blocked at the bottom of Wrightington Fisheries driveway. Flooding occurred over Christmas near the bridge on Tunley Lane. The road is flooding on the bends on Church Lane. Many residents still believe that the new street lighting gives very poor visibility.

**104. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – A reminder will be sent about the Area Committee Meeting. Councillors Mrs Burton and Mr Hodgkinson reported on their attendance at the West Lancs. BC Meeting to discuss the Local Plan Review and potential housing and commercial development sites in the Parish which have either been proposed or identified to the planning authority as potential sites for future development. Councillors confirmed that when discussing potential sites in Appley Bridge they were asked how they felt about the possible creation of a car park for commuters to address parking problems on Appley Lane North. They agreed that this would be a good idea but the only viable location for this would be to use the pad, off Appley Lane North. They pointed out to officers present that all the locations suggested in Mossy Lea are Green Belt, and that they would need to be re-designated and taken out of Green Belt before they could be developed, with many of the sites proposed not even being on the main sewer. The Councillors felt very strongly that none of the sites suggested in Mossy Lea should be re-designated to allow for future development. Similarly, any sites in the Green Belt in Appley Bridge must be protected against future development and should remain as Green Belt. The Councillors pointed out to Borough Council officers that there are already a considerable amount of commercial sites and businesses in both Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge, both of which have small industrial sites with multiple business occupancy. It was stressed that the roads and infrastructure are totally unsuitable for further future commercial expansion. The existing infrastructure struggles to deal with existing vehicular movements and there is no suggestion of any improvements, enhancements or changes to the existing infrastructure to support any of the suggested development sites. It was further confirmed that any further or future development, domestic or commercial, in other neighbouring Parishes will impact on Wrightington as roads through the Parish will be used to access Junction 27 of the M6 Motorway. The Borough Council Officers suggested that the Parish Council could undertake a survey or consultation with residents to establish their views. Parish Councillors present believe that they do not need to do a survey to know the views of the residents of the Appley Bridge and Mossy Lea Wards of Wrightington, they are positive that they would not like to see any of the suggested sites currently in the Green Belt, taken out and re-designated for future development, domestic or commercial. Councillors will consider the commercial sites and businesses which already exist in Wrightington and report back at the February Meeting.

#### **105. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – New Years Eve £40. Moo Music £140. Reminder – MLVH Committee Meeting, 6.45pm Monday 19 February 2018, prior to Parish Council Meeting – **Noted**. The Clerk will ask Paul Cornwell to quote for replacing the urinals with a second toilet. Further ideas will be explored to prevent the chairs marking the village hall walls.

APPLEY BRIDGE – The Clerk reported that the cost to repair the large, arched window at the front of the hall will be £170.00. **Resolved** – **Mr Cornwell will be instructed to proceed with these repairs.** The Parish Council will then arrange for the window to be properly painted to preserve it for another few years. It is hoped that the hall will be painted towards the end of February.

**The Planters need putting back with winter planting at both village halls.**

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

- 1) 2018/0013/NMA Non-Material Amendment to Planning application 2017/0817/FUL and 2017/0816/LBC - Amendment to the gym area to retain the existing laundry room area and install a new arched opening. Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington.  
**It is not possible to comment on this type of application but the Parish Council has no objections to the amendment.**
- 2) 2017/1315/FUL Proposed part conversion of existing barn / storage building into self contained

(Case 2257420) annexe ancillary to main house. Osprey House, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge.

**Resolved – No Objections.**

**For Info:** 2017/1204/LDP - Certificate of Lawfulness - Proposed single storey side extension. Inwood, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **Certificate of lawfulness granted.**

**For Info:** 2017/0137/TCA - Works at 2 Ashfield Terrace: Hard prune Holly tree in the front garden to make it regrow bushy. Works at 4 Ashfield Terrace: Remove two red trees (Cherries) and prune Laurels in garden and parking bay area. And remove dead tree in neighbouring garden. **Consent for works granted.**

**107. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Chairmanship Workshop 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 7-9pm, Howick House – **Resolved – The Chairman and spouse will be nominated to go to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party.**

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

**For Payment:**

E.on	Electricity use ABVH		£92.84
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of refuse sacks for MLVH & ABVH		£18.18
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£725.13
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£33.20	
	NI due by Parish Council	£10.81	£44.01
D/D BT	Telephone line charges MLVH		£164.97
D/D British Gas	Gas use – MLVH		£358.17
D/D British Gas	Gas use – ABVH (estimated)		£329.13

**Resolved: Payment of the above accounts was approved.**

**109. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 12 February 2018 – Budget Meeting  
Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.00 pm

**Resolved:** The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19 February 2018 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 98 to 109 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19 February 2018.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.40 pm

Chairman:

Date:

**REPORT 1**

- a) Notification outline permission granted to erect 3 dwellings, including details of access and layout. Ashurst Garage & Signs, Wood Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for single storey side extension with pitch roof over. 14 Mill Lane, Appley Bridge.
- c) Notification from West Lancs. BC, with effect from 17/1/18 planning application fees will increase.