

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 June 2017 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

No public present – Nothing to discuss.

21. **APOLOGIES** - Were received from Councillor Clinch (holiday).
22. **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.
23. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15 May 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
24. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Stones Tunley Lane – It was reported that the stones have been removed.  
Car park Chisnall Avenue – The Council will request signs from West Lancs. BC stating that parking is for residents of the sheltered accommodation on Chisnall Avenue only.  
Parking Appley Bridge Village Hall – cars left on the car park are increasing again. Notices will be placed under car windscreens and parking will be monitored. If necessary the bollards will be raised and lowered at random, and without notice, to deter motorists from parking.  
Minute 12 – the broken tree is still balancing on the fence between Chisnall Avenue and the car park at Tunley URC. Councillor Johnson was assured that this matter would be dealt with.  
BP Garage – it was confirmed that the road at the rear is still damp and the area smells. It was confirmed that water can be seen coming up from the manhole cover and that it must therefore be seeping under the wall onto the old road. Now the site is being extended, the Council will monitor this problem closely and continue to report it on a regular basis to West Lancs. BC, as necessary. The Council believe there should be some sort of indication that the holding tank needs emptying.  
Report 1 – e) & f) – the Council will point out that these road closures coincide with the proposed road closures for the Ironman event.
25. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**  
Items reported to, noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – pages 3/4 – ACCEPTED.  
Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:
  - a) Further information from Ironman about the Wrightington Plan and its purpose + copy of the revised road closure orders containing the correct wording – **Noted.**
  - b) Application for 1 vehicle at Higher Broadhurst Farm by N Andrew Homes Ltd – **Noted.**
  - c) Request from Seafarers UK to fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> September – **The Council will show support for this by displaying the red ensign for Merchant Navy Day in the Village Hall Windows on/around 3<sup>rd</sup> September. The Armed Forces Day flags will be erected this week in time for Armed Forces Day on 24 June 2017.**
  - d) Capital Grant Agreement from West Lancs. BC for painting at Appley Bridge Village Hall – **It is hoped this work can go ahead over the summer holiday period, depending on village hall use. Agreed that the Clerk can sign/return this.**
  - e) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Notification that LCC are arranging a site meeting with the homeowner at Coalgate Cottages, Hall Lane, to discuss the removal of the very large boulders – **The Council believe that there should be no**

**discussion or negotiation on this subject. The homeowner should be instructed to remove the boulders or face prosecution as this has been an issue for several years. The boulders have been placed on the highway illegally and are causing an obstruction.** Councillors will be meeting Andrew Davies from LCC on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017 on site at Broadhurst Lane to discuss stopping up of part of the highway on Broadhurst Lane. **It was agreed that they would raise the issue of boulders on Hall Lane along with other issues on Broadhurst Lane at the site Meeting.** ii) Arrangements for a site meeting at Broadhurst Lane with Andrew Davies from LCC – **Confirmed Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016 at 2pm on site.**

**26. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- Yellow water still present on Broadhurst Lane will be discussed at the site meeting with Andrew Davies. It was reported that the lead pipes in this vicinity have rusted and are now damaged enabling the coloured water to leak on to the highway from the manhole/grid.
- The septic tank at Treetops, 8a Broadhurst Lane is leaking. This will be reported to Environmental Health at West Lancs. BC.
- An update on flooding at 15 Mossy Lea Road will be requested from Andrew Davies at the site meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.
- Public footpath 21, Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road, is very overgrown.
- The public footpath from Stoneygate Lane to Finch Lane is narrow due to overgrowth.
- The Council confirmed that grass verge cutting has been undertaken, but is quite poor.
- The Mossy Lea Fold street name sign has been dislodged and needs re-attaching.
- A one-way system will again be suggested to improve highway safety on Mill Lane.
- The play area on Heron's Wharf has not been re-opened since building work has ceased.
- The Council will enquire whether it is possible to upgrade/update the play area and provision at Appley Lane South playing fields.
- Councillor House confirmed that he is not being invited to Community Centre Trust Meetings.
- Giant hogweed needs attention on the slip road at junction 27, M6 motorway. Ragwort is also growing in the grass verges around the motorway roundabout and just before Back Lane.
- Long grass/overgrown shrubs are obstructing sightlines when exiting the BP garage.
- The Council will request the Community Concern signs, which have recently been erected in Heskin, for Mossy Lea Road between the schools, Mossfields and the village hall, on Church Lane, and Tunley Lane.
- It was reported that Time Credits/Spice Credits are not yet available in West Lancashire.
- Councillor Hodgkinson found a plastic bag in his letterbox containing soil/debris/carpet fibres/paper/wool, and a note saying approx. 400 tonnes of this type of material is being tipped on land off Church Lane to infill fields. The Chairman reported that this could be recycled carpets etc which is now being used to replace sand in sand paddocks. Councillor Hodgkinson will pass the package to the Clerk who will forward this to Heskin PC.
- There are now locked gates where the junction of 3 footpaths, from Wood Lane/Church Lane, meet. Footpath users now have to climb over the gate into a field of approx. 20 horses.

**27. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report.**

**28. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER –** On hold on the advice of the Chairman - will be available for approval at the July Parish Council Meeting should the Council decide to proceed this year. Councillor Mrs Burton again suggested that all the information contained in the Newsletter could be put on the Parish Council website or facebook page. Councillor Mrs Burton also raised concerns about delivery of the Newsletter and the cost implications. The Parish Council rely on the help of fellow Councillors, the Clerk and volunteers with delivery. It was suggested that a limited number of copies could be left in the village halls, churches and other public buildings where they could be picked up by those who wish to read them. It was confirmed that not everyone in the Parish has access to a computer. Following discussion on this subject it was **Resolved – That a draft Newsletter will be available for approval at the July Meeting.**

## 29. VILLAGE HALLS

**MOSSY LEA** - Children's Parties £50.00. COPD/Sleep Apnoea Group £60.00. Sunday Embroidery Class £50.00. Thursday Embroidery Class x 2 = £120.00. Moo Music £50.00. Yoga £60.00. Village Hall Committee Meeting 19 June (at Appley Bridge Village Hall) at 6.45pm – **Noted**.

**APPLEY BRIDGE** – Quotation for LED replacements lights £574.56. Letter from the Treasurer outlining the current problems with payments from the Breakfast/After School Club. The Clerk reported that further footfalls had been found in the village hall and additional damage has occurred to the vertical blinds obviously as a result of ball games. **Resolved** – **Councillor Mrs Burton will call into the village hall during the after school club to speak to the organisers about damage caused, and to confirm that no ball games are allowed in the village hall. Councillors agreed to proceed with the new light fittings during the summer holidays when village hall use is lower, however, the Council will look at the cost of purchasing scaffolding rather than hiring it.** Councillor House confirmed that he is back on track now with making the regular checks on the defibrillators in Appley Bridge.

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

- 1) 2017/0309/FUL Hard and soft landscape restoration improvements to the parkland, gardens and curtilage to Harrock Hall; including driveway access re-alignment alterations and ground modelling and strategic planting. Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2017/0507/FUL Two storey side and single storey front extension. 26 Millbank, Appley Bridge. (Case 2145701) **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2017/0577/LDP Certificate of Lawfulness – Proposed single storey rear extension. 26 Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge. **It is not possible to comment on this type of application.**

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

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

**For Payment:**

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
E.on	Electricity supplied at ABVH		£96.19
D/D CPRE	Annual Subscriptions		£36.00
D/D Water Plus	Water supplied to MLVH		£184.60
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied to ABVH (Estimated since the end of January)		£563.73

**Receipts:**

ABVH Committee	End of year transfer		£4514.14
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**Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts be approved.**

## 33. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED:** That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 17 July 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 21 to 33 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 17 July 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:45 pm

## **REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for new single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory and new roof to existing extension. 170 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification permission granted for erection of toilet block and new refuse enclosure. BP Connect, Crow Orchard Service Station, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.

- c) Notification permission Refused for variation of condition 2 imposed on planning permission 2013/1370/FUL to vary the approved plans to allow a variation in the design of the test tank. Northern Divers Building, East Quarry, Appley Bridge.
- d) Notification permission Refused for two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension. 38 Toogood Lane, Wrightington.
- e) Notification of temporary road closure on Bannister Lane, between 6am and 5pm, 12/7/2017 until 9/8/2017 to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.
- f) Notification of temporary road closure on Robin Hood Lane, between 6am and 5pm, 13/7/2017 until 10/8/2017 to allow carriageway surface dressing works to be carried out.
- g) Copy notices from LCC of the Foster Carer recruitment campaign.
- h) Copy Open Spaces Society Summer Magazine.