

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16 April 2018 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), 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.)

No public present – Nothing to discuss.

**136. APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillors Hodgkinson (illness) and House. Councillors remain aware that Councillor Gartside is staying with his son & his health is not good.

**137. 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.**

**138. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Budget Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12 February 2018 and the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 February 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

**139. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Telephone Kiosk – Mossy Lea Road, not been removed, will request an update from LCC.

## **140. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items reported to, noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED. Re-surfacing Robin Hood Lane – Councillors believe that other roads in the Parish are in a worse state than Robin Hood Lane e.g.: Moss Lane and Carr House Lane. Both lanes are dangerous for cyclists and vehicles are now swerving on these routes to avoid pot-holes.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Notification of Code of Conduct Seminar/Workshop on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm, Derby Street – **Noted. The Clerk will remind again at the May Meeting.**
- b) Info. from West Lancs. BC on the use of local CIL monies – **The Parish Council confirmed plans for some of the CIL money received are as follows: car park marking at Appley Bridge Village Hall. Picnic tables at the play areas in Mossy Lea and on Appley Lane South. It was suggested that it may be possible to enhance the grassed area at Appley Bridge Village Hall to accommodate a bench, a litter bin, the Silent Soldier and improve the Notice Board. The Council will have to enquire if these proposals would comply with the regulations for the use of CIL money.**
- c) Notice of revocations and introductions of speed limits on various roads, some in West Lancashire – for consultation – **The Council thought all the changes were in place anyway.**
- d) Email from a resident of Lowther Terrace, re: flooding/drainage issues Appley Bridge – **Noted**
- e) Response from Rosie Cooper MP & Phil Durnell, LCC, to flooding 15 Mossy Lea Rd – **Noted**
- f) Update response from loss adjuster re: wall at Appley Bridge Village Hall – **The response confirmed that the damage to the wall is not covered by the Parish Council Insurance as it is considered wear and tear. Councillors still believe that somebody needs to take responsibility for the path adjacent to the wall and leading to the front of houses on Lowther Terrace. Trees and ivy growing on this route are affecting the wall and trees within the boundary of the village hall. The deeds received relating to some of the properties on Lowther Terrace state that the road to the right of the properties should be maintained for use by a horse and cart and, that the path on the front side of the houses be a walking access. The Council will ask West Lancs. BC if this path appears on the**

deeds to the houses on Lowther Terrace and confirm that, if the wall is to be rebuilt a contractor will need to go on the path to do so and will have to build on the path if the Borough Council insist the wall is rebuilt around the tree. West Lancs. BC will be asked to determine the status of the path as it relates to homeowners on Lowther Terrace.

- g) Consultation on Ethical Standards and “Trading Standards Rogue Traders” – **Noted.**
- h) Consultation on proposed changes to disabled person’s NoWcard scheme – **Resolved: The Parish Council has no objections to the proposed changes.**
- i) Refined details and prices from Fir Tree Fishery for planters and tidying at village halls – **The Clerk confirmed that a meeting has been arranged to refine the details and prices for planting and maintenance of the baskets at both village halls. The watering/maintenance requirements will be determined and reduced according to the Parish Council budget. Fir Tree Fisheries are excited about working with the Parish Council in the village.**
- j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Response from Andrew Davies, LCC, stating that discharge of water from a septic tank is an Environmental Health Team issue and confirming that construction work at No. 8 Broadhurst Lane makes it difficult to check the status of the water seeping through the road surface. He also confirms that funding has been allocated for drainage works opposite 15 Mossy Lea Road but confirmation from the landowner is required before the work can be undertaken – **Noted. Councillors still believe that turning water from a septic tank on to the highway is not allowed. The water is causing problems on the carriageway during icy weather.** ii) Consultation on Community Transport in Lancashire – **The Clerk will enquire whether there is a separate survey for groups.** iii) Request for a donation from North West Air Ambulance – **Resolved: The Council agreed a donation of £100 at the next meeting.**

#### **141. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

- It was reported that there was a strong smell from the holding tank at the rear of the BP garage today as it was being emptied. Councillor Johnson was informed that the tank is now being emptied every 2 weeks but there may still be a fault on the alarm. Councillor Johnson will look into the report that there may be a new law coming about relating to septic tanks.
- Councillor Johnson reported the following: The culvert at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane, which is running over the road, is causing surface damage to the carriageway. Clear water is still running down the lane from the septic tank at Tree Tops, Broadhurst Lane. There is a large HGV tyre at the side of the road on the motorway roundabout. Footways from Boundary Lane to Crow Orchard Road have not been swept. There is no evidence of litter picking following the reports made at previous meetings. 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. No further action yet with regard to flooding at 15 Mossy Lea Road. Should Church Lane not have a 30mph speed limit on it as there is property on both sides of the lane? It is evident that weed spraying has been undertaken in Heskin and Coppull but there is no indication of any spraying in Wrightington. Several large pot-holes remain in Carr House Lane and water was still running down the carriageway last week.
- Councillor Johnson confirmed that the Pensioners have no objection to the Silent Soldier being sited on land opposite the Pensioners hall provided it does not obstruct sightlines.
- Litter picks will be requested on Mossy Lea Road and Moss Lane.
- The Scarecrow Festival will take place in early May again this year.

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

#### **143. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR AND REVIEW DOCUMENTATION IN PARISH COUNCILLORS INFORMATION PACK** **Resolved - The Parish Council act in accordance with the terms of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Localism Act 2011 and accept the Annual Audit Plan for the forthcoming year. Documents in the Parish Councillors information pack were reviewed. Documentation will be re-adopted at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council to be held in May 2018.**

#### **144. VILLAGE HALLS**

**MOSSY LEA** – Machine Embroidery £50.00. More quotations are required for work to the gent’s toilets.

**APPLEY BRIDGE** – It was confirmed that painting at the village hall is complete. It has been suggested that the existing blinds are not fit to be put back up and roller blinds would be a better option. The Clerk will obtain quotations for roller blinds. Councillor Mrs Burton reported that at the recent Village Hall Committee Meeting members received a report from the WI that someone had fallen in the kitchen in February. The report explained the circumstances and stated that the lady in question believed she had fallen backwards over the open oven door and landed on her bottom. She chose not to go home or go to the hospital. The report was noted and a copy has been placed in the accident book. Notification that, due to the small business rate relief, the Non-Domestic Rate Bill 2018/19 for both village halls is nil – **Noted**.

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

- 1) 2018/0333/FUL Double and single storey extensions to side. 5 Carr House Lane, Wrightington.  
(Case 2305007) **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 2) 2017/1315/FUL Proposed part conversion of existing barn/storage building into self contained annexe ancillary to main house. Osprey House, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge.  
(Case 2305009) **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 3) 2018/0284/FUL Proposed new build stables located to the east of the existing Harrock Hall.  
(Case 2305011) Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 4) 2018/0285/LBC Listed Building Consent - Proposed new build stables located to the east of the existing Harrock Hall. Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington – **Withdrawn.**

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

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

**For Payment:**

Mrs J Rogers	Honorarium – Booking Secretary ABVH	£200.00
Mrs E Armstrong	Honorarium – Treasurer ABVH	£200.00
Mrs C A Cross	Honorarium - Booking Secretary MLVH	£200.00
Mrs C Hodgkinson	Honorarium – Treasurer MLVH	£200.00
Mr G Ross	Honorarium – Website	£240.00
Royal British Legion	Surrey – 2 x Silent Soldiers	£200.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse – Display Books for Minutes x 3	£29.90
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse – cost of re-filling first aid boxes MLVH & ABVH	£20.57
Petty Cash		£50.00
JW Property Services	Painting Appley Bridge Village Hall	£1950.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Materials for painting ABVH	£648.01
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
D/D BT	Telephone & Internet MLVH	£175.68

**Receipts:**

West Lancs. BC	1 <sup>st</sup> Part Parish Precept	£8706.50
MLVH Committee	Reimbursed payment made by PC to caretaker at last meeting	£97.50

**Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts is approved.**

**148. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:** The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at Appley Bridge Village Hall, Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00pm & Annual Meeting of Parish Council at 7.30pm.

Minutes 136 to 148 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 May 2018.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.50 pm

Chairman:

Date:

## **REPORT 1**

- a) Confirmation your request for a litter bin at Rookery Fold is being considered.
- b) Confirmation your report of flood lights at Ramsay Timber is being investigated.
- c) Report that confirmation has been sent regarding concurrent grant funding for this year.
- d) Copy of temporary road closure on Robin Hood Lane on 7/6/18-8/6/18 to enable patching for surface dressing works to take place.
- e) Open Spaces Society Spring Mailing 2018 and details of AGM.
- f) Copy CPRE Fieldwork
- g) Copy CPRE Countryside Voice.