

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs Burton, Mr J Clinch 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 present thanked the Parish Council for their response to the Meadows Management Plan discussed at the November Meeting. It was reported that it is hoped that some renovation work will be undertaken to the paths accessing the Meadows to allow wheelchair access. Gates will also be replaced to allow wheelchairs and prams to access this area. The Clerk asked those present if they had any views on the Parish Council submitted response to the Local Plan Preferred Options. No-one present had viewed the response however, the Parish Council was thanked for submitting an objection to the proposals for development in Appley Bridge. It was confirmed that ABCAGE had submitted a comprehensive response objecting to the proposals for development of the 3 sites in Appley Bridge on various grounds. The suggestion of the possible relocation of the war memorial now that the quarry has been sold was discussed. It was reported that there are rumours circulating at the moment, however, no correspondence has been received by the Parish Council from the new owner. It was agreed that this could be raised as a forward planning matter if the land is developed and it becomes necessary to relocate the war memorial. It was reported that the new owner has plans to drain the quarry and use the land for development.

86. **APOLOGIES** - Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Johnson (prior commitment).
87. **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.**
88. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
89. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – Defibrillator – In Touch – The Clerk confirmed that the defibrillator and external box are at In Touch and waiting to for connection by the electrician.
90. **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) Confirmation of receipt of Parish Council response to Local Plan Preferred Options – **Noted.**
- b) Request for financial assistance towards the employment of a demographer for a critical review of the West Lancs. Local Plan housing evidence base – **The request was noted by the Parish Council, however, there is little which can be done now the deadline for responses has passed and the Parish Council submission has been made.**
- c) Confirmation of retention of the 113 bus service from 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – **The Parish Council are very pleased to confirm this and believe that the joint initiative from several Parish Councils, Borough & County Councillors, and the MP, helped LCC to secure the service.**
- d) Request for old photographs of the area around the Corner House, Wood Lane – **The Parish Council do not hold any photographs which could assist with this request, however, Mrs Juckes and Mrs Critchley agreed to obtain contact details of people they believe may be able to assist.**

- e) Email from Croston Parish Council suggesting a joint approach to Japanese Knotweed - **Any growth of this weed in Wrightington is reported to LCC and, even though action taken is not immediate, the problem is usually resolved before it becomes too significant. The Council believe that, as most of the outbreaks usually start on highway verges, LCC has a duty to deal with it as the landowner. The Council are concerned that, if Parish Councils begin to take responsibility for this problem, particularly on highway verges, they will set a precedent for LCC to think that they will deal with further outbreaks in other locations. Resolved - At the moment, this initiative is not something the Parish Council would consider betting involved in.**
- f) Advertising request from All Saints School, Appley Bridge – **It was suggested that some businesses and homeowners may be willing to display signs. The Parish Council will request clarification from West Lancs. BC, as to whether planning permission is required to erect banner type signs on railings/fences owned by businesses or residents, or on the bus shelter maintained by the Parish Council on Appley Lane North.**
- g) Questions from Shevington PC re: Standish Neighbourhood Plan and the War Memorial – **Having checked the Neighbourhood Plan it does not say they will be “diverting” traffic through Shevington or Wrightington, it merely states that there will be improved signage. The Parish Council feel there is nothing for them to object to as it is unlikely to have a detrimental impact on Wrightington. It was confirmed that, the Parish Council, the Community Association, nor anybody else has received anything in writing to say that the war memorial will be moved/relocated following the sale of the quarry. This is merely rumour or speculation.**
- h) Info. on West Lancs. BC Capital Funding for 2019/20 – **Parish Councillors will think about projects which could form the basis of a Capital Funding bid e.g.: new kitchen units at Appley Bridge Village Hall, for discussion at the January Parish Council Meeting.**
- i) Info. on the Priority Services Register – **Noted. This information could be forwarded to Appley Bridge and Wrightington Pensioners and to the Churches for distribution.**
- j) LCC - Budget Consultation – for comment/observations – **Parish Councillors do not believe that any observations they have will make a difference, therefore, they will leave this to the professional officers at LCC.**
- k) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Police update on parked vehicles on Appley Bridge Village Hall car park – The PCSO has spoken to vehicle owners but stressed that due to work commitments in other areas, he is unable to check the car park on a daily basis, the only real solution will be when the barrier is installed – **The Parish Council would like to determine if the white 4 x 4 has been abandoned, as reported, and if so the legalities of the Parish Council removing and scrapping it.** ii) Notification of an agents submission in response to the Local Plan Preferred Options, in support of development at The Mount, Appley Lane North – **Noted by the Council but nothing much they can do.**

## 91. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The road sweep requested on Appley Lane North has still not been undertaken.
- There is still a lot of water run-off at the Appley Lane North/Skull House Lane junction. This has been a problem for a number of years now and is added to by the water running off the fields at The Mount. Concern was expressed about highway safety at this junction during icy and freezing weather conditions. A grit bin will be requested at this junction.
- Tunley Lane is again being used as a rat run by speeding vehicles.
- Yellow Community Speed Concern signs will be requested on Appley Lane North, Appley Lane South, Mossy Lea Road, Church Lane and Tunley Lane.
- An update on removal of the boulders from the lay-by on Hall Lane will be requested.
- The hazard markers erected on Carr House Lane, near the junction with Mill Lane, require attention. Of the 3 erected, 2 have completely gone and the remaining one is damaged.

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

## 93. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-Long £30. Christmas Craft & Gift Fair £40. **Noted.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – Christmas Tree Lights – The new tree lights purchased in October are not compatible with the existing tree lights. **Resolved - in the New Year the Clerk will obtain new lights, compatible with those recently purchased and the existing lights will be stored as a spare set.**

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

- 1) LCC/2018/0055 County Matter – Construction of a 5MW gas fired power plant. Appley Lane North Landfill Site, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - **Following detailed discussion it was Resolved: The Parish Council object to these proposals. The Parish Council has always maintained that the pad, which is the proposed site of the development, should have been removed when the work permitted by the previous planning permission for the site was complete. If permission is granted for the proposed use then this would prohibit the use of the site for small scale rail based uses. Policy IF2 of the West Lancashire Local Plan states that developments which would prejudice the use of the site for small scale rail based uses will not be permitted. Therefore, allowing this use would breach this policy. Furthermore, the Parish Council would question the noise levels generated by the proposed plant, and the potential detrimental impact this noise could have on the quality of life of the residents of Appley Bridge. Further objections have been raised in relation to the impact the proposals will have on the air quality in the area and the consequential impact this could have on the health and well being of the residents of Appley Bridge and the wildlife in the locality. The resultant environmental impact of the proposals on Appley Bridge, its residents, and the wildlife in the area, would significantly outweigh the benefits of allowing this use of the site.**
- 2) 2018/1260/FUL Demolition of existing timber storage buildings. Erection of new timber storage building and associated external works. Ramsay Timber & Building Supplies, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2018/1282/FUL Alterations to West Elevation. Northern Diver Ltd, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**

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

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

**For Payment:**

L Cornish	Payment for new Window Frames – ABVH	£2500.00
Chubb Fire & Sec.Ltd	Servicing Extinguishers – ABVH	£66.48
SLCC	Annual Membership (50% with CRPC)	£87.50
Joseph Noblett	Christmas Tree – ABVH	£30.00
Standish Print Co	Printing and laminating for Remembrance Day	£32.34
The Wiper Co.	Toilet rolls and hand towels	£28.80
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 British Gas	Gas supplied ABVH (estimated)	£271.83
D/D E.on	Electricity ABVH	£27.29

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

**97. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLORS** - Discussions took place in the absence of the applicants and the public – **Following discussion on the appointment of Mrs Katie Jukes and Mrs Robina Critchley the Parish Council Resolved – that both applicants be appointed to the vacant posts of Appley Bridge Ward Councillors on Wroughtington Parish Council. The Clerk will request confirmation from both appointees that they agree to abide by the Parish Council Code of Conduct and Standing Orders and wish to accept the co-opted role, term of office to remain in place until the May elections when all then serving Parish Councillors, including themselves, will have to apply for re-election through the normal 4 yearly election process. It will be stressed that once appointed as a Wroughtington Parish Councillor, having signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and completed a Declaration of Interest Form,**

**their first priority will then be to Wrightington Parish Council. Particular importance will be given to the 7 principles in the annexe to the Code, those of honesty, integrity, selflessness, objectivity, accountability, openness and leadership.**

## **98. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 21 January 2019 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 86 to 98 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 21 January 2019.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.50 pm

Chairman:

Date:

## **REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for erection of single storey building to house biomass boiler and fuel. Northern Diver Ltd, Appley Lane North.
- b) Notification permission granted for dropped kerb to front of existing drive to allow easy access in and out of driveway. 311 Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington.
- c) Notification consent subject to conditions for work to TPO'd trees at 122 Mossy Lea Road.
- d) Notification permission granted for variation of conditions 2 and 12 imposed on planning permission 2012/1089/FUL. Tunley Lane Farm, Tunley Lane.
- e) Notification permission granted for redevelopment of Richardson's Farm, Finch Lane.
- f) Notification Certificate of lawfulness (existing) refused for use of residential outbuilding and related land ancillary to the enjoyment of the dwelling house, Earlswood, Moss Lane.
- g) Confirmation that your email to the Chief Executive of LCC re: flooding near 15 Mossy Lea Road, has been passed to the appropriate officers in Highway Services for response.
- h) Confirmation that officers from LCC have arranged for the gully maintenance team to re-jet and clear any blockages from gullies at Rigbye's Bridge, Mossy Lea Road.
- i) Confirmation that the appeal against the temporary dwelling for agricultural workers at Coopers Lane, Heskin, has been dismissed.
- j) Confirmation that your request for a leaf sweep on Appley Lane North, footways and road, has been forwarded to the street scene services team.
- k) Request for donation and notification of their new 100 Club from CPRE Lancashire.
- l) Request for donation from Open Spaces Society.
- m) Copy CPRE Fieldwork – Winter 2018 & CPRE Countryside Voice – Winter 2018