

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 16th December 2019 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Acting Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mrs K Juckes, and Mrs R Critchley. Also present were 14 members of the public.

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.)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the December Meeting. Representatives of ABCA would like to support, and maybe join the Parish Council, in any plans they have to mark the VE day anniversary in May. It was reported that the Scarecrow Festival will tie in with the VE day anniversary in Mossy Lea. The Council will be looking at this in the New Year. Councillor Critchley will be attending the ABCA meeting in January 2020. The Parish Council were asked if they would be submitting objections to the amended plans for Parbold Quarry. Amendments are: a reduction in the amount of aggregate being imported and change to the location of the access. The Council confirmed they objected to the initial application and feel those objections remain and will submit them again. Residents asked about progress with the local plan. The Clerk confirmed nothing has been received on a revised plan. Discussions took place on the previous proposals with some residents present feeling, if development is required it should be shared between Appley Bridge and Mossy Lea. Residents would like the opportunity to say how Appley Bridge develops e.g. some wish the quarry in Appley Bridge to be re-designated as a conservation site. Some feel that because Appley Bridge has had industrial areas in the past it does not mean it has to remain so going forward. Some feel some of the remaining as yet undeveloped industrial areas in Appley Bridge could be re-categorised in the future. Residents would like Borough Councillors and members of the Local Plan Working Group to attend a meeting to discuss this. A resident present whose name was mentioned in the October Minutes requested that the Council remove the reference to him from the Minutes. Residents do not believe it is necessary to put names in the Minutes. The Clerk confirmed she can amend the Minutes if she is instructed to do so. Councillors agreed to remove the 2 sentences referred to from the Minutes and re-post the amended Minutes on the Parish Council website.

87. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillor House (work). Late apologies from Councillor Hodgkinson (holidays).
88. **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.**
89. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18th November 2019 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and, following discussions in Open Forum, it was **Resolved – Following the removal of the 2 sentences referred to in the October Minutes the November Minutes were accepted as a correct record, and were signed by the Chairman.**
90. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing to report that will not be dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.
91. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, & noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Further info. from Helen Jones, West Lancs. CVS, following attendance last month – **The Council will ask if the assistance available is only in relation to IT based initiatives.**
- b) Response from LCC to report of water from BP garage on the old road adjacent – **LCC appear to have missed the point of the report from the Council. It was confirmed this route has recently been cleared of overgrowth which has been piled up at the bottom of the road and now needs removing. A litter pick is required on this route.**

- c) Notification of nominated parties for Parish Council representation on the Standards Committee and a request to vote for 2 of the candidates – **Resolved – The Council will propose Justin Stopford (Parbold) and Derick Moss (Burscough).**
- d) Introduction of West Lancs. BC’s Chief Operating Officer, Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey – **The Clerk will provide the dates for the January, February, March and April Meetings.**
- e) Request to support the Local Electricity Bill – **The Council feel they do not know enough about this Bill to confirm support at this stage.**
- f) Request from E.on to call them to agree new electricity contracts for MLVH and ABVH which expire in March 2020 – **The Clerk will look in to this. Look for a renewable energy plan if they have one to assist in working to help climate change.**
- g) Details for West Lancs. BC Capital Funding Scheme – **Resolved – The Council will submit a bid for new Notice Boards at Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge Village Halls at a total cost of £2155.00. Capital Bid for £1440.00 + £715.00 contribution from the Parish Council.**
- h) Update on West Lancs. BC Local Plan Review – **Correspondence from West Lancs. BC confirms that the original process/consultation was halted and the process for a new local plan consultation will be discussed/confirmed in early 2020.**
- i) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Response from Parbold PC to request for support with a request to reduce the speed limit on Hall Lane to 40mph – **The Council accepted the reasoning behind the lack of support from Parbold PC in view of the current planning application for Parbold Quarry. Resolved – the Parish Council will withdraw their request to reduce the speed limit on Hall Lane.** A request was made for additional street lighting in the vicinity of Fairy Glen – **Resolved - The Council will make this request.** ii) Notification that Burscough PC will be moving towards Town Council status with effect from 1 January 2020 – **Noted.** iii) Confirmation from CC Fillis that he will look in to a response to the Parish Council on flood issues raised – **Noted. Flooding remains a serious issue on Appley Lane North and blockages reported have not been cleared to date. Action is required or the problem will get worse.**

92. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Councillor Jukes reported an email from a resident highlighting parking issues and poor external lighting at Appley Bridge Village Hall. Parking should be for village hall users only. It was confirmed that enhanced lighting formed part of the Capital Bid to West Lancs. BC work on which will commence in 2020. The installation of a barrier at the entrance to restrict access to only village hall users should be complete in early 2020. As the email was sent to Councillor Jukes she will respond.
- Overgrown hedges near the terraced houses on Mill Lane remain an issue.
- An update on improvements to the play area at Appley Lane South will be requested.
- Deep ruts in the carriageway on Skull House Lane, on the left hand side going towards Wigan, between Ramsay Timber and the new cafe, are very dangerous for cyclists/motorcyclists.
- Flooding remains an issue near No. 15 Mossy Lea Road.
- Some carriageway repairs have been undertaken at the Boundary Lane/Mossy Lea Road junction but further work is required.
- Flooding has again been an issue near Mossy Lea Village Hall with debris and leaves blocking road gullies meaning water cannot drain away. Added to this the fact the roads have not been swept for some considerable time compounds the issue. A road sweep on Mossy Lea Road will be requested, from BP garage to Wood Lane.
- The security light at Mossy Lea Village Hall is not working.
- Flooding remains a serious issue on Church Lane as the ditches overflow and flood the road.
- Water running off the fields adjacent to Tunley Lane is causing flooding on Tunley Lane.
- Fly tipping and litter on Moss Lane needs removing.

93. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report.

94. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-Long £30. Ladies Booking £60. Yoga Tuesdays £160.00. Moss needs spraying and removing from the car park – advice about the best time to do this will be

obtained. The planters need removing and emptying and a quotation will be obtained for taking the empty ones and swapping them for full ones at Moss Bank Nursery, Leigh.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Brass Band Concert in December was a huge success. The Council will thank the band for an excellent evening. Concern was expressed about the large trees on the grassed area and whether they need some attention. Councillor Burton reported that in discussions at the time of the collapsed wall, the tree officer from West Lancs. BC said they would not grow much more as they had almost reached maturity. Concern was however expressed about the potential damage the trees and overgrowth from the path adjacent to the village hall wall could do. Some of the trees need removing and the overgrowth of ivy into the village hall grounds is an ongoing issue. The Council will ask West Lancs. BC to write to the residents of Lowther Terrace, who claim to be the owners of the footpath, to request that work be done to the trees and plants on the path to prevent further damage to the village hall wall. Dale Burton will be asked for his advice on the trees and for a quotation for regular grass cuts, weed and leaf removal at the hall to keep on top of this work in 2020 and for advice on the removal of moss at Mossy Lea Village Hall. Councillor Burton declared an interest at this point as Dale Burton is her son. The Council confirmed that he has undertaken work for the Council in the past.

95. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2019/1038/FUL Amendments to the design of the property - Erection of one dwellinghouse and garage. 1 Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved - Having now had the opportunity to view the site of the proposed house the Parish Council object to the proposed house as it is too large for the piece of land it occupies, it would dominate the area and dwarf neighbouring homes and, it would not be in keeping with the existing street scene and rural nature of Tunley Lane.**
- 2) 2019/1130/FUL Creation of a larger patio area, retaining wall to the garden and a sunken circular patio set into the sloped garden accessed via a linear path from the enlarged patio. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved - No objections in principle to the proposals provided the work does not detrimentally affect existing drainage in the area, however, they do object to the fact that the work appears to have been started without the benefit of planning permission.**
- 3) 2019/1053/FUL Proposed commercial pods (Use classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5 and B1) and additional car parking spaces. Derby House Ltd, Wrightington Equestrian Centre, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved – The Council lifted Standing Orders to allow a member of the public to speak on this matter following which it was Resolved – The Council object to the proposals for additional commercial activity at this site as the existing Local Plan does not support commercial building in a residential area. The Council are also concerned about the potential for flooding which could be caused by poor drainage for the proposed additional parking spaces. The Meeting re-convened.**
- 4) 2019/1197/LBC Listed Building Consent – Change of material of the proposed chimney from render to brick, amend the position of patio doors on the rear elevation and reinstate a previously bricked up window. Reinstatement of internal staircase and internal walls. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved – The Council leave this decision to professional officers who will assess whether the proposals are compliant with Listed Building Planning Regulations.**
- 5) 2019/1169/FUL Installation of electric charging machines and relocation of underground tank vent pipes. BP, Crow Orchard Service Station, Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 6) 2019/1174/FUL Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of single storey side and rear extensions. 174 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **Resolved – No Objections.**
- 7) 2019/1125/NMA Non-Material amendment to planning permission 2018/1022/FUL - Change the material of the proposed chimney from render to brick, amend position of patio doors on the rear elevation and re-instate window previously proposed to be bricked up. South Tunley Farm, Tunley Lane, Wrightington – **Refused as the Borough Council consider these to be material changes, advised to submit a full planning application.**

8) 2019/0993/FUL Amended Plans - amendment to the proposal 2 storey side extension and single storey front & rear extensions. 24 Millbank, Appley Bridge. **Following consideration of the proposals by Councillors it was Resolved – The Council object to the proposals as follows: Flooding:- Millbank has had history of serious flooding over recent years. The proposed site for a toilet (situated in the porch, on the ground level), lacks manholes or rodding points at strategic positions. Therefore, any potential blockage e.g. flooding would have a detrimental effect on neighbours’ properties. Design detail:- There is a design fault that will impact the next door neighbour due to rainwater runoff. In the amended plans there is a gutter from the bedroom extension on to the family room and then onto the neighbour’s garage impacting on his amenity.**

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

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

For Payment:

SLCC	Annual Membership (50% with CRPC)		£90.00
Joseph Noblett	Christmas Tree – ABVH		£30.00
The Wiper Co.	Toilet rolls		£14.40
Mr F Johnson	Reimburse Window Cleaning MLVH		£35.00
Printerinks	Ink cartridges – (50% with CRPC)		£58.78
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net		£799.60
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£26.44	
	NI due by Parish Council	£14.77	£41.21
D/D British Gas	Gas usage MLVH		£265.35
D/D E.on	Electricity usage ABVH		£34.42

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts is approved.

98. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 20th January 2020 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 87 to 98 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 20th January 2020.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9.10 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for single storey rear/side extension, new roof over existing single storey side of property. 22 Graham Avenue, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed) permitted, for single storey extension and front porch. Oaksprings, Smithy Brow, Wrightington.
- c) Notification Prior Approval NOT required for extension to dwellinghouse. Extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original dwellinghouse by 6m. Max height of extension 4m. Height of eaves of extension 2.5m. 16 Church Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Apology from District Lead Officer, LCC, and notification he is still chasing the legal team and engineers and will provide an update as soon as he can with regard to boulders on Hall Lane.
- e) Notification of temporary road closure on Mill Lane, from Herons Wharf for 25m in an easterly direction, between 7.30am and 4.30pm on Monday 24th February 2020, to allow the replacement of chevrons on the bridge on behalf of Network Rail.
- f) Guidance on use of domestic CCTV cameras from Gov.UK – **forwarded to Councillors.**
- g) Request for a donation from CPRE.
- h) Copy CPRE Fieldwork – Winter 2019
- i) Copy CPRE Countryside Voices – Winter 201