

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Wroughtington Parish Council held on Monday 15th December 2025 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Ms. K Jukes (Chairman), Mrs J Burton (Vice Chairman), Mr. L Burton, Mrs H Kelsall, Ms Anne Fletcher, Mrs Sue Roberts, Mr Hugh Carey and Mr J Ashurst, Clerk
Also in attendance were several 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, Borough 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 those present to the 15th December 2025 meeting and asked everyone to treat each other with respect, and respect everyone's points of view by opening the meeting at 7.30pm.

Two members of the Public wished to speak. The first speaker reported that the job for carrying out the road markings on Courage Low Lane had been passed by LCC to the appointed Contractor deal with it

The second speaker reported on the procedure followed by Dalton Parish Council for the consideration of Planning Applications referred to them. and was thanked by the Council for the information. The Clerk went on to reiterate the advice he had been given by NALC LALC and West Lancs Planning as regards Planning Apps referred to Wroughtington P.C.

Open Forum closed at 7.40pm.

104. APOLOGIES – None

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllrs J Burton and L Burton declared an interest as regards Chisnall Farm

106. MINUTES -- The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 17th November 2025 were unanimously accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair

107. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON AGENDA-- 26/27 Budget Working Group. Cllr. Carey submitted a list of documents and reports to be submitted to Councillors before the 26/27 Budget Working Group to be held on Monday 5th January 2026 at 6p.m. at location to be advised

108. PLANNING

a. The following Planning Apps were considered: -

1. Plan App. 2025/0860/FUL. Extension to Bidston, Robin Hood Lane. It was reported that Permission had been granted

2. **Plan App.2025/0954/PNR Solar Panels at Wrightington Hospital.** It was resolved that the Council would raise no objections
3. **Plan App. 2025/0968/FUL . 315 Mossy Lea Road Wrightington.**
Variation to Planning App 2023/1018/FUL It was resolved that the Clerk would write to West Lancs requesting a site visit to confirm all the planning app conditions had been adhered to.
4. **Plan App. 2025/097 FUL Sandhole Farm 7 Wrightington Bar Wood Lane Wrightington** It was resolved that the Clerk would write to West Lancs requesting that the site be listed as a site of historical interest
5. **Plan App 2025/1012/OUT Land Adjoining Chisnall Hall Farm**
It was resolved that the Council would raise no objections
6. **Plan App 2025/0910/FUL Mossy Lea Farm** It was resolved that Cllr. Fletcher would draft a reply for circulation to all and onward transmission to West Lancs by the Clerk

109. CORRESPONDENCE /INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council- no decision required: REPORT 1 page 5 – It was resolved to accept this report

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) E mail dated 24/11/25 from West Lanc's Tom Lynan confirming that no requests for an election for the vacant Councillor Post had been received stating the Council is free to co opt at the next Meeting.
- b) Letter from Corlett Electrical advising that the PAT testing of the appliances at both village halls is now due and requesting instruction to carry out the work. It was resolved that Corletts would be instructed to carry out the PAT testing

110. EAST QUARRY -- It was reported that IWJS Drainage Co. appeared to be operating at East Quarry without permission and **it was resolved** that the Clerk send a follow up e mail to West Lancs Planning to ascertain if this is the case.

111. WEST QUARRY & THE PAD . It was resolved that Cllr. Fletcher would draft an e mail for submission to all and onward transmission by the Clerk to West Lancs Planning.

Chorley Concrete Nil to report

112. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The Chair reported that the blocked drains at various locations and the lighting issues along Mossy Lea Road had again been reported to LCC

SPIDS Cllr **Juckes** reported that she had met the Deputy Crime Commissioner to ask what speeds were being recorded by the SPIDS. Cllr **Carey** agreed to research what information can be obtained from the SPIDS

113. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES --- None

114 VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA

Cllr L Burton agreed to obtain prices for replacing the front door panel, acoustic dampening options and locks for doors to be locked in accordance with the agreed lockdown policy

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Matrix Electrical regarding the car park security light which is permanently on

It was also resolved that Cllr L Burton would supply the Clerk with a note of the structural requirements and suggested improvements to the MLVH

APPLEY BRIDGE

Lock Down Policy...**It was resolved** that a lockdown policy would be considered and AB Councillors would purchase and be reimbursed for the locks

Kitchen Store Room. **It was resolved** that shelving would be bought for the Storeroom

Smoke Alarms . **It was reported** that the batteries had now been replaced.

....Christmas Tree. **It was reported** that the Christmas tree had now been installed

Wasp Nest **It was reported** that the wasp nest was now dead and no longer needed removal

Cellar **It was resolved** that the meters would be removed first before making a decision with regard to using the cellar .

OPEN EVENINGS AT BOTH VILLAGE HALLS

The Chair reported that Robina Critchley would progress this idea in the New Year

Review of Assets **It was resolved** that the Clerk would progress the Asset Register and present it to the next meeting.

115. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS --

Trainers The Clerk agreed to circulate an e mail from LALC calling for volunteers from Councillors to train as Trainers

----- Local Government Reorganisation ----- The latest developments were reported

----- Secure .gov.uk e mail addresses. All now in place and to be used henceforth

116. ACCOUNTS --

It was resolved to approve the following Payments for December 2025

Payments:

J. Ashurst Clerk's Salary (net) to 30 Nov . 2025	£998.55
J. Ashurst Clerk's PAYE for November 2025	£249.60
J. Ashurst Clerk's Exes (Mileage) to 15/12/25	£48.02
J. Ashurst Clerk's Expenses (Ink Cartridges.)	£34.99
J. Ashurst Reimbursement of Petty Cash Float	£50.00
D/D Waterplus ABVH Water Charges December 2025	£48.89
D/D Brit Gas ABVH Gas Usage December 2025	£285.62
Starboard Sys. Monthly Scribe Subscription Dec. 25	£37.20
D/D BT Broadband Charges Nov. 25	£69.48
D/D Unity Bank Bank Charges for November 2025	£6.00
D/D Easyweb Provision of Website Services Nov.25	£55.44
LALC Councillors Training Courses	£105.00
CSI Sec. Sys Call out to Smoke Alarms at ABVH	£84.00
J Noblett Christmas Tree for ABVH	£144.00
DTG Plumbing Toilet repair at MLVH	£90.00

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2025.

It was resolved to accept the monthly budget report and bank reconciliation as at 30 November 2025 as a correct record which was signed by the Chair

117. POLICIES REVIEW Cllr Carey submitted a list of Policies to be reviewed. indicating the date of review and acceptance and when they were uploaded onto the website-

118. TRAINING--- Councillors

Planning Course The Clerk reported that LALC was trying to organise a course but required sufficient number of Councillors wishing to attend to make it viable.

Clerk **It was agreed** that the Clerk should attend the next available ICLA course. Registration for the next course is 6th February 2026

119. Work Plan 2026 It was resolved to defer this item until the next Meeting.

120. Councillor Vacancy for Mossy Lea Ward The Clerk reported that two applications had been received from Parishioners Helen Ainscough and Darren Winnard, details of which had been circulated to Councillors previously on private papers. In accordance with the co-option procedure, each Applicant had to be proposed and seconded by Councillors present. Accordingly, Helen Ainscough was proposed by Cllr. Jukes and seconded by Cllr. Fletcher and Darren Winnard was proposed by Cllr. J Burton and seconded by Cllr. L. Burton correctly before moving to a vote.

A vote was undertaken by a show of hands with 4 votes for Helen Ainscough and 2 for Darren Winnard and 1 abstention. **It was resolved** that Helen Ainscough be duly appointed as Councillor for the Mossy Lea Ward.

It was further resolved that the Clerk would write to Helen Ainscough confirming her appointment and also to Darren Winnard thanking him for his application

**121. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 19th January 2026
at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30p.m.**

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend
Meeting Closed at 9.30 p.m

Chairman:

Date

REPORT 1

- a) E mail dated 1/12/25 from West Lanc's Paul Chadwick as regards ongoing enforcement matters at East and West Quarries, Appley Bridge.
- b) E mail from British Gas offering installation of a smart meter at Appley Bridge Village Hall. Awaiting further notification from British Gas regarding possible relocation costs
- c) E mail dated 19/11/2025 from Water plus regarding costs of relocating water meter
- d) E mail from Steve Faulkener, West Lanc's Planning Services Manager clarifying the correct procedure for the consideration of Planning Applications by a Parish Council
- e) E mail from Lancashire Highways confirming reporting of the blocked drains on Mossy Lea Road by the Clerk
- f) E mail from West Lancs dated 8/12/25 regarding the completion of the Annual CIL Report must be submitted by 31st December 2025

Meeting Protocols: Please note the following procedures to ensure the smooth running of the meeting:

- Members of the public will only be able to speak during the Open Forum section of the meeting. If you wish to speak during this section please email the Clerk by 5pm on the day before the meeting, with brief details of the subject matter being raised. The Chairman will ask the member/s of the public to speak. Before speaking, the member of the public should state their name. Time permitting the Chairman will ask if members of the public wish to raise anything else, however, dependant on time, this may need to be held over until the next meeting. Each member of the public will be able to speak for a limit of three minutes.
- Parish Councillors wishing to speak are asked to please raise a hand and the Chairman will invite him/her to speak.
- To vote, members should raise their hand as appropriate.