

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17 July 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

34. **APOLOGIES** – All serving Parish Councillors were present.
35. **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.
36. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 June 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
37. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Public Footpath No.1 Heskin – If no action is taken the matter will be forwarded to Heskin PC.
Community Association – It was reported, there has been a change in committee members at the Community Association and, Councillor House will now receive information/invites to meetings.
Armed Forces Day Flags – Will now be taken down.
Broken tree Chisnall Avenue – Has now been removed but the ivy is piled up on the grass verge.
Environmental Officer's visit – Broadhurst Lane – He only saw clean water on his visit, however, it was reported that any discharge of water from a septic tank should be clear as it was on the day of Andrew Davies's site visit. It was felt that the work to the drainage system in this vicinity last year did not work. It was reported that the water board has cut through the cast iron drainage pipe, hence the yellow water. However, there is currently some drainage work taking place on this lane which will hopefully address this issue. There is nothing coming out of the meter chamber now.
38. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**
Items reported to, noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – pages 4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Request for a donation from Appley Bridge Pensioners & Social Club – **Resolved: The Council will make a £100 donation at the August Parish Council Meeting.**
- b) Notification from West Lancs. BC that funding for play is fully allocated however, the Parish Council could submit a CIL application for 2019/20 for consideration for Appley Lane South. There is no funding available for picnic tables at Mossy Lea Play Area – **Noted. The Parish Council will ask if West Lancs. BC will install, inspect and take responsibility for picnic benches if the Parish Council purchased 2. It was confirmed that the fence bordering the footway has now been repaired. Councillor Mr Johnson suggested that it would be a good idea to install a gate from the village hall car park onto the play area. Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that this matter had been discussed at great length when the fence around the car park had been installed, however, for the safety of children who may step out between parked cars on the car park in their haste to get to the play area, the idea of an adjoining gate was dismissed. It was confirmed that the gates recently removed from the hall were installed a considerable time after the fence, at the request of a gentleman who lived next door to the village hall who, shortly after they were installed, moved house. Councillor Mr Johnson proposed that an adjoining gate now be installed**

in the fence to the play area, this proposal was seconded by Councillor Mr Hodgkinson. Following a vote, it was Resolved: on a majority vote that no gate be installed.

- c) Confirmation from Wigan Council that the play area at Herons Wharf will be reinstalled within 4 weeks – **Noted.**
- d) Request for Parish Council observations on the application to stop up part of the highway on Broadhurst Lane following the site meeting with Andrew Davies – **At the site visit with Andrew Davies it became apparent that the land in question is not the road or highway but a piece of grass verge which may have been mistakenly designated as highway in the past. Resolved: The Parish Council withdraw their objections to the proposed stopping up of this section of highway/verge on Broadhurst Lane.**
- e) Notification from a resident of Manse Avenue that no-one in the Avenue has received any leaflets regarding the Ironman event – **Councillors confirmed that the event did seem to work better this year. There was one problem with a livery yard on Church Lane when a horse-owner was not allowed back in to the yard. Councillor Mrs Burton confirmed that the customers who did use her business on that date did not seem to have any problems, however, many cancelled their visit knowing that the event was taking place, therefore, her business was affected by the event. It was reported that no leaflets were delivered in Wrightington despite the promise that every household would be informed. The Council feel it is too early at this stage to say that there were no complaints.**
- f) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Invitation from West Lancs. BC to attend the Civic Sunday Service on 3 September at 3pm – **Apologies will be submitted.** ii) Notification of the Standards Regime & Code of Conduct Training at The Council Offices, Derby Street, Ormskirk, Tuesday 20th September 2017 at 6.30pm - **Nobody at the moment however Councillors will contact the Clerk if they are able to attend.**

39. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Councillor Johnson confirmed that when he walked the old road at the rear of the BP garage there were a lot of weeds and ragwort, however, there was no evidence of seepage from the septic tank on the BP site. Councillor Mrs Burton agreed to ask the contractor to go along this route and cut back the vegetation with his machine at the same time as he cuts back the hedge on Mossy Lea Road, on the opposite side of the road from the village hall.
- Councillor Mrs Burton reported that ragwort and giant hogweed in the vicinity of the BP garage and the motorway access/exit were also the subject of discussion at Wigan Council who suggested that the legal department at West Lancs. BC should be informed, as it was their gateway planting scheme. If no action is then taken a report can then be made to DEFRA. The shrubs on both sides of the Mossy Lea Road junction require cutting back.
- The Council will request a grass verge cut by LCC on the motorway roundabout.
- Councillor Johnson has contacted Graham White re: road/footway sweeping as he believes it is approx. 39 wks since the roads were last swept. It appears that LCC no longer weed spray.
- It was again confirmed that the derelict land on Mill Lane is still considered to be an eyesore.
- The public footpath from opposite Skull House Lane through to Finch Lane and the school is very overgrown and requires cutting back.
- The Council will request an update on the upgrading of public footpath 21 to a bridleway.
- The Council will ask LCC to trim the overgrowth on the right hand side of the Courage Low Lane junction with Moss Lane, as it is obstructing sight-lines.
- Councillor Mrs Burton reported that there is a possibility the library van could make additional stops along the current route through the Parish. Councillors suggested Chisnall Avenue or Tunley Church car park, Stoneygate Lane, the car park at Sam's Bar, Appley Lane South and Appley Bridge Village Hall car park. Councillor Mrs Burton will pass these suggestions on.
- The Clerk reported that she had requested Policing for the forthcoming Remembrance Day Parade on Appley Lane North. The Council will await the outcome of this request.
- Councillor Johnson reported several complaints that the new LED replacement street lights being rolled out through the County, are too dim and will be inadequate in winter.

40. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Site Meeting with Andrew Davies – it was reported that the Councillors who met with Andrew Davies also

discussed flooding in the vicinity of 15 Mossy Lea Road. They were informed that LCC are waiting for the National Grid to respond before the work can be undertaken. However, United Utilities also want to do investigations before LCC can do the work. It seems the money for the drainage work has already been allocated twice. Permission to undertake the work is also required from the Diocese. **The Council will request an update.**

Boulders Hall Lane – Councillors were told by Andrew Davies that there is a wall at the edge of the road which needs rebuilding and the large boulders have apparently been placed there by the homeowner to stop any damage to the wall. **The Council will request an update.**

41. **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER** – Councillors will check and inform the Clerk of any changes required, the Newsletter will then be sent to print.

42. **VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Receipt of £300 for use of village hall as a polling station. It was noticed that the chairs are damaging the paintwork on the walls. Different options will be explored e.g.: Perspex or a paper border. The Clerk reported that an invoice had recently been submitted to Lancashire Adult Learning for the courses held in the village hall over the last academic year. The next village hall committee meeting will be held in January 2018, prior to the Parish Council Meeting.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Councillor Mrs Burton reported that when visiting after school club regarding the playing of ball games in the hall, the person in charge said they did not play ball games despite the presence of a large net full of balls. Councillor Mrs Burton informed the organiser that, if the playing of ball games in the hall did not cease, she would be reporting this to the school as a breach of health and safety measures in place in the village hall. It was reported that Active West Lancs. will be starting a diet and fitness class in the village hall on Thursday mornings, between 10am and 12pm, from 7th September 2017. The caretaker will be asked to place parking leaflets on cars being left on the car park. The next village hall committee meeting will be held on 30 October 2017 at 8pm. Councillor Mrs Burton will check the notice board as it was reported it needs staining/maintenance.

43. **PLANNING** The following applications were discussed:

- 1) 2017/0568/FUL First floor rear extension. 2 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2017/0611/FUL First floor timber framed extension at side. 3 North Drive, Appley Bridge – (Case 2162253) **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2017/0634/FUL Extension to existing business by construction of a 20m deep test tank and a single storey extension to the side of the existing building to provide a foyer, office, changing facilities and WC for male and female, store, training pool and plant room. Northern Divers Building, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - **Resolved: The decision will be left to the professional officers.**
- 4) 2017/0658/FUL Single storey side extension to replace existing single storey double length garage. (Case 2162257) 6 Courage Low Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**

44. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Area Committee Meeting, the AGM, to take place on Thursday 20 July at 7.30pm at Derby Street – Notification of the 73rd AGM or LALC, Saturday 18 November 2017 at 10am at County Hall, Preston – Details of three training workshops were also provided - **Noted.**

45. **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
Mrs M Stewart	Internal Audit		£25.00
D/D BT	Phone Line & Broadband MLVH		£170.00
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied to MLVH		£231.34

The Clerk explained that as the Parish Council appointed Internal Auditor had been taken ill at the time of the internal audit, it was necessary to find an alternative internal auditor. After discussing this with the Chairman, the Clerk approached the Internal Auditor of Charnock Richard P C

accounts who agreed to undertake the internal audit for Wrightington PC as well. As Charnock Richard PC pay £25.00 it was **Resolved**: That the same payment would be made by the Council. **Resolved**: Payment of the above accounts was approved.

46. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18 September 2017 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 34 to 46 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18 September 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:32 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification permission granted for single storey extension to rear with flat to pitch alteration to existing front and rear dormers. New raised patio to rear. Jacquemar, Hall Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Confirmation from West Lancs. BC Environmental officer that he visited Treetops, Broadhurst Lane, but could only see evidence of clean water.
- c) Confirmation that your request for community concern signs is being investigated.
- d) Confirmation from LCC that your enquiry regarding a one-way system on Mill Lane has been forwarded to the relevant dept.
- e) Confirmation that your report of an obstruction on footpath 1, Heskin, is being investigated.