

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18th July 2022 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr A J Shaw, Mr J Chambers, Mr F Johnson, Mrs K Jukes, Mr C House and Mr R Alexander. Also present were members of the public, 2 representatives of Lancashire Police, 1 representative of Lancashire Fire and Rescue and Borough Councillor Bailey.

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.)

A minutes silence was held as a mark of respect to Jamie Lewin, the young man who recently lost his life in East Quarry, and to acknowledge the sudden, recent passing of the Appley Bridge Village Hall Treasurer, Mrs Elaine Armstrong.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that the meeting protocol at the end of the Agenda be observed and abided by, and that everyone's points of view be treated with respect. The Chairman thanked representatives of the Police and Fire Service for attending and providing an update. Lancashire Police – (Sgt David Butcher) confirmed that a joint operation between the Police and Fire Service recovered the young man's body from the Quarry. There will be a Coroner's Inquest and CID is putting together a file for the Coroner and the Health & Safety Executive. Investigations are on-going. He confirmed that historically the Neighbourhood Policing Teams have normally done a fully operational deployment on receipt of a report of an incident at the Quarry, however, this has recently been reviewed by the Chief Constable and the Police will now only respond in certain circumstances e.g.: a child in distress or anti-social behaviour. Responding has presented a significant drain on resources, for the right reasons, but with only 2 Police Officers and 4 PCSO's to cover the whole area, the Police will do what they can depending upon priority and/or demand at the time of a reported incident. The officer confirmed that the recent incident is tragic and, whilst he appreciates there are other things to consider, he personally feels the quarry should be drained.

Lancashire Fire Service – (Service Prevention Manager – Tony Hewitt) Confirmed that the Police are at the quarry at this moment in time and that young people are still swimming and entering and leaving the site. Education is one of the key tools the Fire Service has to tackle this type of incident i.e.: the dangers of Cold Water Shock and the risks of entering these sites. The Fire Service are getting this message across however they can, across all areas, including Greater Manchester and Merseyside for a consistent approach, using social media and other means. It is difficult to explain the risks the young people are taking. They have reached out to the railway station managers along the routes to Appley Bridge, as many are arriving by rail. He confirmed that response appliances need to take account of travel time to get there, and that the 2 water ready response vehicles are in Ormskirk and Penwortham. LCC has notified them that the message has gone out to all schools, colleges, universities and apprenticeship schemes. They are trying to reach as many as they can. It was confirmed that if they want to get in to a site, it is difficult to stop them. On 25th July it is National World Drowning Prevention Day with the emphasis on drowning awareness Campaigns. If anyone has any Intel and/or resources to assist in raising awareness and getting the word out there, please let them know. Skelmersdale Fire Station is the first port of call and/or ask for Tony Hewitt – Service Prevention Manager.

Members of the Public – a resident reported having seen young people today coming from the railway station and after asking, it would appear that they are coming from outside the area. In addition, social media highlights areas of open water in a particular location. However, young people do not realise the dangers of open water and the drain on resources caused when fire services attend. It was suggested that building a relationship with the visitors and talking to them is not the best way as most will just ignore the talking/advice and go in anyway. Mr Hewitt reported that a Lancashire Water Safety Partnership is being set up to cover the whole of Lancashire and invest money into water safety. Whilst some believe that it is a lax approach to just speak to them, there has been some success turning them around as they arrive at the site. The Fire Officer confirmed that response and education is where the Fire Service stops. The Fire Service and the Police are not there to respond to the civil trespass. Residents were advised that if criminal offences are committed, they must report them. Residents confirmed that they have done, but do not

always get a response and that some of the youths are likely to challenge you if confronted. It was confirmed that all calls are assessed and risk assessed as they are received and then prioritised. If the situation becomes volatile, mention this to control staff and this could escalate the call. If reports of all incidents are made then the Police can see a pattern. It was reported that these youths go through resident's gardens. Entering the quarry or gardens is a civil trespass but, any damage caused to fences or gardens, or abuse, can be dealt with as criminal offences. Residents confirmed that they are keeping a record of incidents. Reports of racial abuse were confirmed and the fact the shop owner has to pay for security to protect his staff and his stock. The Police confirmed that the Neighbourhood Policing Team do visit the shop regularly. Strong views were expressed that the quarry needs filling in; residents felt that the dangers associated with the quarry need to go before there is another death. It was reported that previously the Parish Council requested throw lines and flotation devices be installed at the quarry which was rejected by the owner. It was suggested and agreed that installing these could be seen as encouraging access. What responsibility the landowner has to provide these is a grey area, as those in the quarry should not be there anyway. Discussions on whether such aids should be at the site are being undertaken, as draining the quarry, if this is the decision, will take time. What can the community do in the meantime? Adequate fencing and security would stop young people getting into the site immediately. Security and fencing the site is the responsibility of the quarry owner who says that the fence is inspected daily and that as fast as it is repaired it is damaged again. Filling the quarry will take a long time whereas improved security can be immediate. It was confirmed that no matter how high the fence is, they are inventive, they will get in, over and under. Some allege that the fence is not checked every day. The Police are trying to talk to the owner to do something about the fencing and security and agree that the owner needs to invest in the fencing. The Police present confirmed that they are relatively new to the post and were asked if the residents could not make a case for nuisance against the trespassers at that site, maybe a bylaw could be established to assist with this. This type of thing would have to be done by the Council. It was reported that there is a flooded quarry in Upholland and there are no problems there. The Police confirmed that the additional powers they had during Covid meant that they could prosecute as they should have been in their homes. However, a bylaw will not fix the problem long term, they will still come. The Police agree that better security is required. It was confirmed that investigations will hopefully address any issues which are raised. Some believe that irrespective of the outcome of investigations, whether the answer is to drain and fill the quarry or not, a short term solution would be better fencing and security. The Police and Fire Service confirmed that they would feed everybody's views back to the multiagency meeting and then report back through the Chair and come back to the next Meeting to provide an update. A resident reported that in November 2021 County Councillor John Fillis attended the Parish Council Meeting at which he had a lot to say about draining and not draining the quarry. Councillor Fillis was invited to attend tonight's Meeting but did not respond. In November he apologised for not going to see the owner pre-pandemic and said he would go and see him immediately, asking the residents' questions, identifying what support was available to the quarry owner and what was the best way forward. Some 9 months on and no response, report, or follow up, has been received from Councillor Fillis. Many felt that County Councillor Fillis, Planning and Environmental Health should be in the village, arranging a separate Meeting and making things better. It was confirmed that LCC refused the application for the construction of the ramp at East Quarry. It was also confirmed that the village and community is split on the issue of whether the quarry should be drained and filled, or not. Councillor House confirmed that personally he would like to see the quarry drained tomorrow. Support for this was expressed by a round of applause. This is not the time for arguing or bickering. Councillor House urged everyone to get on-board with this. The Chairman, Councillor Mrs Burton, reported that it is 12 months since the Parish Council discussed the LCC application for the ramp at East Quarry and, that on a majority vote, the Parish Council had no objections to the installation of the ramp. The Parish Council was heavily criticised and insulted by members of the public present at that meeting, for that decision, and has been ever since. Now the Parish Council and the community need to work together to remove this danger. It was confirmed that currently TikTok videos are telling young people to go to the quarry. The Police and Fire Service were asked if their social media or com's department could not intercept these, report it, remove them, or comment about these. The Fire Service representative reiterated that Education on this subject and the risks/dangers is the biggest resource they have. They will continue to come back until there is a conclusion to this. A possible option suggested was asking the owner about draining the quarry and not filling it in, but leaving it as a dry quarry.

Borough Councillor Bailey – one of the Borough Councillors for Wrightington, reported that the owner has had an abstraction licence to dewater the quarry for 18 months and done nothing and had all the information about security too. He confirmed that he attends Parish Council Meeting and reports everything back to LCC. He was asked if he has written to the owner to find out why he has done nothing. Councillor House reported on the list of questions submitted by residents, sent to the quarry owner via the Parish Council. He confirmed that the quarry owner responded to each question/email received, the responses were made public, and the landowner requested/suggested that if there were any other observations or issues, residents could go to see him in his office. All the responses were put on the Parish Council website but were subsequently taken off at the request of the residents who were then attending the Parish Council Meetings. It was suggested that this request was made by the opposition group and not by the people who wanted the quarry draining. It is believed by a number of people present that this was unfair as they were removed at the request of the minority of objectors. The Chairman confirmed that this Parish Council represents all the community. Residents present confirmed that there are 2 groups in the village, one group in favour of draining the quarry and one group against it. It was again confirmed, that children have died in the quarry. The Parish Council agree it should have been emptied years ago. Everyone is in agreement; they want something to happen with the quarry. It was pointed out that some people are blaming Maybrook for everything but, if the Police cannot stop visitors/swimmers from going in, how can you expect the owner to do so? He would need to employ a lot of security and many believe that blaming the owner is not right. With no disrespect to the Parish Council a resident asked if this Meeting, and the Parish Council, is the right forum to get the answers people want. They confirmed that the Parish Council has supported the residents all along with this matter. It was confirmed that it is LCC who need to be lobbied. Councillor Shaw confirmed that, the landowners fencing is in accordance with The Mines and Quarries Act, which says that the fence should be a deterrent and should be maintained, and that is all it says. Residents confirmed that these problems are historical. Councillor Shaw reported that lots of young people swam in Eccleston Delph many years ago. Criticising the landowner is not the answer, a better or bigger fence is not the answer, the only answer is to drain this quarry, no fence will stop them getting in. This met with applause.

Councillor Jukes introduced herself as the local Councillor and read aloud her factual statement – confirming that she had lived in Appley Bridge for 30 years and is aware of the problems at East and West Quarry. Over time she has liaised with multiple agencies regarding concerns about East Quarry. There is no easy fix. These agencies work within the law and policies of Local and National Government, which are sometimes contradictory and often complex. The quarry owner has had a licence for 18 months to dewater the quarry by 70% however; a pipeline is required into The Slacks to do this. To dewater the remaining 30% lots of reports are required to avoid contamination of The Slacks and the River Douglas. The owner needs an Environmental Impact Assessment and a Transport Assessment before he can fill the quarry in. The Environment Agency will require sufficient information to issue an Environmental Permit for land fill to take place. Councillor Jukes confirmed that she has seen the owner's master-plan for Appley Bridge and reported that West Lancs. BC planners' pre-application advice on the proposals makes it clear that it does not fit with the Local Plan and Government Policy. Should a Certificate of Lawful Development be accepted, publicity and a consultation are unlikely. Rules and policies need to be followed filling East Quarry is not true. In the short/medium term the solution must be about security of the site whilst other avenues are explored. Some people present applauded this.

The Police reported that the quarry has been checked today and young people are still entering and swimming in it. It was confirmed that it is not just young people or children but that families and adults with babies have been seen there. The feeling of many people present was that the situation will return to usual again until it is drained which will stop the anti-social behaviour and everything else that it has a knock-on effect on. It was agreed that these issues have divided the community but there have now been several deaths. It was asked if, using Eccleston Delph as an example/resource, there is any avenue that can be explored. It was again confirmed that the owner cannot be forced to do anything as it is private land. It is felt that this is not the right time to go too in-depth and that we need to let the investigation take place. Some of the public present reported that following their last attendance at a Parish Council Meeting, some residents were handing out leaflets and a petition to stop the draining of the quarry. Some figures were quoted as to numbers required to sign a petition to get something done, could the figures be clarified. The Chairman explained that discussions at that time, and figures quoted, were the result of some members of the public present who wanted to set up a separate Parish Council for Appley Bridge. At the moment

Wrightington Parish Council has 2 wards, Appley Bridge Ward and Mossy Lea Ward. The question of, if there was a petition set up to show that there is a lot more people in the village who want to drain the quarry than those who do not want it draining think there is, was raised. It was stated that it is a minority of people who do not want the views spoiling from their garden or they are in dispute with the quarry owner, 2 of which are on the Parish Council. It was confirmed that Councils do not always take notice of petitions and that it is better and more successful if people write individually to express their views. It was suggested that a separate meeting is required with representatives from LCC and planning. Councillor Bailey was asked if he could facilitate such a Meeting but stated that he is not the County Councillor for this area. The Police were asked what safety measures have been put in place since the previous fatality at the quarry? The Police confirmed that they did not get involved at that stage but they believe that the inquiry confirmed the fence was adequate at the time. The Police realised that they can deploy as many officers as possible at this site but the swimmers will still get in, the problem did not go away even with a lot of resources thrown at it. The reality is that there could be another tragedy over this summer. The Fire Service reported that, just prior to the previous loss of life they had developed a campaign called “Dying for a Dip” which was subsequently delivered to 12 schools in Lancashire, and virtually, following the tragedy. There is a big drive on now and all education staff are on board as they realise the importance of that education in the curriculum. Local swimming pools are teaching life-saving skills. There are lots of ways now post Covid to share the information virtually e.g.: teams, zoom etc. and the authorities are working tirelessly to deliver the message.

The Chairman thanked the Police and Fire Service officers for attending. Open Forum closed at 8.35pm.

At this point Councillor Jukes approached the Clerk reporting that she has been involved with West Lancs. BC and dealt with travellers who have settled on the old road adjacent to the BP Garage, causing a number of problems. She confirmed it had been reported to the Council and the Police and, that the Borough Council were going today to get a warrant to remove them. Councillor Jukes gave her apologies and left the Meeting.

32. **APOLOGIES** - Were received and accepted from Councillor Hodgkinson (holiday) and Councillor Jukes who left the Meeting at the end of Open Forum.
33. **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.**
34. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th June 2022 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
35. **EAST QUARRY – APPLEY BRIDGE** – It was confirmed that the recent loss of life is a tragedy and not the first one at this quarry and that something needs to be done. The Chairman asked if everyone had read the statement from the quarry owner that he wants to drain it. Councillors confirmed that they had. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council support the owner’s proposal to drain the Quarry as soon as possible. This was seconded by Councillor Shaw. Councillor Alexander wished to comment before voting on this. He confirmed that draining the quarry is one solution and it will not be a simple process. The current licence is to dewater the quarry by 70%. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council knew this and had been over this many times and that it will be up to the authorities to make the decisions and investigate the recent tragedy. The Chairman confirmed that after seeing the public tonight and that they want it drained, she is proposing that the Council support Mr O’Dowd in draining the quarry, leaving it to the authorities to monitor it, and then see what comes after that and work together. Councillor Alexander suggested that the water authority at this stage has not guaranteed that the quarry can be dewatered by 70% and no there is no guarantee that they will allow 100% dewatering. He felt that it is too early to make a decision on this matter. Councillor Johnson confirmed that for many years the Police PCSO’s have spent a lot of their time at Appley Bridge Quarry. It has been suggested the only solution is to drain the quarry. The Chairman asked if there was an amendment to her

proposal. Councillor Alexander did not think the proposal merited being voted on. Councillor Shaw asked that if the Parish Council vote to support emptying the quarry, can it be expected that the Borough Councillor, who has left the Meeting, will defend the Parish Councils democratic decision and not go against it at District level? As a member of the Parish Council she should reflect what the Parish Council decides regardless of any personal views. It was suggested that if this is not possible they can leave the Parish Council. The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should support the proposal to drain the quarry and write to the quarry owner, the MP and LCC confirming this. Councillor Shaw asked for clarification of what the owner is proposing to do. It was confirmed that Rosie Cooper MP reported that the owner is going to apply for a Certificate of Lawfulness to drain the quarry, then raise the floor of the quarry to within a metre of the current water level, then re-water it for the top metre so that aesthetically it looks the same but the danger will have been removed. The Chairman confirmed that this was the proposal the Chairman was asking the Parish Council to support. The Clerk was asked if she could clarify how the quarry owner was going to stop the quarry from filling up again. The Clerk confirmed that this was not possible as she is not the quarry owner and that she does not understand, nor pretend to understand, the mechanics of the proposals, she can only report what the MP and the quarry owner outlined as the proposals for the site. The Chairman asked for a show of hands in support of her proposal which was seconded by Councillor Shaw. A recorded vote was requested. Councillors Mrs Burton, Shaw, House and Johnson voted in favour of supporting the proposal. Councillors Chambers and Alexander abstained from voting. On a majority vote it was therefore **Resolved – That the Parish Council support the proposals to drain and fill East Quarry. The Parish Council will convey this decision to the owner of the Quarry, the MP and Lancashire County Council.** The Chairman asked Borough Councillor Bailey if he could also convey this to LCC and ask that they support the Parish Council.

At this point the Police and Fire & Rescue Service representatives left the Parish Council Meeting.

36. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, & noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Copy consent form for the roadside seating on the grass verge at the junction of Mossy Lea Road and Boundary Lane – **Noted. The contractor has been instructed to go ahead with repairs to the bench which will now appear on the Parish Council asset register.**
- b) Notification the Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Marilyn Westley, will be holding her Civic Sunday Service on the 11th September 2022, at 2.30pm at St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall, and an invitation to attend. Request for confirmation of whether the PC will be represented – **The Chairman will inform the Clerk if she can attend. Service subsequently cancelled.**
- c) Details of the new Love Clean Streets app (emailed to Councillors and details of which are now in the draft Newsletter) – **Noted. It was confirmed that public footpath reporting will soon be added to the existing list of reports which can be made using the app.**
- d) Resources for the PC to use to support LCC's Slow Down Save Lives campaign – **Noted. The Clerk will explore the possibility of obtaining a second banner so that one can be displayed in each ward. BC Bailey can obtain more bin stickers if required.**
- e) Annual reminder about the LCC Public Rights of Way – Local Delivery Scheme 2022-23 + details of the new Biodiversity Grant Scheme – **Following discussion it was Resolved – that the Council will not opt in to the PROW grant but will opt into the Biodiversity grant. The Council will then work with ABCA and the 3 primary schools to deliver projects.**
- f) The following locations have been suggested and submitted for assessment to LCC for SPID plates – 1) grass verge adjacent to Mossy Lea Playing Field, Mossy Lea Road. 2) Grass verge just past the entrance to Derby House, Mossy Lea Road. 3) close to the entrance to Mossy Lea Fold, near the flashing 20mph school sign. 4) On the grass verge near street light 208 and the entrance to Tunley Brook Barn, on the opposite side of the road from the UU pumping station, Mossy Lea Road. 5) Somewhere between Broadhurst Lane and Mossy Lea Village Hall on the same side of the road. 6) On the opposite side of the road from Mossy Lea Village Hall, Mossy Lea Road, after the houses. 7) On Appley Lane North on the same side as, and near to the shops. 8) On Appley Lane North between Appley Bridge Village Hall and Finch Lane on the

same side of the road as Finch Lane. 9) On Moss Lane, on the approach to Courage Low Lane when coming from the Wrightington County Club direction – **Noted. Councillor Alexander will provide possible locations for Appley Bridge. Speeding issues were reported on Appley Lane South. Some Councillors think sections of Appley Lane North should be 20mph. Standing Orders were lifted to allow BC Bailey to report that 20mph speed limits are not normally found on main arterial routes, which Appley Lane North and Appley Lane South will be. The Meeting reconvened.**

- g) Information from Lancashire Fire & Rescue who are supporting the Royal Life Saving Society UK in Drowning Prevention Week 2022, urging people to access the charity’s free online resources to ensure their children have the skills to enjoy fun in the water – **Noted.**
- h) Notification West Lancs. BC has been asked to review the ACV status allocated to the Corner House, Wrightington. The outcome of the review should be available by 18/7/22 – **Noted.**
- i) Information on the current position with the Corner House, which is now back on the market, from the Community Group fighting to retain this asset in the village – **Noted.**
- j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Report of speeding concerns on Appley Lane South – **Noted, the Council will request details of times and will be considered for a SPID location.** ii) Email report of parking issues on Rookery Fold and parking of caravans, litter, debris and fly-tipping on the old road adjacent to the BP garage – **These matters will be reported to the relevant departments for action. It was confirmed that the bollards had not been put back properly on the old road which allowed access. BC Bailey will pursue this. It is understood that BC Jukes, West Lancs. BC and the Police have been involved in clearing the route of the old road adjacent to the BP garage and removing travellers from the site.** iii) Reports re: grass cutting schedule and current position with litter bin provision in the village - **Confirmed a cut and lift is not possible on Mossy Lea Playing fields. It is not logistically possible to collect, store and dispose of the amount of grass cuttings that would be generated. Grass verge cutting depends on the route as identified by LCC. Cutting back around hazard markers presents a safety issue and may require traffic management, however, West Lancs. BC will look at what can be done. Re: litter bin provision – West Lancs. BC is replacing damaged litter bins first. 2 have been replaced in Mossy Lea and 2 in Appley Bridge to date. More litter bins are on order. Once damaged bins have been replaced across the Borough, provision of new ones will be looked at.**

Councillor Shaw Apologised and left the Meeting at this point.

37. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- A small section of double yellow lines will again be requested either side of the entrance to Appley Bridge Village Hall as parked vehicles currently obstruct sightlines when exiting.

38. ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – draft for consideration – The Clerk confirmed the Newsletter is 95% complete and is awaiting the 2 new locations for the defibrillators in Appley Bridge. The Clerk will investigate the cost of delivery by a delivery company. Councillor House will check the cost of delivery by Royal Mail and will ask if the hairdressers opposite Pesto would be willing to have the defibrillator located outside their building.

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

40. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Yoga classes continue at the village hall.

APPLEY BRIDGE – The village hall is in use today for a funeral gathering.

41. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2022/0118/FUL Demolition of existing house and erection of proposed new house. The Poplars, Tunley Lane, Wrightington - **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2022/0424/FUL Raised terrace to rear of property including alterations to doors and windows. 58 Glenside, Appley Bridge - **Resolved: No Objections.**

3) 2022/0579/FUL Two storey side extension to existing dwelling. 22 Toogood Lane, Wrightington -

Resolved: No Objections.

Reported on a Meeting re: proposed extension at 1 Lowther Terrace, Appley Bridge – **Noted.**

42. **LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Request for topics to be covered in an online training session with LCC on MARIO – **Nothing to add.** Notification that the next Area Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 28th July 2022 at West Lancs. BC offices – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

AB All Saints School	Donation towards sign language training	£100.00
St Joseph's School	Donation towards sign language training	£100.00
Mossy Lea School	Donation towards sign language training	£100.00
Mr F Johnson	Reimburse the cost of window cleaning at MLVH	£40.00
Waterplus	Water Charges ABVH (estimated)	£23.31
OPSTA	Annual Membership	£10.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net of Pension Contributions	£900.79
DTG Plmbg & Htng	CH Boiler services – ABVH & MLVH	£120.00
D/D NEST	Pension Contributions (employer + employee)	£35.70
D/D Plusnet	Internet ABVH	£23.62
D/D Plusnet	Internet MLVH	£27.60
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied ABVH (estimated)	£47.02
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied MLVH (estimated)	£33.92
D/D Waterplus	Water usage MLVH	£42.84

Receipts:

ABVH Committee	Quarterly transfer	£2,529.00
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Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts is approved.

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

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 19th September 2022 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 32 to 44 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 19th September 2022.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Close: 9.35pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- Notification permission granted for proposed new boundary treatment including felling of existing Leylandii trees and erection of new screen fences. Cowlings Farm, 13 Church Lane, Wrightington.
- Notification permission granted for two storey rear extension. 2 Canal Bank, Appley Bridge.
- Exchange of correspondence between Councillors and the Clerk confirming the current status of the defibrillators in the Parish at Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge.
- Confirmation that the Monitoring Officer at West Lancs. BC would be happy to attend a Meeting to undertake some Code of Conduct Training in the future.
- Copy of the Parish & Town Council Newsletter – Summer 2022 (emailed to Councillors)
- Confirmation from Stagecoach that the 635 bus route is a tendered route that is funded by TFGM, who will need to be contacted about any issues with the route.
- Copy Open Spaces Society Summer 2022 edition of Open Space.

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.