

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Mrs K Jukes, 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.)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the June Parish Council Meeting. It was confirmed that Councillors had met with residents at the play area on the Appley Lane South playing fields which is closed at the moment and cordoned off. The residents asked the Council to support them in their requests for new equipment and benches and to make the play area safe. Councillor House confirmed that the Parish Council had made repeated requests for refurbishments and enhancements to this play area over the past few years. The Parish Council also asked Wigan Council to progress the opening of the Herons Wharf playground. Residents also petitioned for this and confirmed that they pay for this. The Clerk reported the responses from West Lancs. BC to the request for upgrading at the play area and the response from LCC to the request for zebra crossings on Appley Lane North, stating that accident statistics do not justify the installation of these on this road.

21. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillor Mrs Critchley (holidays)
22. **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 – **Councillor Johnson declared an interest in item c) of correspondence as he has been asked to join the fundraising team at St James’s Church. No further 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.**
23. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and the amended Minutes for the Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
24. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** - Nothing to report that will not be dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.
25. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**  
Items reported to, & noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3-4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Email apology from PCSO Holderness for last month’s meeting and crime statistics for April – **The Council will suggest that if the PCSO cannot attend the Meetings could the Council be provided with regular monthly crime statistics for the area.**
- b) Request for a donation from Appley Bridge in Bloom – **Resolved – The Council will donate £100 to Appley Bridge in Bloom.**
- c) Request for support, financial or otherwise, from St James the Great Church towards the extension and improvement of the church hall facilities to form a community room - **Resolved – The Council will donate £100 to St James the Great Church improvements.**
- d) Response from West Lancs. BC to correspondence highlighting the poor condition of the play area at Appley Lane South – **The Council will continue to press for progress reports.**
- e) Invitation from the Mayor of West Lancs., Councillor Gaynar Owen, to attend her Civic Sunday Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at Ormskirk Parish Church at 2pm – **Councillor Mrs Jukes will check her diary and report back to the Clerk.**
- f) Letter from the Mayor of West Lancs., Councillor Gaynar Owen, expressing the Mayor’s willingness to attend events the Parish Council is involved in or any other events the Mayor would be welcome to attend – **Noted, for possible future reference.**

- g) Email raising concerns about speeding traffic on Mossy Lea Road from a resident and from Borough Councillor Mrs Evans – **The Parish Council share the concerns of the residents. The dangers of exiting Broadhurst Lane due to parked vehicles on Mossy Lea Road were explained. The Council will request a speed survey on Mossy Lea Road and Appley Lane North with a view to supporting a request for traffic calming measures. The Council will make a further request for a zebra crossing near Mossfields on Mossy Lea Road. County Councillor John Fillis will be invited to attend the July Meeting to discuss road related issues. Yellow Community Speed Safety signs will be requested again due to the receipt of more complaints. It was reported that there are yellow signs on lamp-posts on Church Lane warning of cyclists.**
- h) Email from Mr Julian Chambers expressing his wish to join the Parish Council – **Resolved – In line with Parish Council policy, Mr Chambers will be invited to attend the next 3 Parish Council Meetings as an observer.**
- i) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations i) Unfavourable response to request for zebra crossings on Appley Lane North – **Noted.** ii) Response re: fence at Courage Low Lane which is considered to be no longer required – **Noted.** iii) Response to your views on the Parish Charter – **Noted.** iv) Reminder about the West Lancs. BC Code of Conduct Training, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 6pm – **Noted.** v) Quotation for full chemical cleaning of 3 bus shelters - £195 per shelter + Vat – **Resolved – The contractor will be asked to go ahead.**

## 26. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- It was confirmed that the bus stop sign on Finch Lane has now been re-erected.
- The public footpaths from Stoneygate Lane to Finch Lane and from Finch Lane to Beacon View are overgrown and need cutting back.
- Overgrown hedges are restricting access to the pavement between 24 and 32 Mill Lane.
- Parking on Hall Lane, outside Fairy Glen, and on the roadside when the lay-by is full is causing problems with some vehicles obstructing the pavements for pedestrians.
- The grass at Appley Bridge Village Hall needs cutting as there is now ragwort in it.
- The pot-hole at Beacon View is getting worse.
- The Japanese Knotweed at the Slacks and into Calico Brook still needs removing.
- The contractor was seen emptying some of the blocked gullies in Mossy Lea, but not all problems have been addressed. They may be coming back, this will be monitored.
- Japanese Knotweed on Courage Low Lane, opposite No's 2 & 4 needs removing.
- Weeds on the bridge over Wrightington Fish Ponds need removing.
- Police will be asked to speak to the car owner parking at the junction of Carr House Lane.
- All defibrillators will be checked to see what new consumables are required.
- Mossy Lea Primary School recently achieved "Good" in the Ofsted Inspection.

27. **REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Nothing to report.

28. **ANNUAL NEWSLETTER** – The draft was approved with the removal of the financial statement and the inclusion of instructions on how members of the public can report a fault to either LCC or West Lancs. BC instead. This information will be more helpful.

## 29. VILLAGE HALLS

**MOSSY LEA** – Summer Craft & Gift Fair, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 11am-3pm. Lancashire Adult Learning Courses - Lancashire Lifesavers, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 4pm-5.30pm + Relax & De-Stress, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 1pm-3pm. The picnic tables have not been installed yet, this matter will be pursued. The next village hall committee meeting will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7:00pm, prior to the Council Meeting.

**APPLEY BRIDGE** – It has been confirmed that a new central heating boiler is required. A second quotation will be obtained from Dan Goulding. The Clerk will circulate details of both quotations to Councillors who will decide which one to choose. Dan Goulding will provide the required Gas Safety Certificate at a cost of £45.

Notification from British Gas that the Climate Change Levy will be increasing on gas bills at both Village Halls.

- 30. PLANNING** The following applications were discussed with observations as detailed:
- 1) 2019/0461/FUL Erection of an overhead crane. Finch's Stone & Marble, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
  - 2) 2019/0505/FUL Front entrance porch roof replacement. Littlecroft, Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
  - 3) 2019/0527/FUL Raise height of roof to provide first floor living accommodation including dormer extensions to front, extension to rear, porch to front. 2 Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
  - 4) 2019/0525/FUL Two-storey rear and single storey rear/side extension. Gerrards Farm, 2 Church Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- NB: LCC/2019/0028 Proposed land restoration and regrading works using inert material, associated highway works including construction of a temporary public car park. Former Parbold Hill Quarry, Parbold Hill, Parbold. - **This application is in Parbold but was reported to the Parish Council who noted it.**

**31. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Notification of a Be A Councillor Information Evening, arranged by LCC, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019, County Hall, Preston – **Noted. The Parish Council are happy with the proposed amendments to the LALC constitution as reported at the last meeting.**

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

**For Payment:**

Info. Commissioners Office – Annual Data Protection Fee		£40.00
FG Welch Servicing Heating & Gas Cert MLVH £102, Call out ABVH £84		£186.00
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	£41.21
		£14.77
D/D E.on Electricity ABVH		£28.02
D/D British Gas Gas supplied ABVH		£12.30
D/D British Gas Gas supplied MLVH		£131.72

**Receipts:**

West Lancs. BC 1 <sup>st</sup> Part Concurrent Funding		£1159.00
ABVH Committee End of year transfer		£4634.40

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

**33. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** Monday 15 July 2019  
Mossy Lea Village Hall

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 15 July 2019 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 21 to 33 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 15 July 2019.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:30 pm

Chairman:

Date:

**REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for two storey side extension following demolition of the existing outbuilding. 18 Graham Avenue, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification permission granted for construction of new detached gym, following demolition of existing stables and gym (part retrospective). High Moor Manor, High Moor Lane, Wrightington.
- c) Notification proposed LDP Refused/Granted (split) – Certificate of Lawfulness – proposed erection of single storey rear orangery including conversion of garage, replacement flat roof, new roof lights and altered fenestration to the rear. 61 Manse Avenue, Wrightington. New roof lights

in the garage conversion require planning permission, the remainder of proposals are permitted development and do not require planning permission.

- d) Notification of an appeal against West Lancs. BC decision to refuse planning permission for a single storey rear extension at 5 Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge.
- e) Notification E.on Terms and Conditions for electricity supply will change from 12 June 2019.
- f) Notification of Appley Bridge Community Association AGM – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, 7.30pm, Appley Bridge Community Centre.
- g) Notification of Yoga Solstice Celebration, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1-4pm, Tunley URC Hall.
- h) Request for donation from Open Spaces Society to help save a public highway on common land.