

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mrs K Jukes, Mr Lee Burton, Mr. Hugh Carey J Ashurst, Clerk

Also in attendance were 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 July meetin and asked everyone to treat each other with respect, and respect everyone's points of view. It was noted that the Council was asked to write to the WLBC Environmental dept. regarding the debris being left on the roads in Appley Bridge. The objections to the planning application submitted regarding the development of the Rivaj site in Mossy Lea.

Open Forum closed at 7.35pm.

35. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillors Carey and Nicholson.
36. **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 – Cllr Jukes declared an interest with the Northern Diver issue going to legal process
37. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Wrightington Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting; they were proposed, seconded, and accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
38. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**  
Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 3–  
ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Replacement Notice Board at junction of Mossy Lea road and Chisnall Avenue. **It was resolved** to purchase a new Notice Board per costings previously circulated to Councillors together with a Memorial Bench with commemorative plaque per Minute 24 of the last meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024. It was resolved that Councillors would write to the Clerk regarding the wording of the Plaque
  - b) Requests for meter readings had been received from the various Utilities. **It was resolved that** the Clerk would investigate the possibility of moving to Smart Meters
  - c) Website update. The outgoing Clerk had not been able to complete the job in the time and cost allocated. The new website is only partially complete and requires populating with the last 3 years information in order to be legally compliant. **It was resolved that** the Chairman would speak to the Outgoing Clerk to ascertain how the task could be completed and presented to the Council at its September meeting
39. **EAST QUARRY** – Councillor Jukes gave an update which was noted by the Council
  40. **WEST QUARRY & THE PAD** –  
Councillor Jukes gave an update. The Civil Aviation Authority were still investigating the safety aspects of the Helicopter Landing Pad

**Chorley Concrete** The Council will find out shortly if it is able to address the imminent WLBC Planning Committee on the issue. The Clerk was asked to attend the Planning meeting and deliver a briefing note written by Councillor Carey in conjunction with the outgoing Clerk.

#### 41 HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

Grass cutting. Some areas had been done but not satisfactorily. **It was resolved that** Councillors Burton and Jukes would report the matter to Steve Bissett, the manager of WLBC Clean and Green Dept.

Road Spillage by Chorley Concrete on Appley Lane North. **It was resolved that** the Clerk would write to the Environmental Protection Dept regarding the damage from the spillage from the Chorley Concrete site

#### 42. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES - None received

#### 43. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Window Cleaning. **It was resolved** that the frequency of window cleaning be agreed in accordance with the previously circulated briefing note by “Squeaky Windows” who need to submit their Bill directly to the Council.

- Bi- folding Doors. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would write to West Lancs Estates Dept regarding the feasibility of installing bi- folding doors.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Replacement Radiator Thermostats. It was resolved to replace the thermostats as necessary.

- Use of Car Park by All Saints Primary School --- It was resolved that the school could have use of the car park on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024

#### 30. PLANNING The following applications were discussed and observations as detailed:

- 1) 2024/0397/LDC Certificate of Lawfulness – agricultural buildings. Land to the East of Copyhold Farm, Carr House Lane, Wrightington. **It was resolved** that the Council had no objections
- 2) 2024/0415/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension for delivery of MOD goods. Northern Diver Ltd, Northern Divers Building, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. **It was resolved** that the Council had no objections

FOR NOTE BY THE COUNCIL – 2023/0922/FUL – Notification of amendment to the proposal for retrospective planning application – for erection of 3no cement silos, 2no. round metal cylinders, 5m high retaining wall, storage bays. Installation of 12no. high lamp posts, diesel tank with metal hoarding surround. Erection of portacabin to be used as temporary site office, temporary storage tent. Construction of settling pit & wash pit. West Quarry Pad, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge – No comments submitted by the Parish Council on the amendments.

#### 31. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – No report

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

##### For Payment:

Wrightton Windows	Cleaning bus shelter opposite BP garage	£80.00
DTG Plmbg & Htg	Installation hot water boiler and leak in gents – ABVH	£150.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of hot water boiler – ABVH	£442.98
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse cost of cleaning materials for ABVH & MLVH	£82.95
Petty Cash	Office Sundries	£50.00

Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net of NI and Pension Contributions.	£1133.77
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due	£96.70
D/D NEST	Pension Contributions (employer + employee)	£60.93
D/D BT	Broadband MLVH & ABVH	£64.13
D/D E.on	Electricity usage ABVH	£83.43
D/D Waterplus	Water charges ABVH	£18.57
D/D Waterplus	Water charges MLVH (paid from village hall account )	£165.85CR
OPSTA	Membership to 31st May 2025	£10.00
D/D British Gas	Gas supplied to MLVH	£225.62
D/D British Gas Lite	Gas supplied to MLVH	£92.19

**Receipts:**

Charnock Richard PC Contribution toward purchase of PC laptop for new Clerk £100

**Resolved:** Payment of the above accounts is approved. The Clerk presented Councillors with a financial report (Attached) indicating the impact of the above payments on the Parish Council finances - **Resolved:** The financial report was accepted and expenditure is on track.

**33. PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY**

Just one application had been received . The application was proposed but in the absence of Secunder the application could not proceed to a vote. The Council's Financial Regulations are clear on this point. **It was resolved** therefore to defer the matter to the next meeting.

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

**RESOLVED:** That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 8.45 pm.

Chairman:

Date:

**REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for one ½ storey side extension to form a garage and studio bedroom above, to the approved new dwelling (2022/1365/FUL). Land to east of No.4 Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Notification application withdrawn for removal of 3no Sycamore trees in bad condition. Nyhaven, 113 Hall Lane, Appley Bridge.
- c) Initial notification of planned continuous road closure, Whittle Lane, Wrightington, 22/7/2024-24/7/2024 to enable water connection replacement works to be undertaken.
- d) Initial notification of planned phased daily road closures – Hill House Fold Lane and Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington, 15/7/2024-18/7/2024 (08.30-15.00 each day) to enable telegraph pole maintenance works to be undertaken.
- e) Follow up Event Notification – Babble Ride Across Britain 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2024.
- f) Copy Open Spaces Society Summer 2024 edition of Open Space – Notification AGM will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 11am in London.

