

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 19 March 2018 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

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

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.)

Public Present – Reported that there has been a lot of activity at Ramsay Timber recently, with floodlights being on at night which are causing a nuisance to neighbouring residents, and the business being extended further down the site into a building formerly used by another business. The Clerk reported an email response from Borough Councillor Baybutt stating that her investigations revealed that there is no unauthorised activity taking place at the site and that the suggestion of producing laminates is a rumour. The Council will ask whether planning permission is required for the floodlights. It was reported that other Parishes provide allotments. It would appear that there are quite a few allotment sites around, but none in Appley Bridge, apart from the one at the Meadows provided by the Community Association. It was confirmed that these are fraught with problems relating to access, vandalism (human and animal) and, the fact they are remote. Furthermore, it is only permissible to erect a 1m high fence. There is a long waiting list for an allotment on the Whitehall Avenue site in Shevington. The Parish Council confirmed that they do not have any land on which allotments could be provided, nor is there any land available for this purpose locally which is owned by West Lancs. BC or LCC. The land suggested at the top right hand side of Appley Lane North is in private ownership. Reports of vehicles being scratched on vegetation as they pull over to allow lorries to pass on Skull House Lane were received. It was confirmed that this road is totally unsuitable for some of the very large HGV's using it, however, as there is some industrial use along this lane, some lorries and large vehicles should be expected. The fact that lorries are damaging the trees and breaking off large boughs will be reported to LCC. The Council will also contact IKO to ask them to speak to lorry drivers entering and exiting their site, and ask them to use Appley Lane North and Hall Lane, and vice versa, to access the IKO site rather than using Skull House Lane and Back Lane. The Parish Council noted that whilst Skull House Lane does have light industrial use it is also a residential area in parts too.

- 123. APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillor Clinch (family illness). Councillors remain aware that Councillor Gartside is staying with his son and that his health is not good.
- 124. 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.**
- 125. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 February 2018 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
- 126. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** –
Diversion of traffic onto Tunley Lane – Councillor Hodgkinson reported several complaints that during recent road works on Robin Hood Lane and Highmoor Lane, diverted traffic using Tunley Lane was travelling at speeds inappropriate for a lane of this nature. He believes that during a diversion, the speed imposed on the diversionary route should be the same as that of the closed road eg: 40mph. This route is used by schoolchildren walking to school. The Council will again request that consideration be given to designating Tunley Lane as a Green Lane thereby giving priority to walkers, cyclists and horse riders rather than to motorists.
Ironman 2018 – Councillor Mrs Burton has visited Stoneyleach Nurseries and Caravan site and they agree that they are happy to discuss the proposed alternative route with Ironman. The Council will ask if all the residents of Tunley Lane have been consulted on the amended route.

127. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Current position re: litter picking near BP garage, Rookery Fold and the old road – **Councillor Johnson reported that litter picking at Rookery Fold does not appear to have been done. A litter bin will be requested for the junction of Rookery Fold and Mossy Lea Road.**
- b) Update from the Environmental Enforcement officer re: litter at BP Garage – **Noted. The Council will request that posters be supplied to the garage.**
- c) Update on report of seepage from the holding tank at BP Garage – **Councillor Johnson reported that, despite the positive response reported from West Lancs. Environment Officer, that the holding tank will now be emptied every 2 weeks, grey water is still clearly visible over the top of the manhole cover and the unpleasant odour remains present. The Parish Council remain amazed that West Lancs. BC planning officers permitted the additional development at this site with only a “holding tank” to deal with the increase in foul drainage. Surely someone should have checked first. Councillors remain concerned that the No Entry signs are set too far back from the road to be seen and, are facing the opposite side of the road rather than the approaching traffic.**
- d) Request to obtain feedback from customers on services from West Lancs. BC by attending events/meetings etc in the Parish – **The Council will suggest attending Coffee Mornings.**
- e) Details and prices from Fir Tree Fishery for planters and tidying at village halls for discussion – **The Council discussed the prices received and whether in fact a weekly visit will be required to dead head, maintain and water the planters, particularly during the winter months. The Council are happy with the suggestion of planting 3 times per year and are happy with the figures quoted for reactive visits to cut the grass and remove leaf fall. The Clerk will, working with Fir Tree Fisheries, refine the details and ask that they proceed with the planting and maintenance for 2018-2019.**
- f) Response from Wigan Council to enquiries re: play area at Heron’s Wharf – **Noted.**
- g) Request for Parish Council views on the West Lancs. BC Stakeholder Survey – **Completed.**
- h) Request for help from Healthwatch Lancashire to extend the number of people they reach – **The Parish Council agree to assist with this.**
- i) Notification that, and invitation to bid for, CIL monies available to fund infrastructure projects in West Lancashire and for info. updates on existing schemes – **Noted.**
- j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Report that the land surveyor for land at St Joseph’s Church is on leave – **The Clerk will contact him regarding drainage issues on this land on his return.** ii) Details of the Silent Soldier Campaign – **Following discussion it was Resolved – That 2 silent soldiers be ordered, one for display in each ward in the Parish.** iii) It was reported that the loss adjuster has submitted his report to the Parish Council Insurance Company following his site visit to assess the damaged wall at Appley Bridge Village Hall. Nothing further has been received to date – **The Council will wait for the Insurance Company report before proceeding any further.** iv) The Clerk reported that additional multi-pocket display books are required so store the Parish Council Minutes – **Resolved – 3 display books be purchased.**

128. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- The Council will again request a one-way system (no right turn) out of Heron’s Wharf to improve highway safety for motorists and pedestrians.
- Flooding issues in the Parish – 15 Mossy Lea Road, Rigbye’s Bridge Mossy Lea Road, and yellow water on Broadhurst Lane, all remain ongoing issues.
- Pot-holes are still present at the entrance to Huws Gray.
- Footway and road sweeping seems sporadic. Recent footway sweeping only completed patches of Mossy Lea. It was reported that from the Wrightington sign near Boundary Lane to the motorway junction has not been swept.
- It was reported that the culvert at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane, which should go under the road, now flows over the road surface.
- West Lancs. BC is introducing brown bins w/e/f June 2018 to replace the green bins.

- The telephone kiosk on Mossy Lea Road is scheduled for removal within the next 2 weeks.
- The residents' only parking signs have now been erected on the car park on Chisnall Avenue, however, they are very poor and could have been produced by the Parish Council.
- For ID purposes the new number for the Defibrillator at Mossy Lea VH is 1662.
- Reports of residents receiving info. from Next Door Mossy Lea. It is a new type of social media forum which you join and exchange info. eg: warnings, good/bad tradesman etc.
- The Council will request Community Concern signs on Tunley Lane.
- Councillor Mrs Burton reported that pot-holes on Moss Lane were repaired approx. 2 weeks ago, however, the repairs were badly done and if there is a frost the surface will begin to break up again. Photographs will be sent to LCC.
- A vehicle which turned over on the motorway roundabout at junction 27 deposited a considerable amount of grit/sand on the carriageway which was moved to the side of the road and partly on the footway but, nothing has been done since.

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

130. ACTION REQUIRED TO SATISFY AUDIT REQUIREMENTS - Resolved: The Parish Council confirmed the following action has been taken throughout the year to satisfy audit requirements: i) The Risk Assessment/Management Plan/Register – were reviewed and adopted at the May 2017 Parish Council Meeting. ii) The effectiveness of the Internal Audit was confirmed – the Internal Auditor is both competent and independent, has no relationship with the Clerk or Councillors. The Audit trail is detailed, planned and the broad scope of the internal audit covers all aspects of the Councils business including financial, administrative, practical and procedural matters. Any issues arising from both the internal and external auditors are reported to the Parish Council at the earliest opportunity and the appropriate action taken. The Parish Council confirmed that following illness Mrs MacDonald did not undertake last year's audit which was completed by Mrs M Stewart, a businesswoman and internal auditor for Charnock Richard Parish Council. As Mrs MacDonald would rather not do this year's internal audit it was **Resolved** – **That Mrs Stewart be appointed to undertake the 2017/18 Parish Council Internal Audit.**

131. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Moo Music £100. Yoga £60. Sleep Apnoea £140. Reiki £20. Councillor Johnson again raised his concerns about the amount of water being used which has increased from 2-3 cubic metres per month to approx. 20 cubic metres per month. It was agreed that village hall use has increased considerably over recent years and, that to remove the odour from the drains in the gents' toilets the frequency of the flush on the urinals had been increased. It is thought that the latter makes a considerable difference to the amount of water used. Councillor Johnson has made enquiries elsewhere about fitting a device which can time flushes or restrict them at quiet times. Councillors agreed to wait until some quotations have been received for the removal of the urinals and installation of a second toilet instead, before making a decision

APPLEY BRIDGE – The Clerk confirmed that the village hall will be closed to users from 2nd-9th of April for painting with some preparatory work being undertaken in the week before.

132. PLANNING To discuss the following applications:

- 1) 2017/0914/FUL Demolition of existing single storey gym building. Extension to existing stables. Boggart House Farm, High Moor Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved** – **No Objections.**
- 2) 2018/0106/FUL Two storey side extension to existing property. 14 Speakmans Drive, Appley Bridge, Wrightington. **Resolved** – **No Objections.**
- 3) 2018/0171/FUL Single storey rear extension. 13 Manse Avenue, Wrightington. **Resolved** – **No Objections.**
- 4) 2018/0165/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension to a semi-detached house. 200 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge, Wrightington. **Resolved** – **No Objections.**
- 5) 2018/0251/FUL Demolition of existing nurses wing, erection of extension to Wrightington Hall, creation of additional vehicular parking spaces and associated external works. Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved** – **No Objections provided the proposals satisfy all the relevant listed building criteria.**
- 6) 2018/0300/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing nurses wing, erection of extension

(Case 2285655) to Wrightington Hall. Wrightington Hospital. **Resolved** – No Objections provided the proposals satisfy all the relevant listed building criteria.

133. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Notification of Spring Conference, Saturday 28th April 2018, 9.30am-4.45pm, Leyland Hotel, £35.00 – **Noted.**

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

For Payment:

LALC	Annual Subscriptions		£347.49
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Internet Charges 2017- 2018 (50%)	£60.00	
	Mobile Tel. Charges for past 12 months (50%)	£101.00	£161.00
Mrs C A Cross	Reimburse Mileage Expenses 2017 – 2018		£180.90
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
Mr J Cross	Payment for Caretaker MLVH		£97.50
D/D British Gas	Gas use ABVH – (Estimated)		£717.64
D/D E.on	Electricity use ABVH		£77.42

Resolved: As the Mossy Lea Village Hall cheque book had not arrived in time for the Parish Council Meeting, a Parish Council cheque will be used to pay the caretaker this month, with this being reimbursed by the Village Hall Committee in due course.

Payment of the above accounts was approved.

135. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved: The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 April 2018 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 123 to 135 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 April 2018.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 10.00 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Notification a Certificate of Lawfulness was permitted for the proposed detached garage. Richardson's Farm, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge.
- b) Notification permission granted for demolition of Block 31 (former 2 storey male nurses home) and provide car parking expansion for patients and visitors. This will result in the creation of 92 parking spaces but a loss of 6 giving a net gain of 86 parking spaces for the site. Wrightington Hospital.
- c) Notification permission granted for single storey side extension. Inwood, Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- d) Notification that the appeal against the refusal of a certificate of lawfulness for the erection of 1 detached gymnasium and dance studio at The Cottage, Smithy Brow, Wrightington, has been allowed.
- e) Notification from Borough Councillor Baybutt that, having spoken to the environmental department at West Lancs. BC, there has not been any application from Ramsay Timber to change the factory for processing laminates and, that there is no evidence of any unauthorised use at the site.
- f) Notification of a temporary road closure on Mill Lane, Appley Bridge from 11/6/2018 to 16/06/2018 to enable level crossing works to take place.
- g) Notification of a temporary road closure on Bannister Lane, Hilldale, from 30/5/18 to 2/6/18 to enable patching for surface dressing works to take place.
- h) Notification of a temporary road closure on Robin Hood Lane, from 7/6/18 to 8/6/18 to enable carriageway patching works to take place.
- i) Confirmation from the Open Spaces Society of their compliance with the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulations with regard to communications and the use of data.
- j) Copy Open Spaces Society Spring 2018 Magazine.