

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Wrightington Parish Council held on Monday 16th February 2026 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Vice Chairman), Mr. L Burton, Ms Anne Fletcher, Mrs Sue Roberts, Mr Hugh Carey, and Mr J Ashurst, Clerk

Members of the Public were also present

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.)

In the absence of Chair Councillor Jukes, Vice chair Cllr J Burton took the Chair and welcomed those present to the 16th February 2026 meeting and asked everyone to treat each other with respect, and respect everyone's points of view by opening the meeting at 7.30pm.

It was reported that the blocked drains along Church Lane to Wood Lane had been reported again and were due to be investigated

Open Forum was closed at 7.35 pm

127. APOLOGIES –were received from Councillors, Jukes, Kelsall and Ainscough

128. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

129 MINUTES *The Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 19th January 2026 were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair*

130. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA

- i. Cllr J Burton reported that a Parishioner living on the border of the Parish had been refused a lift by Dial a Ride and due to her age, was unable to access the shops and doctor's surgery. Council noted that this was particularly disappointing in so far as the Council had recently donated to Dial a Ride . **It was resolved** that the Clerk would write to Dial a Ride to see if the situation could be resolved.
- ii. Canal Pollution Incident. **It was resolved** that Cllr. Fletcher would provide further details to the Clerk to enable him to contact the River Trust and Environment Agency requesting an update and Cllr Carey agreed to investigate if a dye test had ever been carried out to determine the cause of the pollution.

131 PLANNING MATTERS

1. Plan app 2025.0675.OUT 4 Tunley Lane Wrightington **Decision:** Outline Planning Granted. Duly noted

2. Plan App 2025/1012. OUT LDC. Chisnall Hall Farm Decision: Application Withdrawn. Duly noted

3. Plan App 2025/1076/ LDC. Charity Farm, Smithy Brow, Wrightington. Decision: Cert. of Lawfulness Granted. Duly noted

4. Plan App 2026/0017/LDP Appley Bridge Railway Station. Decision: Cert of Lawfulness (Proposed) Permitted. Duly noted

5. Plan App 2026.0040.FUL.96 Appley Lane North Ground .floor and first floor rear extension and detached ancillary accommodation to the rear. **It was resolved** that the Council would raise no objection.

6. Plan App 2025/0910/FUL Mossy Lea Farm **It was resolved** that the Clerk would ask West Lancs for an extension to the deadline

7. Plan App 2026/0091/PIP Land at the Poplars. It was resolved that the Clerk would ask West Lancs for an extension to the deadline.

8. Plan App /0051/FUL2026 10 Manse Ave. It was resolved that the Council would raise no objection.

132. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS.

Items to be reported and noted by the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 on page 3 . **It was resolved** to accept the Report

Items requiring observations, discussions or action by the Council

- a) Email from Open Spaces Society dated 21/1/2026 requesting subscription for 2025/26. **It was resolved** to pay this item.
- b) Quote from DKLS Services for £470 for installation of Outdoor Book Library and repair to cellar gate.. **It was resolved** to accept the quote and that the cabinet would be attached to the village hall by means of. two battens. **It was further resolved** that the Clerk would ask if this arrangement was acceptable to West Lancs. It was also suggested that the Cabinet could be painted with fireproof paint.

The siting of the second Outdoor Book Library was deferred until the next meeting.

- c) Email from Cadent dated 6/2/26 quoting £570 plus Vat to process application to move the Gas meter in ABVH cellar. This item was deferred indefinitely.

133. EAST QUARRY Nothing to report

134. WEST QUARRY AND PAD Cllr. Carey gave an update. **It was resolved** that Cllr . Carey would draft a letter for consideration by the Council before despatch

135. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

a) SPIDS . Nothing further to report.

b) Pot Holes near Derby House on Mossy Lea Road are so dangerous that cars are being damaged. Also, the drains along Mossy Lea Road are not being cleaned regularly enough causing flooding and accidents. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would write a letter of complaint to Chairman of Lancs CC and Chief Executive of LCC

136. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES FROM OUTSIDE BODIES. Nil report

137. VILLAGE HALLS

Mossy Lea:

Door and Window Panels The Quotation of £550 for the necessary work **was approved.** The work to be done a.s.a.p

Gas Supplier The offer of a 4 year deal with British Gas Lite **was approved**

Sound proofing panels, Repainting the interior of the village hall , and further refurbishment of the Ladies toilets. Quotations were to be obtained

New Chairs with Arm rests. to It was resolved to purchase 10 new chairs

Appley Bridge:

Cllr . Carey submitted quotes for various work

Asset Register The Clerk agreed to progress this matter

Outside Book Library Cllr. Carey reported that he had obtained a quote for the siting of the OBL of £470 which included repairing the cellar gate which was dangerous. **It was resolved** to accept the quote of £470

Cellar clearance Cllr Carey reported that the cellar had been cleared and the Contractor required payment of £550 **It was resolved** to pay the Contractor. **It was further resolved** that the Council look into the cellar to ensure reasonably safe access.

138. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS The Clerk gave a report

139.. FINANCE / ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following Receipts and Payments for February 2026 :-

Payments::

J. Ashurst	Clerk's Salary (net) to 31 st Jan. 2026	£998.55
J. Ashurst	Clerk's PAYE for January 2026	£249.60
J. Ashurst	Clerk's Exes (Mileage) to 16/2/26	£44.89
J. Ashurst	Employers NIC for Apr.25 to Jan.26	£1246.60
D/D Waterplus	ABVH Water Charges January 2026	£41.09 cr
D/D Brit Gas	MLVH Gas Usage Jan/ Feb 2026	£360.52
D/D E.on Next	Elec. Costs re: MLVH Nov/Jan 26	£226.55
Starboard Sys.	Monthly Scribe Subscription Feb. 26	£37.20
D/D BT	Broadband Charges January 26	£69.48
D/D Unity	Bank Bank Charges for January 2026	£6.00
D/D Easyweb	Provision of Website Services Jan 26	£55.44
Open Spaces	Annual Subscription for 25/6	£45.00
Liam Fishwick	Cellar clearance work at ABVH	550.00

Receipts

ABVH Transfer from App. Bridge Village Hall	£1000.00
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Monthly Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation

It was resolved to accept the **monthly budget report and bank reconciliation** as at 31st January 2026 as a correct record which was signed by the Chair

140 POLICIES REVIEW. **It was resolved** to refer this item to a Working Group

141 CAPEX PROJECTS Deferred to next Meeting

142 DATE OF NEXT MEETING **Monday 16th March 2026 at 7.30 pm At Appley Bridge Village Hall**

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed at 8.22 p.m.

Chairman:

Date

REPORT 1

a) Email from LALC dated 4/2/26 regarding new Training Programme

b). E mail from Lancashire Police informing Council of New Inspector for NPT – West Lancashire

- c) Media Release from West Lancs dated 6/2/26 regarding Council funded Projects
- d) E mail from Jackie Maguire Clerk to Burscough Town Council for information only
- e). Email from West Lancs' Adam Spicer dated 30/1/26 regarding the Sale of The Corner House Wrightington
- f). Email dated 26/1/26 from LJO Contracting Services offering tree surgery services

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