

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Wrightington Parish Council held on Monday 19th January 2026 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Ms. K Jukes (Chairman), Mrs J Burton (Vice Chairman), Mr. L Burton, Ms Anne Fletcher, Mrs H. Kelsall, Mrs Sue Roberts, Mr Hugh Carey, and Mrs Helen Ainscough 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.)

The Chairman welcomed those present to the 19th January 2025 meeting and asked everyone to treat each other with respect, and respect everyone's points of view by opening the meeting at 7.30pm.

The death of Mr. Tom Dingle was reported with great sadness. It was recorded that the whole community was very upset by his passing.

Another speaker reported that the white lines along Moss Lane and Toogood Lane had been drawn and the grids along Courage Low Lane had been cleared and put on the system for future cleaning.

Open Forum was closed at 7.35 pm

126. APOLOGIES –None

127. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST The Chair read out a declaration of interest which related to herself as follows :-

In the interests of openness and transparency I, Cllr K Jukes, wish it to be recorded that I was in a land dispute which was legally decided in November 2023.

128 MINUTES *The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th December 2025 were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair*

129. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA **None.**

130. PLANNING MATTERS

Plan App 2025.0968 FUL Mossy Lea Road **It was resolved** that the Clerk would request further clarification as to why it was not expedient for West Lancs Enforcement Team to pursue the minor breaches of the agreement

Plan App 2025.1076.LDC Charity Farm **It was resolved** that the Council would raise no objections to this App

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

Folding Doors Cllr Carey agreed to get a quote for the repair work to the Folding Doors in the Hall

Re painting of the Toilets and Hall and re sealing of the Hall Floor
Cllr. Carey agreed to obtain quotes for the above work

Open Evenings

It was agreed that the WI representative would liaise with Cllr Jukes on this matter

137. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS Nil Report

138. FINANCE / ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following Payments for December 2025 and January 2026 :-

Payments:

J. Ashurst	Clerk's Salary (net) to 31 st Dec. 2025	£998.55
J. Ashurst	Clerk's PAYE for December 2025	£249.60
J. Ashurst	Clerk's Exes (Mileage) to 19/1/26	£58.46
D/D Waterplus	ABVH Water Charges January 2026	£54.12
D/D Brit Gas	MLVH Gas Usage December2025	£332.49
Starboard Sys.	Monthly Scribe Subscription Jan. 26	£37.20
D/D BT	Broadband Charges December 25	£69.48
D/D Unity Bank	Bank Charges for December 2025	£6.00
D/D Easyweb	Provision of Website Services Dec.25	£55.44
Matrix FSE Ltd	MLVH Security Lights Call out	£144.00
Matrix FSE Ltd	MLVH Security Lights Repair	£216.00
M. Brady	MLVH Window Cleaning Dec. 25	£40.00
M.Brady	MLVH Window Cleaning Jan. 26	£40.00
J. Cross	Reimburse Cleaning Materials	£20.65
A. Turner	ABVH Window Cleaning	£20.00

MONTHLY BUDGET REPORT AND BANK RECONCILIATION

It was resolved to accept the **monthly budget report and bank reconciliation** as at 31st December 2025 as a correct record which was signed by the Chair

Budget for 26/7 and Precept for 26/27

Following consideration of the anticipated income and expenditure for 26/27 as presented by Clerk, **it was resolved to agree the Budget for 2026/27**

Following consideration of the above information, **it was resolved** that the **Parish Precept for 2026/27** would be £22300 minus the top up grant of £625 i.e. **£21675**. Divide this by the WPC 's Tax Base of 1198.65 resulting in a charge to Band D properties of **£18.08** as compared with the current year's charge of £18.01, an increase of less than half of 1%

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| 139. POLICIES REVIEW | Deferred to next Meeting |
| 140 CAP EX PROJECTS | Deferred to next Meeting |
| 141 DATE OF NEXT MEETING | Monday 16th February 2026 at 7.30 pm
At Mossy Lea 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 Rainbow Hub dated 19/12/25 regarding the Recycling of Christmas Trees.
- b). E mail from Easywebsites requesting location of Parish Noticeboards
- c) Media Release from West Lancs regarding boost of funding for Men's Mental Health
- d) Media Release from LCC regarding Parish and Town Council Conference Feedback 2025
- e). Email from West Lancs dated 23/12/25 regarding the WPC Taxbase Concurrent Grant and Support Grant

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