

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Wrightington Parish Council held on Monday 21st July 2025 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Ms. K Jukes (Chairman), Mrs J Burton (Vice Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mrs H Kelsall, Ms Ann Fletcher, Ms S Roberts, Mr H Carey and Mr J Ashurst, Clerk

Also in attendance were several 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 21st July 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.

No members of the Public wished to speak .

Open Forum closed at 7.35pm.

36. APOLOGIES – None

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST An interest was declared by Councillor Jukes relating to a land dispute with Maybrook Ltd

38. MINUTES -- The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 June 2025 were unanimously accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chair

39. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON AGENDA-- Councillor Jukes gave a report on the proposed Mural on the Canal Bank Bridge. **It was unanimously resolved** to support the development.

40. PLANNING

a. The following Planning Apps were considered :-

- 1. Plan App. 2025/0434/PIP Sandhole Farm** . Cllr. Fletcher gave an update. **It was resolved** that the Clerk would write to West Lancs asking why objections were not put on the portal before a decision was made.
- 2. Plan App. 2024/0514/FUL Development of Rivaj of India** The Council's objections to this development have been submitted to West Lancs Planning. Decision awaited
- 3. Plan App. 2025/0469/ADV Illuminated Signage by Northern Diver**
Consent Granted
- 4. Plan App. 2025/0461/FUL Extension at 376 Mossy Lea Road**
The Council raised no objections to this App

5. Plan App. 2025/0458/FUL Disabled Stair enclosure at Worthington Farm

The Council raised no objections to this App

6. Plan App. 2025/0489/PIP Removal of Caravan and erection of two dwellings

The Council's objections were submitted to West Lancs Planning. However Permission in Principle is granted

Cllr. Fletcher gave an update.

7. Plan App. 2025/0496/FUL Single Storey Front and side extension

. The Council raised no objections to this App

8. Plan App. 2025/0456/FUL Replacement of existing buildings with new Agricultural building

The Council had no comments to make

9. Plan App. 2025/0552/LBC Listed Building Consent for installation of new heat pump

Withdrawn

10. Plan App. 2025/0516/FUL Dog Training Facility

The Council's comments have been submitted to West Lancs Planning.

11. Plan App. 2025/0018/01 New Access Track from High Moor Lane Appeal Dismissal and West Quarry Restoration Work.

Email dated 20/6/25 with attachment from West Lanc's Paul Chadwick regarding dismissal of Appeal by Mr Paul Jones following WLDC's decision to refuse planning permission to construct a new access track from High Moor Lane (Plan App 2025/0018/01) and Restoration Works at West Quarry . Copy previously circulated

b) ... To Review the arrangements for consideration of Planning Apps referred to the Council

Following further discussion, **it was resolved** that the Clerk would seek further guidance from LALC

41. CORRESPONDENCE /INFORMATION ITEMS

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council- no decision required : REPORT 1 page 5/6--
ACCEPTED

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Renewal of Broadband contracts with BT at £28.95 ex VAT each Village Hall. 2 year deal **It was unanimously resolved** to accept the deal which was signed by the Chair

- b) Letter from North West Ambulance service regarding replacement of expiring defibrillator pads at Hall Lane Wrightington at a revised cost of £95 donation to NWS NHS Charity. **It was resolved** to make the donation.
- c) **It was resolved** to accept the HMRC VAT refund for 24/25 Refunded amount £1548.60
- d) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations.... None

42. EAST QUARRY --- Cllr Fletcher gave a report. **It was resolved** that a letter would be drafted by Cllr Fletcher regarding developments and submitted to all for approval before being sent by the Clerk

43. WEST QUARRY & THE PAD . Nil Report

Chorley Concrete Appeal It was reported that a decision by the Planning Inspectorate was awaited

44. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

It was resolved that the Clerk would write to LCC Highways to ascertain if the speed limits on Moss Lane, Church Lane, Tunley Lane and Too Good Lane would be reviewed following a number of accidents.

It was further resolved that the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership contact details would be put on the Website

45. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES --- None

46. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA --- Cllr Johnson gave a report

Painting of Toilets. Quotes were still being obtained

---- Patio Doors Cllr Carey questioned the demand for the Patio Doors and Patio followed by a proposal by Cllr. Kelsall and seconded by Cllr Roberts that a fully costed project for the installation of the Patio doors and Patio be submitted by the MLVH Committee for approval by Council. **A vote was taken and the motion was carried by 5 in favour and 2 against**

.... Memorial bench and replacement Noticeboard The work was progressing

.....Tree Cutting- **It was resolved** that Dale Burton be asked to submit a quote to carry out the required tree cutting work.

APPLEY BRIDGE --- Asbestos Pipe in cellar ---An e mail from West Lanes' Thomas Hill had been received indicating he would inspect the pipe and advise regarding removal.

Mobile Library **It was resolved that** Cllr J Burton would ask the Mobile Library to call periodically

ABVH Committee Treasurer. This post is vacant and candidates for the job were being sought

ABVH Bank Account... The Mandate needs to be updated to include the Clerk , Chair , Booking Secretary and the Secretary with any two to sign cheques..**It was resolved** that Cllr. Carey would arrange this

Returned Cheque A cheque for a payment to retiring Treasurer had been returned uncashed.

Payments. **It was resolved** that as soon as practicable all payments by both the MLVH and ABVH would be made from the Parish Council account. Cllr. Carey to arrange

Kitchen Replacement --- The Kitchen area would need to be redecorated. **It was resolved that** 3 quotes up to a maximum of £2000 for the work be obtained by Cllr Carey who is managing the project . Quotes to be submitted to the Council for approval

Outdoor Book Library **It was resolved** that an order for 2 Outdoor Book Libraries be placed at a cost of £719.99 each inclusive of VAT. Cllr. Carey to arrange. Libraries to be sited in the grounds of each of the village halls . Locations to be agreed

Notice Board (Playing Fields) Appley Bridge

It was noted that the lock was broken and needed replacement. **It was resolved** to order a replacement

47. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS --

----- **Local Government Reorganisation** ----- The clerk reported on the latest developments

----- **Transfer of Assets** ----- In the light of the above proposed reorganisation Councillors were asked to consider the possible transfer of assets from West Lancs and repercussions for the Parish Council.

----- **Secure .gov.uk e mail addresses.** Councillors were asked to submit their desired new .gov.uk address to the Clerk as soon as possible for set up

48. ACCOUNTS --

--- **Internal Auditor's Report for 2024/25** . **It was resolved** to accept the Internal Auditor's Report for 2024/25 which was signed by the Chair

--- **Receipts and Payments for Approval for June/ July 2025.**

It was resolved to approve the following Receipts and Payments for June/July 2025

Payments:

J. Ashurst Clerk's Salary (net) to 30th June 2025	£967.48
J. Ashurst Clerk's PAYE for June 2025	£242.00
J. Ashurst Clerk's Expenses (Mileage) to 21 July	£96.57
NWAS NHS Trust Donation for Defibrillator Service	£95.00
D/D BT Broadband Charges June 2025	£69.94
D/D BT Broadband charges July 2025	£69.58
Just Blinds ABVH Blinds 2 nd Half Pay't	£32.00
M. Brady Squeaky Windows (MLVH) June	£40.00
M. Brady Squeaky Windows (MLVH) July	£40.00
P H Carey Re: ABVH Noticeboard Lock/Key Cost	£20.00
D/D Br. Gas Lite MLVH Gas Usage June/July 2025	£18.03
D/D Brit. Gas ABVH Gas Usage June/July 2025	£77.26
D/D Eon Next ABVH Energy Charges July 2025	£.168.52
D/D Waterplus ABVH Water Charges July 2025	£35.91

Receipts:

HMRC VAT Refund for 2024/25	£1548.60
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--- **The Income and Expenditure report to end of June and the Bank Reconciliation as at 30th June 2025. It was resolved** to accept the The Income and Expenditure report to end of June and the Bank Reconciliation as at 30th June 2025 which were signed by the Chair

48. A.O.B.

--- Fairy Glen... The Clerk referred to an e mail dated 16/7/2025 from Dan Massey | Greenspace Manager detailing the work currently being undertaken at the Fairy Glen, copies of which had been circulated previously

49. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT WPC MEETING August ---- No Meeting

**Monday 15th September 2025 at
7.30pm
At Appley Bridge Village Hall**

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed at 9.10 p.m

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- a) Report from West Lanc's Thomas Hill regarding removal of asbestos pipe
- b) Email and poster from LCC regarding Lancashire's new Local Nature Recovery Strategy.
- c) E mail from West Lancs Tom McGowan confirming no further CIL Monies would be forthcoming for planned kitchen replacement in Appley Bridge Village Hall. Told the existing Neighbourhood CIL Monies already held by the Council could be used.

Also Media Release dated 15th July 2025 - "Have your say on Community Infrastructure Funding" together with a Survey invitation regarding CIL Funding Programme 2025

- d) E Mail from Shaun Canning Lancashire police Traffic Management Officer thanking the Council for expressing concern regarding the fatal collisions in the area and providing details of incidents over the last five years
- e) E Mail from Lancs CC announcing LCC's SUMMER CAMPAIGN
- f) Advance Notice of Potential Closure of LANCASHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL FUND
- g) Latest Consumer Alerts from LCC

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.