

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mr Lee Burton, Mrs H Kelsall, and J Ashurst, Clerk

Also in attendance was one member 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 7<sup>th</sup> April 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.

**157. APOLOGIES** – were received from Councillors Jukes , Fletcher and Roberts

**158. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**      **None**

**159. MINUTES**    ---      **It was resolved** to unanimously accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 as a true record which were signed by Chair .

**160. MATTERS ARISING NOT ON THE AGENDA** --- **None**

**161. CORRESPONDENCE/ INFORMATION ITEMS**

a) Late items requiring discussion  
e mail received from Cllr Jukes requesting two more Planning Applications be added to the Agenda

**162. EAST QUARRY** ---- Cllr .Kelsall reported that a Stop Notice had been issued by the Planning Inspectorate.

**163. WEST QUARRY** ---- Cllr. Kelsall reported that the Enforcement Notice had been upheld and an article reporting the outcome of the court case was circulated, indicating that Maybrook had been prosecuted for numerous breaches of the planning permission.

**164. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS** ---

The Clerk reported that a Pre Planning Application had to be submitted to West Lancs relating to the Memorial Bench and Notice Board at Mossy Lea

Cleaning of Bus Shelters. The Clerk was asked to instruct Wrightington Windows to clean the usual three bus shelters..

**165. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES** ----- **None**

## 166. VILLAGE HALLS

### Mossy Lea Village Hall ---

----- **Toilets** --- The refurbishment of toilets and flooring had been arranged.

----- **Patio Doors** **It was resolved** that a third quotation would be obtained and the Clerk reported that WLDC's Estates Dept. ( Phillip Hall ) had no objection to the work being carried out.

### Appley Bridge Village Hall

--- **Roof and Gutter Repairs.** The Clerk reported that the repair work and gutter cleaning had been done

---- **Blinds** ---- **It was resolved** that the existing Blinds would be removed and replaced in accordance with the quotation received by the ABVH Secretary

---- **Gas Charges** -- **It was resolved** that the restricted access to the thermostat should continue but the thermostat be set at 22 degrees by Plumber/ Heating Engineer

---- **Video Doorbell/ Intercom** ----- **It was resolved to** approve the installation of a video doorbell / intercom system by Matrix FSE at a cost of £ 1082.00 plus Vat. The Clerk to instruct Matrix accordingly..

----- **Kitchen Refurbishment** ---- **It was resolved** that the ABVH Committee would obtain further quotations for a full replacement of the kitchen for submission to the full Council

----- **Hot Water Switch**----- **It was resolved that** the hot water switch to the water boiler be made more accessible

## 167. PLANNING

---- Regarding Plan Apps 2025/0149/FUL Hallwood , Robin Hood Lane and 2025/0250/LBC Drapers Farmhouse , Finch Lane , **it was resolved** that no objections would be made .

----- Plan App 2025/0300/PIP Dwelling on Land adjacent to 372 Mossy Lea Road Wrightington, had not been referred to WPC at time of meeting . **It was resolved that** details would be ascertained and circulated to Councillors calling for a Council decision allowing for a response to be sent to West Lancs planning before the response deadline.

----- Plan App 2025/0295/FUL Double Garage at Ashurst Hall Lane Wrightington had not been referred to WPC at time of meeting. **It was resolved that** details would be ascertained and circulated to Councillors calling for a Council decision allowing for a response to be sent to West Lancs planning before the response deadline.

----- Plan App 2025/0184/LDP Land adjacent to 199 Mossy Lea Road Wrightington ( Proposed Car Park ) It is unclear from WLDC Planning website if this matter has been referred to WPC hence there is no response deadline . **Councillors can check out the details on the WLDC website referring to the above Plan App number.**

168. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS Nil Report

169. **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS ---- On Line Banking** The Clerk reported that it would be prudent to delay the transfer to Unity Trust Bank until May 2025 after the first instalment of the 25/26 Precept had been received.

170. **FINANCE ---- It was resolved to approve the following payments and receipts**

Accounts for Approval at WPC April Meeting 7/4/2025

**Payments:**

J. Ashurst	Clerk's Salary ( net ) to 31st Mar. 2025	£967.48
J. Ashurst	Clerk's PAYE for Mar. 2025	£242.00
J. Ashurst	Clerk's Expenses ( Mileage )	£90.83
C Cross	Consultancy Costs re: 24/25	£99.06
D/D CPRE	Membership Renewal 2025/26	£60.00
M. Brady	Squeaky Windows ( MLVH )	£40.00
L Boswell	UK Tile Protect (ABVH Roof repairs)	£680.00
D/D BT	Broadband charges	£64.13
F Johnson	Reimbursement Cost of Union Flags	£11.98

**Receipts:**

Bank Interest	Nat West Bank	£55.13
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Bank Reconciliation : **It was resolved** to unanimously accept the bank reconciliation as at 31/3/25

171. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**a) Honoraria ---**

**2022/23 and 2023/24** It was resolved that the Clerk would ascertain what had been paid to the incoming ABVH treasurer in 22/23 and 23/24

**2024/25** It was resolved that a Honorarium of £300 would be paid to each of the Treasurers and Secretaries of the ABVH and MLVH Committees in acknowledgement of their services in 2024/25 . Payments to be made in May 2025

**b) Appley Bridge Village Hall Booking Fee**

**It was resolved** that henceforth the Booking Fee for the Village Hall would be increased to £25 per hour with no “Free “ half hour to tidy up and no need to take a returnable deposit

**172. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT WPC MEETING: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7.00 pm  
at Mossy Lea Village Hall  
( Annual General Meeting )  
To be followed by the  
Parish Council Meeting for May 2025**

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed at 9.00p.m

Chairman:

Date:

