

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Wrightington Parish Council held on Monday 15th June 2026 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Ms K Jukes (Chair), Mrs J Burton, Mr. L Burton, Mrs. H Kelsall 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 Chair welcomed those present to the Meeting of the Wrightington Parish Council being held on 15th June 2026 and asked everyone to treat each other with respect, and respect everyone's points of view by opening the meeting at 7.30pm.

Two members of the Public wished to speak. The first Speaker read out a statement, the contents of which were noted by the Council. The second speaker gave an opposite view which was also noted. Open Forum was closed at 7.40

19. APOLOGIES – Cllrs. Fletcher, S Roberts, H. Carey and H Ainscough

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Jukes declared an interest 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.

Cllrs J. Burton and L Burton declared Interests regarding Chisnall Hall Farm

21 MINUTES - The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 20th April 2026 as amended were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th May 2026 were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair

22. PLANNING MATTERS

1. 2025/0810/FUL Mossy Lea Farm 248 Mossy Lea Road Permission Granted. Noted by Council
2. 2026/0164/FUL 8 North Drive, Appley Bridge Permission Granted. Noted by Council
3. 2026/0286 /PIP Land Within Oaksprings, Smithy Brow Permission in Principle Refused. Noted by Council
4. 2026/0410/FUL Tunley Brook Barn, Mossy Lea Road **It was resolved unanimously** to raise no objections
5. 2026/0402/LBC Copyhold Farm, Carr House Lane. This App was not available on the Planning Portal so Councillors were not able to make an assessment. **It was unanimously resolved** that the Clerk should report this to WLBC Planning.

6. 2026/0446/FUL Land Adjoining Chisnall Hall Farm . Councillors J.Burton and L Burton left the Meeting at this point **It was then resolved** to make no comment or objections. Councillors J.Burton and L Burton returned to the Meeting.

23. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS.

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

Items requiring observations, discussions or action by the Council:

At this point Cllr Jukes declared an interest and left the Meeting

- a) Email dated 1/6/26 from WLBC Leader David Whittington requesting use of the Appley Bridge Village Hall to hold a monthly surgery was discussed. Cllr. J Burton proposed that there should be no charge for the use of the village halls by Borough Councillors for their monthly surgeries providing it could be agreed the monthly surgeries would alternate monthly between Mossy Lea and Appley Bridge village halls. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Kelsall and unanimously agreed. Cllr Jukes returned to the Meeting at 7.50
- b) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations - None

24. FINANCE / ACCOUNTS

It was resolved to approve the following Receipts and Payments for May/June 2026:-

Payments:

J. Ashurst Clerk's Salary (net) to 31 st May '26	£1022.79
J. Ashurst Clerk's PAYE for May 2026	£255.60
J Ashurst Employers NIC for May 2026	£129.21
J. Ashurst Clerk's Exes (Mileage) to 18/5/26	£169.13
D/D Waterplus ABVH Water Charges June 2026	£54.79
D/D Brit Gas MLVH Gas Usage May/June 2026	£83.48
D/D Brit. Gas ABVH Gas Usage Apr/ May 2026	£157.23
Starboard Sys. Monthly Scribe Subscription June 26	£37.20
D/D Unity Bank Bank Charges for May 2026	£7.00
D/D Easyweb Provision of Website Services June 26	£58.08
D/D Eon Next Elecy Charges ABVH Mar/ May 26	£149.77
Mathew Brady Window Clean MLVH May 26	£40.00
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J. Sutcliffe Internal Audit Fee 25/26	£175.00

Receipts: WLBC Use of ABVH as Polling Station £225.00

Monthly Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation

---- It was resolved unanimously to accept the **Bank Reconciliation as at 31/5/26** and the **Monthly Income and Expenditure report to 31/5/26** which was signed by the Chair

----- It was proposed by Cllr L Burton and seconded by Cllr J Burton **and unanimously resolved to accept the report of the Internal Auditor for 2025/26 and to approve The Financial Statement and Annual Governance Statement (AGAR)** for the year ending 31 March 2026 as an accurate statement of accounts.

---- **Bank Mandate** The Clerk reported that the Bank Mandate still needed attention as regards Authorised Signatories.

--- **Donation** To consider making a donation to the charities nominated by former WPC Cllr. House following his successful Charity Run. It was resolved that Cllr Burton would request a donation form. On receipt it was proposed by Cllr. L Burton and seconded by Cllr. J Burton and unanimously agreed that the Council would make a donation of £100 to the approved charities .

25. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS

----- **Standing Orders** It was proposed by Cllr. Kelsall and seconded by Cllr. L Burton that the Standing Orders be amended to allow the use of mobile phones to access Council documents . **This was unanimously agreed. With this exception, it was otherwise resolved to accept the Standing Orders as submitted to Council.**

---- **Financial Regulations** – It was proposed by Cllr L Burton and seconded by Cllr Juckes that the Financial Regulations be accepted as submitted to the Council. **This was unanimously agreed.**

26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Juckes referred to the overdevelopment of the A5209/B5204/A59 area and requested that this item be placed on the agenda of the next Meeting and that Cllr. Carey be asked to download the data from the Council's Spids regarding volume and speed of traffic

27. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 20 July 2026 at 7.30pm
at the Appley Bridge Village Hall

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed at 8.40 p.m.

Chairman:

Date

REPORT 1

- a) Email dated 6/6/26 from Information Commissioner's Office confirming renewal of ICO Certificate
- b) Email dated 8/5/26 from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding Removal of Requirement to publish a member's home address
- c) Media Release Issue 21 from WLBC regarding Election of New Leader
- d) Media Release Issue 22 from WLBC regarding closer partnership to support future local government reorganisation
- e) Media Release Issue 23 from WLBC regarding Independent Chair appointment.
- f) Media Release Issue 24 from WLBC regarding Shared Ownership Housing Scheme
- g) Email dated 9/6/26 from Open Spaces Society regarding this years' AGM

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