

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Wroughtington Parish Council held on Monday 20th July 2026 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Ms K Juckes (Chair), Mrs J Burton. Ms A. Fletcher, Mrs.S.Roberts , Mr.H.Carey, Mrs.H.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 Chair welcomed those present to the Meeting of the Wroughtington Parish Council being held on 20th July 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 containing several questions , the contents of which were noted by the Council and it was agreed that this would be placed on the Agenda of the next Meeting and a copy of the questions would be circulated to Councillors prior to the Meeting. The second speaker asked if the Council could write to West Lancs to ascertain if the reinstatement conditions placed on Chorley Concrete were being adhered to and this was noted. Open Forum was closed at 7.35

At this point the Chair referred to the fatal vehicle accident which occurred on 9th July 2026 at Hall Green and the Council wished to record its sincere condolences to the family of the victims involved and to wish the lorry driver involved a complete recovery.

28. APOLOGIES – Cllrs. L.Burton and H Kelsall

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Cllr Juckes declared an interest as follows:

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

Cllr J. Burton declared an Interest in the event of the garden maintenance contract being discussed.

30 MINUTES - The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th June 2026 were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair

31. PLANNING MATTERS

1. 2026/0496/FUL 4 Mill Lane Appley Bridge Detached Garage . **It was resolved that the Council raise no objection.**

2. 2026/0282/FUL 10 Finch Lane Appley Bridge Permission Granted. **Noted.**
3. 2026/0362/PIP Verian, Tunley Lane, Wrightington Permission Granted in Principle. **Noted.**
4. 2026/0314/FUL Sprodley Brook Farm, Finch Lane Planning Permission Granted. **Noted.**
5. 2026/0530/PNR Wrightington Hospital Solar Panels **It was resolved that the Council raise no objection.**
6. 2026/0553/FUL Dawber Delph Farm 107 Skull House Lane Extension of Living Space **It was resolved that the Council would raise no objection.**
7. 2026/0106/FUL 203 Mossy Lea Rd 2 Detached Dwellings. **It was resolved that the Council would raise no objection.**

32. CORRESPONDENCE / INFORMATION ITEMS.

Items to be reported and noted by the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 on page 5. **It was resolved** that the Clerk should write to Neil Eccles, West Lincs Director of Planning c.c to Andrew Voss calling for a reply to the request for information regarding the rent relating to the two Village Halls to enable a reply to be sent to the Valuation Office. Otherwise, **it was resolved to unanimously accept the rest of Report 1**

Items requiring observations, discussions or action by the Council:

- a) Email dated 8/7/26 from CPRE confirming Direct Debit subscription of £60 per annum. First payment to be paid on 21/7/26. **It was resolved** to agree the Annual Subscription to CPRE and the Clerk to request an electronic version of the Magazine /Bulletin /Updates
- b) Late items received which require discussion/action/observations as follows: -

----- E mail dated 17/7/26 from LALC requesting Councillors to complete a quick survey regarding time off for Public Duties. **Noted by Councillors.**

----- E mails dated 17/7/26 requesting site plan indicating location of the water meter at MLVH and requesting confirmation of the acceptance by Council of relocation charges.. It was noted that the Clerk would confirm with Waterplus that it was the water meter at the ABVH which requires relocation. In the meantime, **it was resolved** that the Clerk would write to Neil Eccles West Lincs Director of Planning cc Cllr Juckes to ascertain responsibility for moving the water and gas meters in the ABVH cellar now that the cellar can no longer be accessed for Health and Safety reasons.

33. FINANCE / ACCOUNTS

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

Payments:

J. Ashurst	Clerk's Salary (net) to 30 th June '26	£1022.59
J. Ashurst	Clerk's PAYE for June 2026	£255.80
J Ashurst	Employers NIC for June 2026	£129.21
J. Ashurst	Clerk's Exes (Mileage) to 20/7/26	£99.18
J. Ashurst	Reimbursement of Petty Cash	£50.00
D/D Waterplus	ABVH Water Charges July 2026	£19.13
D/D Brit Gas	MLVH Gas Usage June/July 2026	£51.02
D/D Brit Gas	ABVH Gas Usage May/June 2026	£162.28
D/D Brit. Gas	ABVH Gas Usage June/July 2026	£91.64
Starboard Sys.	Monthly Scribe Subscription July 26	£37.20
D/D Unity Bank	Bank Charges for June 2026	£7.00
D/D Easyweb	Provision of Website Services July 26	£58.08
D/D CPRE	Annual Subscription for 26/27	£60.00
D/D BT	Broadband Services June 2026	£76.68
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John Cross	Cleaning Services MLVH June 2026	£165.23
John Cross	Cleaning Services ABVH June 2026	£330.46
Dale Burton	Replenish Planters ABVH and MLVH	£340.00
LALC	Chairing Skills Course	£90.00

Receipts:

HMRC	VAT Refund re: 2025/26	£2684.81
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Monthly Budget Report and Bank Reconciliation

---- **It was resolved** unanimously to accept the **Bank Reconciliation as at 30/6/26** and the **Monthly Income and Expenditure report to 30/6/26** which was signed by the Chair

---- **Bank Mandate** The Clerk reported that the Bank Mandate had been updated satisfactorily but the Chair called for the participation of other Councillors as regards Authorised Signatories.

---- **Honoraria** To agree the Honoraria for 2025/6 for the Village Hall Officials. At this point Cllr. Carey declared an Interest, being the Treasurer of the Appley Bridge Villag Hall Committee but did not leave the Meeting since he wished to speak on the matter but not vote

Treasurers Honorarium. It was proposed by Cllr. Carey that Village Hall Treasurers be paid an honorarium of £300 for 25/26. **This was agreed by all Members present except Cllr. Carey who did not vote .**

Booking Secretaries Honorarium. It was proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr. Juckes that Booking Secretaries be paid a minimum honorarium of £400 or 7% of the sum transferred from the Village Hall Accounts and to the main Council account in the last financial year whichever is the greater amount. **It was unanimously resolved to do this .**

--- **Capital Expenditure** To agree the amount to be transferred from Current to Reserve Account and to agree the amounts to be spent on Village Hall projects before 31st March 2027.

Transfer to Reserve **It was resolved** unanimously that no money be transferred to Reserve account and it was noted that the Council was aware that the fund balance at year end had to be brought down but could not agree on further capital expenditure at this time with the exception of Soundproofing of the MLVH

Soundproofing at Mossy Lea Village Hall Cllr. J Burton requested approval for the cost of Soundproofing in the MLVH. It was proposed by Cllr. Carey and seconded by Cllr Juckes that the £800 cost for Soundproofing be approved. **It was resolved unanimously** to accept this figure

34. POLICIES REVIEW – to review and adopt the Annual Audit Plan and Asset Register. **It was resolved unanimously** to adopt the Annual Audit Plan and Asset Register

35. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i) **ABVH Committee** Cllr Carey reported on the following issues and requested they be placed on the Agenda of the next Meeting:-

Air Conditioning Unit The Committee requests that the Council considers buying a portable Unit

Grass Cutting Contract. The Committee requests that Council reviews the grounds maintenance contract

Car Park. The Committee requests that the condition of the Car Park be reviewed.

Projector. The Committee request that the installation of a projector and screen be revisited.

- ii) **Website** Cllr. Carey requested that the Website be updated regarding Policies and Minutes

iii) **Moving the Gas and Water Meters at ABVH.** Awaiting information to enable progress to be made

iv) Blocked Drains and Food Bins. Cllr J Burton reported problems with both these issues and **it was resolved** that Cllr Jukes would raise them at Borough Level

36. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 17th August 2026 at 7.30pm
at the Mossy Lea Village Hall

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed at 9.37p.m.

Chairman:

Date

REPORT 1

- a) Email dated 1/6/26 from Valuation Office Agency requesting lease details relating to Mossy Lea VH
- b) Non Domestic Rate Bills from West Lancs BC relating to the Village Halls confirming no charge for 2026/27
- c) E mail from Joseph Noblett dated 29/6/26 confirming Christmas Tree prices for 2026
- d) E mail from HMRC dated 24/6/26 indicating VAT Refund had been submitted.
- e) E mail from Tom Lynan, WLBC's Deputy Democratic Services Manager outlining LGR Implications for Parish and Town Council Elections
- f) Media Release Issue 26 dated 30/6/26 from WLBC regarding Stop Social Housing Stigma Campaign.
- g) Email dated 17/6/26 from Energy Assets indicating change of meter at Mossy Lea Village Hall arranged for 15/7/2026.
- h) Further Late Correspondence previously circulated. No Decision Required

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