

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Ms K Jukes, ( Vice Chairman ), Mr Lee Burton, , Ms Anne Fletcher, and J Ashurst, Clerk

Also in attendance were 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 17<sup>th</sup> March 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.

140. **APOLOGIES** – None received

141. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** Cllr. Jukes declared an interest re: disputed land.

142. **MINUTES** --- **It was resolved** to unanimously accept the Minutes of the Meeting of the 17th February 2025 as a true record which were signed by Chair .

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

144. **NEW WEBSITE** ---- The Clerk reported that the new website provided by Easy Websites was fully operational and invited everyone to check it out at [www.wrightington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.wrightington-pc.gov.uk).

145. **EAST QUARRY** ---- Cllr.Jukes reported that this matter was in the hands of the WLDC Enforcement Dept..

146. **WEST QUARRY** ---- Cllr. Jukes reported that this matter was in the hands of the Planning Inspectorate

147. **HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS** ---

The Clerk reported the outcome of his letters to WLDC and LCC regarding the flooding and gully cleaning along Mossy Lea Road .

----- Cllr . Johnson reported yet another accident on Moss Lane . **It was resolved** that the Clerk would write to Crime Commissioner Grunshaw regarding the numerous accidents along Moss Lane, Toogood Lane and High Moor Lane .

Also Cllr. Johnson reported the dangerous condition of a large tree on Mossy Lea Road opposite house number 374. **It was resolved that** the Clerk would write to LCC Highways to report this.

----- **It was resolved that** the Clerk would write to the Police regarding the inappropriate car parking on the road opposite Wrightington Country Club. The Clerk was also asked to ask if a member of Lancashire Police's South Rural Task Force could attend a future Parish Council meeting to give a short address on the work of the SRTF.

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

**149. VILLAGE HALLS**

**Regarding VE Day Celebrations.**

**It was resolved that** Cllr Johnson would source 2 Union Flags for display at the village halls

**It was resolved that** Cllr J Burton would source poppies for display at the village halls

**Mossy Lea Village Hall ---**

**----- Toilets --- It was resolved** to proceed with the refurbishment of toilets and flooring in accordance with the SHS quotation.

**----- Patio Doors It was resolved** to agree to the installation of double patio doors of at a cost of no more than £3000. subject to further quotations and permission to proceed from WLDC's Estates Dept .

**----- Patio It was resolved** to defer this item to a future meeting

**Appley Bridge Village Hall**

**--- Roof and Gutter Repairs. It was resolved** to have the repairs done as a matter of urgency

**---- Blinds ---. It was resolved** that the existing Blinds would be removed

**---- Gas Charges -- It was resolved** that the restricted access to the thermostat should continue

**----- Projector and Screen and CCTV system ----- It was resolved that** a decision regarding installation of this equipment would be deferred to the next Meeting pending receipt of further quotations .

**---- Video Doorbell/ Intercom ----- It was resolve to** approve the installation of a video doorbell / intercom system . Cllr. L Burton to progress this matter.

**----- Kitchen Refurbishment ---- It was resolved** to request quotations for a full replacement kitchen. Cllr Juckes to progress this matter..

**150. PLANNING ---- It was resolved** that no objections would be made to any of the Planning Applications currently under consideration

151. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS Nil Report

152. BANKING ARRANGEMENTS ---- On Line Banking Authorisations --- All the required details had been gathered .The Clerk agreed to progress the matter when appropriate

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

Accounts for Approval at WPC March Meeting 17/3/2025

Payments:

J. Ashurst	Clerk's Salary ( net ) February 2025	£967.68
J. Ashurst	Clerk's PAYE for Jan. 2025	£241.80
J. Ashurst	Clerk's Expenses ( Mileage )	£122.67
J. Ashurst	Reimbursement of Cleaning Supplies	£80.61
LALC	Councillor Training Course	£35.00
Gareth Ross	Honorarium re: old Website 24/25	£240.00
D/D BT	Broadband Charges	£64.13
D/D Brit Gas Lite	MLVH Gas Charges Feb-Mar. 25	£248.88
D/D Waterplus	Water Charges ABVH	£29.13
D/D Brit Gas	ABVH Gas Charges Jan- Feb. 25	£594.35
D/D Brit Gas	ABVH Gas Charges Feb- March 25	£225.92
DTG Plumbing	Heating Repairs	£98.00
Netwise	Final Web Charges 25/26	£672.00

**Income** Nil for February 2025

154. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Applications ( previously circulated ) for the two Councillor vacancies had been received in accordance with the deadline from :-

(i) Ms Sue Roberts (ii) Mr Hugh Carey

Following further consideration **it was unanimously resolved** to co-opt both Applicants to the vacant Council positions

155. ANY OTHER BUSINESS ----- None

156. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT WPC MEETING: TBA

The next meeting had originally been scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 ( Easter Monday ) **but it was resolved** to try to rearrange this to Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 The Chair would contact the Secretary of the Appley Bridge Village Hall to see if this date was available

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed at 9.20p.m

Chairman:

Date:

