

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## INTERIM ACTION

Due to the cancellation of the **Meeting of the Parish Council** of the Parish of Wrightington scheduled to be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.30 pm, the following interim action was taken by members of the Parish Council which will be ratified by full Council at their next proper meeting.

53. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interest they may have to disclose in relation to matters detailed below – **No declarations made.**
54. **INTERIM ACTION** – To accept the Interim Action of items for what should have been the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020. The Interim Action of items on what should have been the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 had been circulated in advance and **were agreed in principle by the Parish Council and will be ratified and signed by the Chairman at the next proper meeting.**
55. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items requiring discussion, observations, action or for note by the Council:

- a) Info. from LCC re: we all have a role to play this winter and being prepared – **Noted.**
- b) Confirmation the report of a missing directional sign for public footpath 18 is being investigated – **Noted.**
- c) Notification of appeal following the failure by West Lancs. BC to determine an application for a Certificate of Lawful Development within the time limit allowed – Proposal-that a lawful commencement has taken place for a detached house and garage as approved on planning permission A/15365/80 issued by Wigan MBC, land between 5 & 9 Mossy Lea Road – **Noted.**
- d) Copy Open Spaces Society Autumn 2020 issue – **Noted.**
- e) Notification of, and info. on, the LCC Public Transport Demand Management Campaign – Info. put on the website and in the Notice Boards – **Noted.**
- f) Notification of, info. on, and request for financial support from The CPR Group, a not-for-profit organisation working to support N W Ambulance Service. Request to fund a new initiative in schools to reduce lives lost through cardiac arrest. Proposal to donate a “How To Save Lives” billboard in every school + 100 keyrings to year 7’s on a yearly basis. Cost of billboard £300, cost of 100 keyrings £300. Please confirm whether you wish to support this initiative at this time – **Good idea but not the right time to support this financially.**
- g) Info. from Wireless CCTV Ltd on their CCTV provision used to address anti-social behaviour issues – they ask if you would be interested in a free trial prior to purchasing one – **Some Councillors feel this would be a good idea and possibly assist with fly tipping and littering problems in the Parish. Enquiries will be made re: cost.**
- h) Email from Councillor Critchley in relation to Parbold Hill and West Quarry – There has been no direct contact with the Parish Council from the Parbold Campaign group to date. Your views on the email going forward please – **Councillor Critchley believes the Parish Council should not accept the LCC decision and should express their disappointment. Councillor Mrs Burton thinks the Council has to accept the LCC decision but that we should look to see if the community could benefit going forward with amenities (such as rights of way linking into other rights of way and maintaining the use of the car park).**
- i) Following on from suggestions in the October Interim Action document, please confirm how you believe money from the Peter Lathom Trust should be distributed in the Parish so that Councillor Critchley can inform the solicitors – **Councillors seem agreed that Appleby Bridge in Bloom should benefit from the Charity. However, there are mixed views on whether Wrightington Pensioners Association and The Meadows should be the other beneficiaries and if so, to what proportion of the funding available.**
- j) If you are interested in taking on the role of Representative Trustee on the Peter Lathom Charity, the post formerly held by Councillor Critchley, please respond, copying everyone into your response – **Councillor Critchley confirmed this post can be filled next year.**

- k) The Clerk is looking into the cost of purchasing a SPID and any additional costs which may be necessary to move the SPID around the village. There are several suppliers of these, some are battery powered, some solar powered, some are even mains powered. Plates would also be required for each location you would wish to move the SPID to - **The Clerk is still looking in to this and will provide some alternatives when the information has been gathered together. The Clerk has also recently contacted other Parish Councils to ask who they have used and to determine whether any particular supplier is favoured over others.**

**56. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS** – The following have been reported to date: Damaged stiles on 2 public footpaths off Courage Low Lane/Toogood Lane. Overgrown trees on Footpath 21 Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road. Overgrown trees near 5 Toogood Lane catching cars and damaging wing mirrors as motorists pass. Fly tipping on Moss Lane and Courage Low Lane. Fly tipping of soil and mixed materials by LCC on the old road adjacent to BP Crow Orchard Garage – this was reported and some work has been undertaken but it is unclear whether some material has been moved or whether it has just be spread out – **It appears that the initial amount tipped is still on site but that the second load has been removed. This will be monitored and LCC contacted again if it is not cleared. It was further reported that parking remains a problem from visitors to Fairy Glen. Councillor Johnson reported the culvert at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane remains blocked and flooding the road. Church Lane continues to flood from blocked ditches and culverts, however, LCC are not aware of this. Farmers believe the ditches on Church Lane are the responsibility of LCC, confirmation will be requested from LCC. The Parish Council will ask West Lancs. BC to strim around the hazard markers on the bend on Mossy Lea Road. The grassed area at the junction of Boundary Lane and Mossy Lea Road is normally maintained by Wigan Council and now requires some attention. It will be confirmed whether or not this area is the responsibility of Wigan Council or West Lancs. BC. The road surface on Tunley Lane is very rough, contains pot-holes and is holding surface water all of which require attention.**

**57. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Not applicable

#### **58. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Closed. Confirmation from West Lancs. BC that the hall will be required for Borough, County, Parish and Police & Crime Commissioner Elections – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Closed. We have once again contacted a builder who, having made arrangements to call on 2 occasions, did not do so. If anyone else has any recommendations for someone who can fix the roof at this hall, maybe from one of the Local Life books for the area, please send me details. Fire extinguishers were recently serviced at the hall. 1 x had to be replaced as its 10 year life had expired and therefore 1 had to be disposed of. The remainder were serviced.

I have informed the booking secretary at Appley Bridge Village Hall of the proposed 50% increase in the hourly rate. She shares my concerns that we may lose some village hall users, particularly those who book for longer periods, if the hourly rate is increased by so much. She suggested a 20% increase ie: £2.00 per hour. I feel that a 25% increase ie: £2.50 per hour could be justified, for the provision of hand sanitation, cleaning materials and additional cleaning work. However, this is a decision for the Parish Council and I therefore await confirmation from all Councillors of the increased rate. 20%, 25 % or 50% - **Councillors agreed that the £5 per hour increase should go ahead for various economic reasons including additional cleaning, supply of materials and increasing utility charges. This may be reviewed at a later date if the Parish Council deem it necessary.**

**59. PLANNING** To note the following planning decisions and discuss the applications listed:

1. Notification application withdrawn to regularise land as garden land (Use Class C3). Holdcrofts, Tunley Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**
2. Notification Certificate of Lawfulness (Proposed). Not permitted for the proposed single storey rear extension, new roofing including integrated photovoltaics and replacement windows. Sandon, Hall Lane, Wrightington – **Noted.**

3. Notification permission granted for removal of existing garage and erection of two storey gable extension. Material change to front elevation at ground floor level. 8 Glenside, Appley Bridge – **Noted.**

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS REQUIRING OBSERVATIONS:**

1. 2020/0852/FUL Enlargement of front facing balcony structure. Proposed garage structure with balcony to roof. Garage conversion to create two new bedroom spaces. Changes to hardscaping to front garden. Elevational changes to include changing the windows to grey. Oak House, 13A Finch Lane, Appley Bridge - **Agreed - No Objections.**
2. 2020/0898/FUL Single storey rear extensions to include larger Kitchen/Dining Room and new bedroom. Double detached garage to be erected at front of the property with new wider access off Hall Lane to ensure safer ingress/egress from the property with new electric gates. Porch to be added to front elevation along with all windows being replaced from White UPVC to Black/Anthracite. Wetherby Lodge, Hall Lane, Wrightington - **Agreed - No Objections.**
3. 2020/0565/NMA Non material amendment to planning permission 2018/0941/FUL – Minor internal alterations and additional roof lights. Sprodley Brook Farm House, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge - **Agreed - No Objections.**
4. 2020/0870/LDP Certificate of Lawfulness – proposed the construction of two single storey rear extensions and alterations to a window to the front elevation. Westgate, 10 Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington - **Agreed - No Objections.**
5. 2020/0943/FUL Application for the removal of condition No.15 of planning permission 2019/0098/FUL relating to a Natural England Licence. Sprodley Brook Farm House, Finch Lane, Appley Bridge. (Condition 15 states that – “No development shall take place in respect of works to the barn until the Local Planning Authority have been provided with and have acknowledged in writing the acceptability of a copy of a licence issued by Natural England pursuant to Regulation 55 of The Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 authorising the specified development to go ahead”). However, having read the response from Natural England to this application to remove condition 15 – it appears that a licence cannot be issued if there is no, or insufficient, evidence to show a bat roost. No evidence has been found and the sighting of 1 bat in 2015 is not sufficient to prove there is a bat roost in the property. Therefore, Natural England will not issue the licence as there are no bats evident, the applicant needs to request that the condition be removed so that he is not in breach of the planning decision - **Agreed - No Objections.**
6. T/2020/0124/TPO Removal of 3 no. Sycamore trees in bad condition. Nyhavn, 113 Hall Lane, Wrightington - **Agreed - No Objections.**

**60. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – Nothing to report.

**61. ACCOUNTS** - To receive the following list of accounts for agreement:

**For Payment**

Royal British Legion	Wreath for Remembrance Day		£20.00
Chubb Fire	Servicing & Replacing fire extinguishers ABVH		£168.18
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Annual Audit Charges for year ending 31/3/20		£240.00
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk’s Salary – Net		£820.56
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£5.48	
	NI due by Parish Council	£12.98	£18.46
D/D Open Spaces	Annual Subscriptions		£45.00
D/D Plusnet	Internet MLVH		£26.39

**Agreed - that Payment of the above accounts is accepted.**

**62. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** – Guidelines and Government advice permitting. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at Appley Bridge Village Hall **OR** remotely via the Zoom platform depending on Government Guidelines at that time – **The Council will deal with December’s requirements by Interim Action due to the close proximity of the meeting to Christmas.**