

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 18 September 2017 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Hodgkinson, Mr F Johnson, Mr P Gartside and Mr J Clinch. Also present PCSO Andy Holderness.

## 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, District and County Councillors if attending – Once open forum is closed the Chairman will only suspend standing orders to allow public participation in extreme circumstances.)

PCSO Holderness – Reported the recent crime figures which indicated no major issues in the Parish. In the last one month period he reported: Burglaries - 1 in Appley Bridge and 1 in Wrightington. Car crimes: damage to a motorbike and a car stolen, later recovered, in Parbold. Damages: at Parbold School and a window in an abandoned building damaged with a pellet gun. No reports of anti-social behaviour received and, incidents at the Quarry have now quietened from the daily calls received over summer. PCSO Holderness was happy that there have been no spikes in crime in the village over the past 3 months. The odd drive-off from the BP garage was also reported and motorists are still using it as a short cut to avoid the motorway roundabout. Councillors reported that some motorists are still entering via the exit point, possibly because the no entry signs are particularly small and often not seen until it is too late. PCSO Holderness will check and monitor this. The Council reported their concerns in relation to the aggressive marketing for Costa Coffee at the BP Garage, with large and small signs erected everywhere, including the central reservation of Crow Orchard Road, and flags on the highway verges. The Council believe these are distracting to motorists. The Council again expressed concern about the large red or white vehicle parked almost daily on the car park adjacent to the bungalows on Chisnall Avenue. The Parish Council confirmed that they have requested signage from West Lancs. BC indicating that the car park is for residents only. The Council again expressed concern about the number of vehicles parked for long periods of time on Appley Bridge Village Hall car park. Notices have been placed on the windscreens of the vehicles which seem to have been abandoned. One of the vehicles now has a note in the window indicating that they are having work done on their driveway and that they will remove the vehicle if it is causing problems. PCSO Holderness agreed to pursue removal of the other 2 apparently abandoned vehicles from the car park. The Parish Council thanked PCSO Holderness for attending and bringing them up to date with crime reports.

- 47. APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillor House (family commitments).
- 48. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members were asked to consider any personal/prejudicial interest they may have to disclose in relation to matters under discussion at the Meeting - No declarations were made at this point in the Meeting, however, should a Councillor feel he/she has any interest in later matters he/she will declare it at that point.
- 49. MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 July 2017 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting, were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.
- 50. UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
Public Footpath No.21 – Moss Lane to Mossy Lea Road. It was reported that this route has been cut back, however, the Council will request an update on upgrading this route to a bridleway.
- 51. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**  
Items reported to, noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – pages 4-5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Proposals from West Lancs. BC to the Parish Council suggestion to purchase picnic tables for Mossy Lea Play Area – **The Clerk reported that West Lancs. BC are prepared to install picnic benches to ensure that health and safety rules are met, and will inspect at the same time that the equipment is inspected, however, the Parish Council will be responsible for**

- future maintenance, repairs and upkeep. The Council will contact Huws Gray to see if they would be prepared to donate 2 picnic benches. The Parish Council would acknowledge their support by placing a plaque on the picnic benches.**
- b) Invitation from Lathom Parish Council to attend the Parish Council Civic Service, at Lathom Park Chapel, on Sunday 1 October 2017 at 11.00am – **Councillor Gartside expressed an interest in attending. The Clerk will ask Borough Councillor Mrs Evans if she will be attending and, if so, could Councillor Gartside accompany her.**
  - c) Request for a Donation from Wrightington Pensioners' Welfare Association – **Resolved – The Parish Council will donate £100 at the October Parish Council Meeting.**
  - d) Notification, via County Councillor Mrs Evans, that an amendment is proposed to the Green Infrastructure & Cycling Strategy, to extend improvements of the canal towpath beyond Parbold and up to the boundary with Wigan as part of the Pier-to- Pier route – **The Parish Council are pleased with this amendment and will thank Borough Councillor Mrs Evans for her support and input on this matter.**
  - e) Emails regarding the boundary wall at Appley Bridge Village Hall being affected by tree roots – **The Clerk reported that since this email was received the wall has actually fallen over and is now blocking the walking access to the front of the houses on Ashfield Terrace. Councillor Mrs Burton has placed red and white hazard tape at either end of this path and the Clerk has posted notices stating that the route is temporarily closed and that the alternative route is via the village hall car park and the gate on the left of the hall. It was reported that the roots of a large tree adjacent to the wall have damaged the foundations and caused the wall to fall over. There is approximately 5 tonnes of stone on the path. The Chairman has met a contractor on site who has given a quotation of £150+VAT to remove the stone from the path and put it on the grass within the boundary of the village hall. This work can be done towards the end of this week or the beginning of next week. The stone cannot be removed as it forms part of the village hall, owned by West Lancs. BC. It was reported that it will cost in excess of £1000+ to remove the tree and in excess of £2000+ to rebuild the wall. The Parish Council do not have the money to undertake this work at the moment, however, the Chairman has requested a site meeting with Steve Kent from Leisure at West Lancs. BC to discuss this matter in more detail. It was suggested that it may be possible to replace the wall with something less onerous e.g. a hedge, a fence etc. Resolved – The contractor will be instructed to remove the stone and place on the grass inside the village hall grounds as soon as possible. Further discussion on this matter will take place once the site meeting has taken place.**
  - f) Notification grants of up to £1000 available from the Community Foundation for Lancashire – **Following discussion it was Resolved – The Clerk will submit a funding bid for £1000 towards the groundwork needed to solve the problems associated with the fallen wall.**
  - g) Notification that Aon will cease to provide Parish Council Insurance cover with effect from the next renewal date + a letter of introduction from BHIB Insurance Brokers – **Noted.**
  - h) Request for additional info. to complete the audit of the Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31 March 2017 from BDO – **The Clerk explained that the additional information was required because, when completing the annual return and transferring figures onto the return form, she had input a 3 instead of an 8. This will result in amendments to the annual return which could incur costs. The Council accepted this and will await the completion of audit report.**
  - i) A number of responses to reports made over previous months from Phil Steed, new District Lead Officer at LCC (See full list and details at Report 2 – page 5-6) – **Details of any action required will be detailed against each response received in Report 2).**
  - j) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – i) Information relating to a Heating Oil Club – **Noted.**

## **52. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

Councillor Johnson reported the following:

- Clear water is running down Broadhurst Lane, possibly from the outlet of a septic tank at Treetops. The Council will ask whether this water can be discharged on to the highway.

- United Utilities has now installed a new meter chamber, there is no new evidence of yellow water in the hole left at the installation location but the road is still stained from previous leaks. The Council will monitor this.
- The carriageway at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane is flooded at the field entrance where both gullies are blocked at this location.
- A request for a dog waste bin/multi-purpose litter bin on Broadhurst Lane will be submitted.
- Footways and grass verges around junction 27 of the motorway need urgent attention.
- Lamp post 184 Mossy Lea Road is still not on.
- The last channel sweep in the Parish was at the end of July, 39 weeks after the previous sweep. Weeds and grass are growing in the channels. Weed spraying will no longer take place.
- Ivy branches remain on the grass verge on Chisnall Avenue.
- The mini bus is still parking on the car park adjacent to the bungalows on Chisnall Avenue.
- Blocked road gullies will be reported at the following locations: 1 each side of Moss Lane close to the entrance to footpath 21. 1 each side of the road junction of Moss Lane and Hall Lane. 1 each side of the road on Hall Lane in front of St Joseph's RC Church.
- Street name signs on each side of Mossy Lea Fold have been damaged and need resetting.
- An update on flooding in the vicinity of No.15 Mossy Lea Road will be requested.
- Bollards at the edge of the carriageway on the left hand side of Carr House Lane, when approaching the junction with Whittle Bottoms, need replacing as 2 of them are badly damaged and 1 is very overgrown. The Parish Council are extremely concerned for the health and safety of motorists using this route.

Other Reports:

- Only one gully is taking water away on Tunley Lane, all other gullies are blocked.
- Following another incident at the T-junction at Courage Low Lane/Moss Lane, the Council are concerned that existing signage is inadequate. Motorists exiting Courage Low Lane cannot see, nor can they be seen. Signage is required on the road and larger post mounted signs are required. The white railings at the junction are overgrown with brambles and tall vegetation.
- There is a blocked drain in front of Kingfisher (White House) Robin Hood Lane, which is now causing flooding to the driveway of this home.
- Public footpath No.7, off Robin Hood Lane to Hillhouse Lane is overgrown.
- There is a very large branch overhanging the parked cars on the road leading down to the railway station at Appley Bridge.
- The Council will check on drainage issues raised by a resident on Mossy Lea Road associated with development at the first bungalow on Mossy Lea Fold.

**53. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES** – Nothing to report.

**54. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY** – The Clerk confirmed that Policing is in place for the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November and the application for the road closure order has been submitted and is being processed. Wreaths have been ordered and 300 Orders of Service will be printed in due course. The Clerk will attempt to find out who will be leading the service this year.

**55. VILLAGE HALLS**

MOSSY LEA – Receipt of £120.00 craft class. Receipt of £160.00 yoga class. Received from Stroke Club (3 months) £160.00. Received from Sunday Embroidery Classes (2 months) £100.00. Received from Moo Music Classes £60.00. Children's Party £30.00. New 14 week Yoga for Beginners Class starting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September until Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Hot Pot Supper and Sing-a-long Friday 3 November 7pm-10pm – Christmas Craft & Gift Fair Sunday 26 November 2017 11am-3pm. The Clerk reported an enquiry regarding the use of the village hall on Thursday evenings for adult tap dancing classes – The Parish Council agreed to this use. **Noted.**

APPLEY BRIDGE – Update on breakfast/after school club – The village hall treasurer has hand delivered and posted numerous letters and invoices for the outstanding amount due from Mark Bailey. The Clerk will write to Mr Bailey informing him that unless he makes the necessary payment the Parish Council will be seeking legal advice on this matter. New LED lighting has now been fitted. The Clerk will

request a quotation from Paul Cornwell for splicing the large window at the front of the village hall. The next village hall committee meeting will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 8.00 pm. The Clerk confirmed that she has ordered new pads for the defibrillators outside both village halls.

**56. PLANNING** To discuss the following applications:

**Planning Applications during summer recess for ratification – REPORT 3 – page 6 - Resolved: Decisions approved.**

- 1) 2017/0867/FUL Alterations and two storey extension to Wrightington New Farm. Wrightington (Case 2191024) New Farm, Hall Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved – The Council will leave this decision to the professional officers at West Lancs. BC.**
- 2) 2017/0868/FUL Demolition of East Lodges and construction of a replacement independent unit of accommodation. 1 and 2 East Lodge, Hall Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved – The Council will leave this decision to the professional officers at West Lancs. BC.**

**57. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS** – The next Area Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**58. ACCOUNTS** - To receive the following list of accounts for Approval:

**Payments during summer recess for ratification – REPORT 4 – page 6 – Resolved: Approved. For Payment:**

AB Pensioners & Social Club – Donation		£100.00
Fire Eqpmnt Servs. Servicing Fire Extinguishers at MLVH		£41.23
Matrix FSE Ltd LED Lighting ABVH		£574.56
Dave Proe Hedge Cutting		£40.00
E.on Electricity supplied to ABVH		£75.54
Mrs C A Cross Clerk’s Salary – Net		£725.13
HM Rev. & Customs Tax & NI due by Clerk	£33.20	
	NI due by Parish Council	£10.81
D/D British Gas Gas supplied to ABVH (estimated)		£50.97

**Receipts:**

West Lancs. BC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Part of the Precept	£7650.00
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**Resolved: Payment and receipt of the above accounts was approved.**

**59. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Resolved:** The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 16 October 2017 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 47 to 59 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 16 October 2017.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 9:43 pm

Chairman:

Date:

### **REPORT 1**

- a) Notification permission granted for hard and soft landscape restoration improvements to the parkland, gardens and curtilage to Harrock Hall, including driveway alterations and ground modelling and strategic planting. Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington.
- b) Notification permission granted for two storey side and single storey front extension. 26 Millbank.
- c) Notification permission granted for first floor rear extension. 2 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- d) Notification certificate of lawfulness (proposed) permitted for single storey rear extension. 26 Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge.
- e) Notification permission granted for extension to existing business by construction of a 20m deep test tank and a single storey extension to the side of the existing building to provide a foyer, office,

- changing facilities and WC for male and female, store, training pool and plant room. Northern Divers Building, East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- f) Notification permission granted for first floor timber framed extension at side. 3 North Drive.
  - g) Notification permission granted for single storey side extension to replace existing single storey double length garage and oak framed open porch. 6 Courage Low Lane, Wrightington.
  - h) Notification prior approval is not required for extension of dwellinghouse. Dimension from rear wall of the original dwellinghouse – 7.977m. Maximum height of the extension – 3.840m. Height to eaves of the extension – 2.600m. 48 Manse Avenue, Wrightington.
  - i) Confirmation that Community Concern Signs will be erected on Mossy Lea Road, Church Lane and Tunley Lane.
  - j) Confirmation that your report that footpath 3, Appley Lane North-Finch Lane is overgrown is being investigated.
  - k) Confirmation that your concerns regarding new street lighting have been forward to the relevant dept. who will respond in due course.
  - l) Notification of a temporary road closure order, Mill Lane, Appley Bridge, 18/9/17-27/9/17 to enable carriageway resurfacing works to take place.
  - m) Notification of a temporary road closure order, Lees Lane, Dalton, 2/10/17-6/10/17 to enable drainage works to take place.
  - n) Notification of a temporary road closure order, Carr House Lane, 30/10/17 to enable utility works to take place.
  - o) West Lancs. BC invitation to give your views on Meeting the Budge Challenge 2017 – survey sent to Councillors for completion.
  - p) Invitation to comment on the Burscough Draft Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation. Sent to Councillors to look at. To comment if Councillors feel it necessary.

## **REPORT 2**

- 1) Response to correspondence in March and May confirming that work started on 28<sup>th</sup> July to clear stones on Robin Hood Lane, Tunley Lane and Highmoor Lane, and will take a week to complete – **The stones have not been removed on Robin Hood Lane and Highmoor Lane.**
- 2) Response to correspondence in June confirming that Japanese Knotweed on Mossy Lea Road will be treated as soon as resources allow – **This work has now been completed.**
- 3) Response to correspondence in June confirming that an order has been raised to have fencing erected on Courage Low Lane as soon as resources allow – **Noted but will be monitored.**
- 4) Response to correspondence in February confirming that Mill Lane is scheduled to be resurfaced mid-September (weather permitting) and all yellow lines, white lines including the Mill Lane/Appley Lane North junction will be remarked after work is completed – **Work is imminent, weather permitting.**
- 5) Response to correspondence of June relating to overgrown hedges on Crow Orchard Road, notifying the Council that it is taking longer than expected to provide a substantive response which will follow in due course – **The Council will await a response.**
- 6) Response to correspondence of June relating to traffic concerns at Herons Wharf, notifying the Council that it is taking longer than expected to provide a substantive response which will follow in due course – **The Council will await a response.**
- 7) Response to correspondence of July regarding overgrown grass verges at the junction of Courage Low Lane/Moss Lane, which will be cut within the next 20 working days – **The Council await this work**
- 8) Response to correspondence of June relating to boulders on Hall Lane, notifying the Council that it is taking longer than expected to provide a substantive response which will follow in due course – **The boulders are still present and require removing.**
- 9) Response to correspondence of June confirming that a works order has been raised and vegetation on Crow Orchard Road, in front of the BP garage, will be cut and cleared as soon as possible – **Noted.**
- 10) Response to correspondence of December 2016 confirming that a standard bus stop box marking will be provided on Appley Lane North, opposite Finch Lane, in due course – **Noted.**
- 11) Response to correspondence of July relating to flooding near 15 Mossy Lea Road, notifying the Council that it is taking longer than expected to provide a substantive response which it is hoped will follow in the next couple of weeks – **The Council await a response.**

12) Response to correspondence of May confirming that officers have investigated the reported locations where ragwort can be found on Mossy Lea Road and Rookery Fold and confirmation that they have been added to the programme of works for harmful weeds and will be done as soon as possible – **Noted.**

13) Response to correspondence of August confirming Japanese Knotweed on Courage Low Lane has been added to the programme of works for weed removal, to be completed as soon as possible – **Noted.**

14) Response to correspondence of January requesting the removal of bollards outside Hunters Hill Cottage confirming that following a land search identifying land ownership, a letter has been sent to request removal of the bollards and confirmation that LCC will monitor progress at this location – **Noted.**

### **REPORT 3**

The following applications received, observations were as follows:

- 1) 2017/0817/FUL - Replacement south western elevation involving a single-storey extension to the existing ground floor gym including internal re-modelling to the cellar stair location along with internal modifications to the ground floor parlour and lounge and first floor modifications to the master bedroom and guest bedrooms. Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington. (Case 2087760) **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2017/0818/LBC - Listed Building Consent - Replacement south western elevation involving a single storey extension to the existing ground floor gym including internal re-modelling to the cellar stair location along with internal modifications to the ground floor parlour and lounge and first floor modifications to the master bedroom and guest bedrooms. Harrock Hall, Harrock Lane, Wrightington. (Case 2187762) ) **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2017/0778/OUT - Outline - erection of 4 dwellings, including details of access and layout. Ashurst Garage & Signs, Wood Lane, Wrightington. (Case 2187764) **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 4) 2017/0829/LBC - Listed Building Consent - Replacement of top and bottom gates; repairs to towpath side gate paddle; replacement of gate paddle fenders; addition of cobbles to one quadrant; re-pointing to lock chamber. Southern Lock at Appley Locks, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**

### **REPORT 4**

Paid during the summer recess:

Mrs M Stewart	Internal Audit	£25.00
The Wiper Co.	Paper Towels/Toilet rolls – ABVH & MLVH	£57.60
Water Plus	Water usage ABVH	£64.64
C A Cross	Clerk's Salary (Net)	£724.93
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax due by Clerk	£44.21