

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 20th September 2021 at Appley Bridge Village Hall at 7.30pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mr F Hodgkinson, Mrs K Jukes, Mr J Chambers, Mr R Alexander and Mr C House. Also present members of the public, Ms A Fletcher, and Mr A J Shaw.

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.)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the September Meeting and asked that everyone treat each other with respect when asking or answering questions. A resident of Mossy Lea reported serious anti-social behaviour issues around Mossfields which are becoming unbearable. Borough Councillor (BC) Jukes reported that there are a number of neighbour issues on Mossfields and that she is working with the residents and the Borough Council to try to address them. It was reported that there has been an eviction notice issued. BC Jukes took contact details and agreed to take this forward with the Borough Council. The issue of speeding on Mossy Lea Road was raised. The Police have tried to raise awareness but nothing has changed. The speeding problems are both daytime and in the evening. BC Jukes confirmed that she is aware of the problem and is liaising with County Councillor Fillis to approach the Police and Crime Commissioner with a view to looking at an action plan, which will include members of the public, to try to address the issue. In the meantime BC Jukes has requested some speed awareness posters. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council will support the request for assistance with anti-social behaviour issues at Mossfields and speeding on Mossy Lea Road. Councillor Alexander asked if there was any budget available from the Parish, Borough or County Council to address speeding issues – reporting on a process in Scotland where a SPID was closely followed by a red traffic light which brought the speeding motorist to a stop. It was confirmed that the Parish Council are looking in to the cost of purchasing a SPID/s for use in the village. Councillors agreed both issues are important problems.

48. **APOLOGIES** - No apologies were required.

49. **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 – **Councillor Jukes disclosed that she is currently in a legal dispute with the owner of West Quarry. No further 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.**

50. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th July 2021 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting. **Resolved – The Minutes were accepted as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.**

51. **UPDATE/PROGRESS WITH ISSUES RAISED AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING** – The Clerk reported that the Council are awaiting a response from the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) in relation to the data breach which took place at the end of the July Parish Council Meeting. It was also reported that the CCTV footage at Mossy Lea Village Hall confirmed that no-one entered or left the village hall during the course of the Meeting, who was not present at the July Meeting. This information has been given to the Police and the ICO.

52. **CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Items reported to, and noted by, the Council – no decision required: REPORT 1 – page 4-5 – ACCEPTED.

Items requiring discussion, observations or action by the Council:

- a) Consultation on revised licensing policy – Gambling Act 2005 by West Lancs. BC – for comment if deemed appropriate – **Resolved – This will be left to the professional officers.**

- b) Info. and request for assistance with proposed allotments from a Mossy Lea resident – **The Parish Council think that this is a lovely gesture. Councillor Jukes agreed to progress this matter with the Borough Council in her capacity as Borough Councillor.**
- c) Request for a donation from Victim Support – **Resolved – Donation of £25 be made.**
- d) Parish Council briefing on the new Local Plan by West Lancs. BC – **The Clerk, the Chairman and Councillor Chambers expressed an interest in attending the briefing on the Local Plan. Details will be circulated to Councillors in due course.**
- e) Info. from a Mossy Lea resident regarding a reported breach of planning – **A satisfactory outcome was reported and noted.**
- f) Response from Wigan Councillor to follow up enquiries re: responsibility for the bench on the grassed area at the junction of Boundary Lane and Mossy Lea Road – **The Council will suggest that West Lancs. BC re-check their land ownership again as Councillors believe this area does come under Lancashire.**
- g) Late items received which may require discussion/action/observations – Copy of the West Lancs. BC Community Briefing – Coronavirus 20th September 2021 which reported that in the last 7 days 381 confirmed cases, the 7th highest rate across 14 districts. Age group most affected 5-18's and top wards affected: Rufford, Wrightington and Digmaor – **Noted.**

53. HIGHWAYS AND ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

- Yellow water is still running down the carriageway on Broadhurst Lane. LCC have closed Broadhurst Lane on 3 occasions that the PC is aware of, but this issue has not been rectified.
- Councillor Jukes, in her capacity as Borough Councillor, reported that she had liaised with County Councillor Fillis on a number of highways issues in the Parish, confirming that she has requested a walk-about the Parish with CC Fillis to highlight issues.
- The Clean and Green Team still need to tidy the bus shelter on Wood Lane.
- It is believed that the bus shelter in front of the Pensioners Hall on Mossy Lea Road obstructs sightlines for motorists exiting Chisnall Avenue onto Mossy Lea Road – LCC will be asked to assess the sightlines.
- Prestige cars appear to be using Toogood Lane as a race track, particularly Sunday afternoons.
- Appley Lane North is also used as a race track, more particularly in the evenings.
- Parking on Mossy Lea Road, between Tunley Lane and Sharrocks, is causing significant problems for motorists, HGV and Bus Drivers, and pedestrians. Visitors to the White Lion appear to be parking on Mossy Lea Road. Photographs have been sent to the Police along with a request for additional patrols to address this issue. It was reported that some teachers park on Mossy Lea Road from St Joseph's School as the car park does not accommodate all staff cars. Vehicles are often seen mounting the kerb near to the School and White Lion in order to pass each other. Some homeowners are parking on the footway, between their front garden and the grassed strip at the end of the footway. This means the hard surfaced footway is obstructed for pedestrians who are forced to walk on the grass to go around the vehicles. Report to LCC.
- Double yellow lines will again be requested at either side of the entrance to Appley Bridge Village Hall. Parked vehicles are obstructing sightlines when exiting the village hall car park.
- A "No Right Turn" sign will again be requested for motorists exiting Heron's Wharf onto Mill Lane. The railway bridge totally obstructs sightlines for vehicles approaching from the right.
- Flooding at the bottom of Broadhurst Lane remains an issue.

54. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES – Nothing to report.

55. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 14th NOVEMBER 2021 – The Council discussed the options available and it was **Resolved – that for health and safety reasons those taking part in the Remembrance Day Service will be asked to meet at the War Memorial. Those gathered will be asked to stay on the pavement and use Station Road to congregate. Refreshments will be served in Appley Bridge Village Hall after the Service as is the normal procedure.**

56. VILLAGE HALLS

MOSSY LEA – Confirmation new hydrogen ready central heating boiler fitted and hose pipe purchased. Quotation to upgrade CCTV system – Replacing the existing system £730.00 + VAT or Replacing the

existing system + an additional camera on the inside £800.00 + VAT. The Clerk will ask if the cameras will also be night vision and if the footage/resolution will be sufficient to be used as evidence in court. The contractor will be asked to spray the weeds adjacent to the kitchen wall.

APPLEY BRIDGE – Confirmation central heating serviced, new outside tap fitted and hose pipe purchased. The next Village Hall Committee Meeting will be on Monday 29th November 2021 at 8pm. The Clerk confirmed that Plusnet have assessed the site for the installation of Broadband, an initial payment has been made of £27.59 and the monthly cost thereafter will be £21.60pm (£18.00 + VAT per month). The Clerk is awaiting confirmation of a connection date.

57. PLANNING The following applications were discussed and observations as detailed:

Planning Applications during summer recess for ratification – REPORT 2 (page 5) - Resolved: Approved.

- 1) 2021/0944/FUL Proposed change of use to 2-4 Ashfield Terrace to convert the existing detached dwelling back into a pair of semi-detached houses. Proposed single storey extension to the side/rear, loft conversion and structural adaptations to No.4 Ashfield Terrace following the taking down of the existing porch. 2-4 Ashfield Terrace, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 2) 2021/0921/FUL Two storey extension to rear of property plus change of use to part of garage to habitable space. 10 The Grove, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 3) 2021/1019/FUL Proposed single storey rear extension to a semi-detached bungalow. 10 Wrightington Bar, Wood Lane, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 4) 2021/1027/FUL HGV Inspection building (retrospective). Dawber Delph Industrial Estate, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge. **Resolved: No Objections.**
- 5) 2021/1037/FUL Double Storey rear extension. Tunley Moss Farmhouse, 10 Tunley Moss, Wrightington. **Resolved: No Objections.**

Late applications received/reported: - Forwarded to Councillors for observations which will be ratified at the October Parish Council Meeting:

- 6) 2021/1057/FUL – Retention of Concrete Silo; Industrial Canopy Shelter; Site Office; Storage Silo; Water Storage Tank; Shipping Containers and Weighbridge. Chorley Concrete Ltd, Skull House Lane, Appley Bridge – **Insufficient responses received. No observations submitted.**
- 7) 2021/1071/PNH Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – Extension of dwelling house. Dimension from rear wall of the original dwelling house 6.0m. Maximum height of extension 3.7m. Height to eaves of extension 2.35m. 132 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge - **Insufficient responses received. No observations submitted.**

58. LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – 77th AGM, Saturday 20th November, 10am via Zoom – **The Council will send their apologies.** National Resilience Strategy (circulated to Councillors – no observations received or submitted). Local Nature Recovery Survey – for comment if deemed necessary - **Noted.** Reminder of Chairmanship Workshop, 7th October, 7-9pm via Zoom – Councillor House registered as attending. Finance Workshop, 14th October, 7-9pm via Zoom, £25 – **The Clerk would like to attend. The cost to be shared with Charnock Richard PC – Resolved – The Clerk to attend.**

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

Payments during summer recess for ratification – REPORT 3 (page 5) – Resolved: Approved.
For Payment:

SLCC	Cyber Awareness Course (50% with CRPC)	£29.40
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net	£822.56
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£3.48
	NI due by Parish Council	£12.29
West Lancs. BC	Payment for lease ABVH	£1.00
Defib Store	Consumables for the Defibrillators	£171.55
Plusnet	1 st Payment for Broadband at ABVH	£27.59
D/D Plusnet	Internet MLVH	£26.39

D/D British Gas	Gas usage ABVH	£56.75
D/D British Gas	Gas usage MLVH	£43.05

Resolved: Payment of the above accounts, together with the Bank Reconciliation Statement up to 30 June 2019, are approved.

- 60. APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR (Mossy Lea Ward)** – Two applicants for the post – Ms A Fletcher and Mr A J Shaw. Councillor Jukes proposed Ms A Fletcher be appointed, which was seconded by Councillor Chambers. An amendment was proposed by Councillor Hodgkinson that Mr A J Shaw be appointed, which was seconded by Councillor Johnson.

Members of the public were still present at this point in the Meeting however, Councillor Jukes proposed that this matter be discussed in the absence of the public present as on previous occasions. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Chambers. It was **Resolved** – **That discussions on the appointment of a Parish Councillor for the Mossy Lea Ward be undertaken in the absence of the public present.** Members of the public, including the applicants, left the Meeting.

Discussions resumed. As is standard practice - Voting on the Amendment, the appointment of Mr A J Shaw - 4 Councillors in favour of appointing Mr A J Shaw. Voting on the proposal, the appointment of Ms A Fletcher – 3 Councillors in favour of appointing Ms A Fletcher. Resolved – On a majority vote that Mr A J Shaw be appointed as the Mossy Lea Ward Councillor on Wrightington Parish Council with effect from the October Meeting.

In discussions which followed it was explained why the attendance at 3 meetings was put in place, to allow applicants who have never been to a Parish Council Meeting to see what happens and how, to understand the type of business discussed and to get to the know the Parish Council. This is not however, one of the legal criteria for becoming a Parish Councillor. No corrections were requested to acknowledgement emails sent at the time the applications were received and, no amendments were made to the Minutes at which the applications were reported. The resolution passed at the July Meeting was that an Appley Bridge Ward Councillor be appointed at the July Meeting and the Mossy Lea Ward Councillor be appointed at the September Meeting.

- 61. APPROVAL OF NEWSLETTER TO GO TO PRINT** (with the addition of new Councillors) – Approved with the addition of new Parish Councillors details for Appley Bridge and Mossy Lea.

62. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 18th October at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7:30 pm.

Minutes 48 to 62 will be accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman at the Meeting to be held on Monday 18th October 2021.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 8.45 pm

Chairman:

Date:

REPORT 1

- Notification permission refused for details of appearance, landscaping and scale for 3 dwellings, 2017/0778/OUT. Ashurst Garage and Signs, Wood Lane, Wrightington.
- Notification West Lancs. BC object to LCC/2021/0027 – County Matter – construction of new access track to provide safe access to water area. East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge.
- Notification permission granted for proposed stable block and all-weather outdoor riding surface. Copyhold Farm, Carr House lane, Wrightington.
- Notification permission granted for replacement storage building. Marsden Crane Hire, 38 Church Lane, Wrightington.
- Notification permission granted for porch extension to front of property, brick construction (matching existing). 2 Hinds Head Avenue, Wrightington.

- f) Notification permission granted for alterations to existing dormer bungalow. 21 Hinds Head Avenue, Wrightington.
- g) Notification permission granted for single storey rear extension and pitched roof dormer to rear elevation. 17 Stonemill Rise, Appley Bridge.
- h) Notification certificate of lawfulness not permitted for proposed single storey rear extension. 132 Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge
- i) Notification that the appeal procedure has been changed by the Planning Inspectorate because of the need to consider information in the form of a Bat Survey in relation to the appeal made against the Borough Council decision to refuse permission for retention and renovation of the original two storey stone built property, comprising of new roof tiles, repointing, new windows along with a new door and open pitched porch. Demolition of low quality single extensions and outbuilding. Construction of a new two storey side extension and two storey rear extension with dormer window over a single storey rear ground floor extension. 1 Tunley Lane, Wrightington.
- j) Notification permission refused for the County Application LCC/2021/0027 - Construction of a new access track to provide safe access to water area. East Quarry, Appley Lane North, Appley Bridge. Reasons for refusal: 1) The importation of inert fill materials to construct the ramp would generate volumes of HGV movements that would be harmful to the amenity of local residents contrary to Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan. 2) The applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated that the proposal would not have an adverse impact on bat species contrary to the requirements of Policy EN2 of the West Lancashire Local Plan and Policy DM2 of the Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan.
- k) Notification of the West Lancs. BC Civic Sunday Service, 3rd October 2021, 2.30pm at St Anne's RC Church, Prescot Road, Ormskirk. The Chairman will attend the Civic Service.
- l) Consultation on proposals to revoke prohibition of waiting and introduce a red route clearway on lengths of the following roads: Alder Lane, Hall Lane, Parbold Hill, Sparrow Hill, Parbold and Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington – Councillors consulted, no objections received – Noted.
- m) Consultation on proposals to introduce bus stop clearways on Hall Lane at bus stops 3, 4, 5, 6, 7. Councillors consulted, no objections received – Noted.
- n) Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service draft Community Risk Management Plan – circulated to Councillors, no observations received or submitted.
- o) Copy CPRE Lancashire Voice Summer 2021 Newsletter, Summer 2021 Fieldwork and Summer 2021 Countryside Voice.

REPORT 2

The following applications received, no observations were submitted as insufficient responses were received from Parish Councillors:

- 1) 2021/0755/FUL Conversion of barn to dwelling house with single storey extension and associated works. Earlswood, Moss Lane, Wrightington. Amendments to this application were received and forwarded to Councillors. **No observations submitted.**
- 2) 2020/0361/FUL Demolition of former chapel and construction of single bungalow. Chapel, Heyes Street, Appley Bridge. **No observations submitted.**
- 3) 2021/0902/FUL Demolition of existing garage, erection of new 2 storey side extension, new dormer to rear. Littlecroft, Robin Hood Lane, Wrightington. **No observations submitted.**

REPORT 3

Payments:

DTG Plmbg & Htg	Boiler Service + Outside Tap		£155.00
DTG Plmbg & Htg	New hydrogen ready central heating boiler + radiators MLVH		£2,150.00
Minky Homecare	2 x Hose Pipes for ABVH + MLVH		£115.98
Mrs M Stewart	Honorarium for Internal Audit		£25.00
Waterplus	Water usage ABVH		£13.33
Mrs C A Cross	Clerk's Salary – Net		£822.56
HM Rev. & Customs	Tax & NI due by Clerk	£3.48	
	NI due by Parish Council	£12.29	£15.77
D/D Plusnet	Internet MLVH		£26.39
D/D British Gas	Gas usage ABVH (estimated)		£26.42
D/D British Gas	Gas usage MLVH (estimated)		£16.71