

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Budget Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 February 2011 at 7:25 pm at Appley Bridge Village Hall, prior to the commencement of the February Parish Council Meeting, the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mr I McRae, Mr J Clinch, Mr F Johnson.

1. Apologies: Were received from Councillors Mrs Burton (prior commitment) and Mr Taylor (illness).
2. To discuss the Current Financial Years Expenses and Anticipated Expenses: The Council discussed in detail expenses paid to date and anticipated expenses for the remainder of the year, assessing the potential balance to be carried forward into the 2011/2012 financial year most of which will be required to fund the first part of the LAG Bid, such sum to be claimed back in the next financial year on conclusion of the project.
3. To discuss projects for the next Financial Year + Review Clerk's Salary: It was reported once again that the Concurrent Contributions from West Lancashire Borough Council will remain the same as those received for the 2009/2010 and 2010/2011 financial years, £4730.00. Mossy Lea Village Hall is still an under-used facility at the moment however it is anticipated that use will improve once the facility is improved by the successful LAG Bid project. Discussing the Clerk's Salary it was RESOLVED: Clerk's Salary, by reference to National Guidelines it be increased to SCP 24, an hourly rate of £10.841 per hour, 12 ½ hours per week, totalling £7,046.65 per annum. Salary to be reviewed at the next Budget Meeting for the 2012/13 financial year. Work on increasing the income potential of Mossy Lea Village Hall will continue. The Clerk reported that £1014.00 still needs to be included in the Budget as the Parish Council contribution towards the 2010/2011 scheme successful Capital Bid application to West Lancashire Borough Council to enhance IT and Hospitality facilities at the Village Halls, including the installation of hearing loops, at a total cost of £3042.00, such project to be completed in the 2011/2012 financial year. A further sum of £500 will need to be included in the budget for the 2011/2012 Capital Bid project submitted to West Lancs. BC for access/entrance improvements at Appley Bridge Village Hall, a total project cost of £1600.00 with £300 being budgeted as the Parish Council contribution towards the LAG Project.
4. To confirm acceptance of the Parish Precept for 2011/2012: Following detailed discussions and comparisons of Precepts for other Parishes in the Borough, taking account of all factors and assessing the impact of any potential increase in the Precept on householders in Wrightington, the Parish Council RESOLVED: To accept the requested Precept of £6600, an increase of £226.50 (3.5%) on last years Precept, from West Lancashire Borough Council for the financial year 2011/2012

Meeting Closed: 7:50 pm.

Chairman:

Date: