

# WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the socially distanced Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at Mossy Lea Village Hall car park at 6:00 pm the following were present:

Councillors: Mr F Hodgkinson (Chairman), Mrs J Burton, Mr F Johnson, Ms K Jukes, and Mrs R Critchley.

37. **APOLOGIES** – Were received and accepted from Councillor Mr C House.
38. **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.**
39. **MINUTES** – The Minutes of the Budget Meeting in February and the February Parish Council Meeting together with the Notes of Interim Action Taken in March 2020, April 2020, May 2020, and June 2020 had been circulated in advance of the Meeting and were accepted as correct records of action taken by the Parish Council during the current Covid-19 pandemic and were signed by the Chairman.
40. **ACCOUNTS** - To receive the following items for Approval: The Bank Reconciliation up-to 31/3/20, Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement for the year ending 31 March 2020, presented to the Council for approval as an accurate statement of accounts prior to submission to the external auditors - **Resolved: That the Bank Reconciliation up-to 31/3/20, Income & Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet, Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 on the Annual Return for Audit, presented to the Council by the Clerk, be approved as an accurate statement of accounts for submission to the external auditors.**
41. **ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCUSSED** – The Clerk explained the current position with regard to the village halls becoming Covid compliant and re-opening for use. A thorough clean will be required at both village halls. Appropriate signage will need to be displayed and users will have to sign additional temporary agreements to use the village hall. It will be necessary for users to agree to clean anything they use, together with any touch points, both before and after using the village hall, to ensure the spread of the virus is kept to an absolute minimum. The kitchen at both village halls will be out of use as there are too many touch points and, without a dishwasher, it cannot be guaranteed that crockery and cutlery used is completely virus free. Some of the toilets will be closed for use as there is insufficient space for people to queue or pass safely whilst upholding the 2 metre social distancing rules. The halls will need to be measured to determine the maximum number of users allowed in at any one time. Councillors discussed the need to increase the current hourly rate to allow for additional cleaning, the purchase and provision of appropriate signage, cleaning materials and hand sanitiser. It was **Resolved** – **That the hourly rate will be increased by £5 per hour to cover the additional costs involved in ensuring that the village halls are Covid compliant and are safe for village halls users to return to and, the ongoing costs of maintaining these standards.**

It was reported that there is litter on Moss Lane, on the left hand side, just past the LCC Depot. A child's car seat has been fly tipped on the grass verge on Hall Lane. It was agreed that the Parish Council's objections to the proposed additional dwelling on land adjacent to 4 Tunley Lane, remain unchanged. It was reported that there are very dangerous grooves in the carriageway on Skull House Lane, where there is an adverse camber and the pot-holes are getting bigger. Councillors discussed the excellent Police response and presence at the Quarry off Appley Lane North recently. It was confirmed that the Parish Council, working in liaison with the Police, resulted in a targeted response, which has been greatly appreciated by the residents who are normally adversely affected by the anti-social behaviour experienced during hot weather. It was again reported that it is down to the quarry owner to ensure the site is properly fenced and, that the Police can use the Mines and Quarries Act to ensure that the site is secure and safe. It is possible

nowadays to erect an impenetrable fence around the site. The quarry owner has not replied to the Parish Councils correspondence of July on the matter of site security and safety. It was suggested that it is the responsibility of West Lancashire Borough Council to prosecute the site owner for non-compliance with the Mines & Quarries Act.

- 42. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**      Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Mossy Lea Village Hall  
Guidelines and Government Regulations Permitting.  
Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend