**CLERK’S UPDATE REPORT FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING ON 23.11.2020**

1. Statements from the Government regarding COVID-19 continue to be monitored on a daily basis for relevance to the Parish Council and the Village Hall and the local COVID-19 case figures continue to be circulated as soon as they are available.
2. Due to further government COVID-19restrictions, all classes have been cancelled until 02.12.2020 at the earliest. Hall users have been informed.
3. The extension of the furlough scheme means that the Caretakers and the Event Co-ordinator have been flexibly furloughed from 01.11.2020. The scheme will run until 31.03.2020
4. The Clerk’s office acted as the Booking Office for the Remembrance Day Zoom service. The Chairman was been filmed laying wreaths at the Church War memorial and the War memorial outside the Village Hall. Residents were encouraged to display poppies and stand on their doorstep for the 2-minute silence.
5. The Chairman lay a wreath at the War memorial at the Village Hall on 11.11.2020. Despite the fact that this had deliberately not been advertised as the Parish Council had been warned against doing anything that would incite people to gather together, there was a small impromptu crowd and a flautist played the Last Post.
6. A payment was made to the PWLB on 02.11.2020.
7. The bar is currently closed for an undetermined length of time due to the COVID-19 restrictions which came into force on 05.11.2020.
8. At the time of preparing the agenda no further information regarding the refusal of the rate rebate was available. However ongoing discussions with officers from St Helens Council have been taking place.
9. The cashflow forecast document has been updated and was circulated with an explanation by Councillor Jones on 16.11.2020.
10. An application for a grant from the Liverpool City Region has been made. The criteria were changed once the England coronavirus lockdown was enforced from 05.11.2020. If successful, the Parish Council would receive £5000.
11. There has been an on-going correspondence with the managing agents regarding the rubbish and fly-tipping behind the shops on Ormskirk Road. The area has now been largely cleared, as requested.
12. A resident complained about wet leaves posing a danger to pedestrians, particularly in the Village Centre. This was referred to St Helens Council. Borough Councillor Allan Jones has also requested that St Helens Council clear the leaves.
13. A Local Restrictions support grant has been applied for. If successful, it will pay £2000 for each 28-day qualifying period.
14. The annual Portable Appliance Test has been completed.
15. The Event Co-ordinator is working in the hope that the Christmas Market will be able to go ahead on 12.12.2020. A banner has been put up on Pasture Lane advertising the event.
16. Likewise, tickets for the Christmas Community Cinema showing of The Grinch on 13.12.2020 are being reserved.
17. The Rainford Table Tennis Club have decided that its preferred location for its new clubhouse is behind the Tennis Courts on Scarisbrick Road, rather than the site of the bowling pavilion. Planning permission will be required. The club is also hoping that St Helens Council will agree to several parking spaces being created on part of the existing grassed area.