

WRIGHTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

At the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council of the Parish of Wrightington held on Monday 3rd February 2025 at Mossy Lea Village Hall at 7.00 pm, the following were present:

Councillors: Mrs J Burton (Chairman), Mr F Johnson, Mrs K Jukes, Ms. Anne Fletcher, Mr L Burton and Mr. J Ashurst (Clerk). A Member of the public was also present.

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, Borough 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 those present to the 3rd February 2025 meeting and asked everyone to treat each other with respect, and respect everyone's points of view.

A Resident commented that at the last meeting he requested that the code of conduct issue (he considered that the code of conduct had been violated) be addressed and it has not been. By not addressing this issue in line with your duty, the Council is being brought into disrepute and a request to address this specific point was made.

The Chair replied that she tried to address the issue of the procedure for the calling of meetings, having taken advice from LALC, but no one would listen. As regards the Chorley Concrete planning appeal, she had said previously that she would look into it, but no Councillor had contacted her or the Clerk.

Cllr. Jukes interjected that since no apology was coming from the Chair, she would apologise for the way Cllr. Carey had been treated but it was not down to her.

The Chair closed Open Forum after which she would explain herself further.. The Chair stated that the issue would not be debated further. She reiterated that she had said previously that she would look at the Chorley Concrete issue but no one had come forward.

Cllr. Jukes referred to the inquorate Parish Meeting on the 20th December when a meeting to discuss CIL Monies was to be arranged and asked if Chorley Concrete could be discussed instead and the answer was no.

119. APOLOGIES None received.

120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None

121. BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2025/26

BUDGET 25/26

The proposed Budget for 25/26 was considered line by line and increases and reductions explained. Cllr Jukes requested that future mileage claims by the Clerk provide more details of the route taken and for sight of the Petty Cash account at the next Parish Council meeting. **It was resolved to unanimously accept the Budget for 25/26 as presented by the Clerk**

PRECEPT 25/26

THE Clerk presented the following details :

Precept for 24/25 was £22300 resulting in a charge to Band D householders, after deduction of Tax support grant of £625, of £18.20

If the Precept for 25/26 is kept at £22300 then the charge to Band D householders would be £18.01, a reduction of 1%..

The calculations are :-

Precept	22300
Less Tax Support Grant 25/6	625

	21625
Divide by 25/26 Tax Base (West Lancs info)	1203.62

Charge to Band D properties	£18.01
The reduction is due to an increase in the Tax Base for 25/26	

It was resolved that the Precept requirement for 25/26 be kept the same as for 24/25 at £21625

122. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CIL Money --- It was resolved to defer the use of available CIL money until the next meeting

123. DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 17th February 2025 at 7.30 p.m. at the Appley Bridge Village Hall

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend

Meeting Closed: 7.40 pm.

Chairman:

Date: