

## **Clerk's Report to Haigh Parish Council 4 December 2023**

### **Clearing of Pavement on Red Rock Lane**

The Community Payback scheme co-ordinator from the Justice Department has been in touch and we are in the process of establishing whether and when it would be possible to carry out the work of clearing the stretch of pavement from Glassbrook's Cottage to Red Rock Lane. They may, in theory, do this if the pavement is owned by the public realm, but not if it is in private ownership, even if it is used by the public. The pavement and the activity also have to be risk assessed and fit the criteria in relation to this.

### **Donation to Royal British Legion**

Mr John Hilton has written to the Council to thank us for our donation of £100 to the RBL.

### **Bubblefest 24**

The search for a possible musician to entertain people standing in the queue and the booking of vendors both continue.

### **Casual Vacancy**

This has been re-advertised, but so far there have been no applicants.

### **Council Tax Support Grant**

We have this morning heard from the Director of Finance & Legal at Wigan Council that we will be receiving a Council Tax Support Grant next year and for the first time in several years it will be increasing with inflation. It will be £1,079 – up by £47.

### **Communicating with the Webteam at Wigan Council**

When I sent the documents relating to next week's meeting to the Webteam for publishing on Wigan Council's website I received an automated email saying that they were no longer accepting requests via this route and provided information about the new route. When I tried the latter I found we had not been registered for the alternative route and there was no link through which I could register – only to login. I contacted Democratic Service, who are investigating.

### **Land North of Pendlebury Lane**

The Enforcement Notice time period of two months has been confirmed by the Planning Inspectorate. All structures have to be removed by 2 January 2024 and the access track has to be returned to how it was in February 2021. The latter might present a challenge, as we are currently not in a good grass growing season.