208 Chapel Lane New Longton Preston PR4 4AE 30th May 2018

Dear Sir/Madam

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 – Much Hoole Parish Council

Please find enclosed the annual return documents for 2017/18. I have recently assumed the role of Clerk to the Council and Responsible Financial Officer having taken over the role from the previous Clerk Angela Nicholls part way through the 2017/18 financial year.

The Clerk's details are now:

Russ Weaver, 208 Chapel Lane, New Longton, PR4 4AE.

My contact details are <u>clerk@muchhoolepc.org.uk</u> or telephone: 01772 930151.

In respect of the annual return;

You will immediately note that the Council currently has an unusually high balance of over £300,000 which is lodged separately in a designated deposit account and a public-sector investment account. This money was raised in the main by the sale of Council owned land and is being held awaiting the outcome of grant applications by the Village Hall trustees. If they succeed in raising match funding, then the intention of the Council is to release this balance to the Village Hall to rebuild this facility in the centre of Much Hoole.

The approval of the internal audit report and AGAR forms was noted in the minutes of the meeting of 9th May 2018.

The papers forwarded to you are copies of the documents approved and signed at the meeting, the originals have been retained in the Clerk's files.

Notice of public rights has been published today on 30th May 2018.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries regarding the annual return.

I would be grateful if you would confirm receipt of these returns via email

Yours faithfully

Russ Weaver