



Moulton Parish Council

MOULTON PARK

The parish council have agreed it will keep the playground and MUGA open for the foreseeable future.

While the Government guidance has recommended the closure of tennis courts, no official guidance has been provided for Multi-Use Games Areas. Some councils have classified them as "Outdoor Sports Venues" and closed their facilities, while others have considered them as "playgrounds" which can remain open during the national lockdown.

The Unitary Authority, Cheshire West & Chester Council, has decided to keep its facilities open, and Moulton Parish Council will do likewise.

Should the UK Government or Cheshire West and Chester Council change their guidance or regulations, or restrictions mean the council is unable to operate the MUGA or playground safely, then the parish council may be forced to close our facilities.

In the meantime, the following advice remains, and users of the park are asked to ensure that they adhere to current guidance at all times to protect themselves, and others in our community:

- **Avoid close contact with others**
- **Keep at least 2m away from other people**
- **Avoid large groups**
- **Do not arrange to meet with other households at the park**
- **Wash and/or sanitise your hands after use**

ACV

Last year, the council made several applications under Localism Act to have properties within the village listed as an Asset of Community Value.

An ACV is land or building that furthers the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. These can include day care centres, pubs, open spaces, civic halls, shops and scout halls, and inclusion can assist with grant applications

Before the council did this, The Lion was the only property in the village with this protection. The council is delighted to report, that four more entries have been approved by the unitary authority - Moulton Adventure Group, Travellers Rest, McColls and Moulton Village Hall and Green (also known as St. Stephens Church Hall).

The council await adjudication on the other nominations made.



PARISH PRECEPT FROZEN

Moulton Parish Council is required to set the parish precept, which forms part of the Council Tax bill paid by properties within the parish in January each year. For 2021/22, Moulton Parish Council have frozen the parish precept, by passing a resolution to reduce the parish council budget. This should ensure that the amount paid per property does not increase from this financial year.

Parish Council chair, Cllr Angela Capstick, stated, "We know that this has been a very challenging year for many within the village, and everyone on the council has been keen to set a budget that would lower the costs to our parishioners. I am therefore pleased that we have masterminded a 2% decrease in our budget to ensure our portion of the Council tax is frozen."

The Council Tax also includes contributions to the Police, Fire Authority and Cheshire West and Chester Council, but the parish council does not have any influence into their budgets.