

Forton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 1 April 2019 at 7.00pm in The Pavilion, School Lane

Present: Cllrs Huddart, Young, Adams, McLoughlin, Dodgson, Mollart and Povall
Cllr Wilson Clerk – L Hall 6 Residents

1053. APOLOGIES

Cllr Stewart.

1054. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose any pecuniary and non pecuniary interests on matters to be considered at this meeting. None were raised.

1055. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held 4 March 2019, were previously circulated to members.

Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

1056. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Cllr Wilson gave the following report. This is my last contribution to Village Voice as your Wyre Borough Councillor so I will begin by informing you of recent Wyre Council matters.

The Wyre Borough Council meeting held on the 7th March approved the Budget for 2019/20 which sets the Council Tax for the financial year to come. Wyre have maintained a tight ship over the last few years by reducing costs and gaining additional income, despite serious reductions in Government funding.

This year, following the governments lead, Council Tax will rise by £5.80 on a Band D property, which means that the overall cost for all Wyre's services is 55p per day. In broader terms, Wyre is the billing authority and therefore has to determine a Council Tax for services provided by LCC, THE Police and Crime Commissioner, the Combined Fire Authority, WBC and where appropriate, Parish Councils. The Wyre element is just 11% of your bill.

Following a survey with residents regarding car park charges in Council run car parks, several changes have been introduced:

- A new one hour rate of £1
- A reduced all day rate of £3.50 which can be transferrable between all long stay car parks in the Borough
- Prices of season ticket parking passes have been reduced and are also transferrable.
- There will be a charge of £2 for overnight parking on all Council car parks.

Finally regarding Council issues, the Wyre Local Plan was passed at a Special Meeting on the 28th February. I think that Forton has fared better than was thought when the consultations began nearly two years ago.

I started by saying that this is my last contribution, as I mentioned in the last edition that I have taken the decision not to stand again in May. I would like to think that I have represented the residents of Nether Wyresdale and especially Forton, in a fair and friendly manner, during my 18 years in Local Government (12 at County and 8 at Wyre) There was an overlap of two years. Along the way I have made many friends and I hope not too many enemies! I will always remember my time here and if I can be still of help over any issues, please get in touch. I wish my successor all the best.

Cllr Huddart thanked Cllr Wilson and presented a bunch of flowers.

No report was available from the County Councillor or the Police. Cllr Huddart reported, however, that Cllr Salter had visited recently and took details of potholes and road signs.

Cllr Povall reported that the Canal and River Trust have confirmed that work is scheduled in for the summer on Cockerham Road bridge.

The meeting was resumed.

1057. MASTER PLAN

The Master Plan had been covered previously at the Annual Parish Meeting.

1058. PARISH REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

Parish Maintenance – Litter picking is being done in the village and pickers/bags will be available if people wish to undertake this role.

LALC / LVRHA – No reports received as no meetings had been held.

Website/GDPR – Cllr Adams advised that if the old website is now used then people will be redirected to the new site.

Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee – Covered at Annual Parish Meeting.

1059. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/00267/FUL – it was felt that application was too dense and parking problems may arise. The application does have permission for 2 houses but it was felt that they should be put further back to allow off road parking, as the road is already heavily congested.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise Planning of the objections.

19/00303/REM – there were no objections to this application.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise Planning no objections.

Concern was raised regarding a house on Stony Lane that had been recently refurbished. The rear hedge had been taken out that day. Cllr Wilson agreed to report this to Planning.

1060. HANDYMAN

The possibility of having a Village Handyman is being explored. Cllr Huddart has a list of possible jobs, sign cleaning/visibility was added to this, item to be on the agenda of the next meeting to discuss further and for Cllr Huddart to update.

Resolved: Handyman to be on the agenda of the next meeting.

1061. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS/VACANCIES

Paperwork needs to be with the Clerk by Tuesday evening 2 April as she will take all completed forms to Wyre on Wednesday morning. There are still 2 vacancies Cllrs Huddart, Dodgson and McLoughlin have already delivered theirs personally.

Resolved: Clerk to take paperwork for Councillors to Wyre.

1062. FINANCE

The following payments have been made:

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| 1. Clerk wages – March | £234.21 by Standing Order 1.4.19 |
| 2. Smith & Love | £535.38 by Bank Transfer- Agreed by Cllr Huddart/Adams |
| 3. Colin Cross – Village Leaflets | £843.60 by Bank Transfer- Agreed by Cllr Huddart/Adams |
| 4. MS Office for new laptop | £ 59.99 Debit Card |
| 5. McAfee Security new laptop | £ 31.99 Debit Card |
| 6. Printer Toner – Clerk | £ 59.99 Debit Card |

The following invoices require payment:

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| 1. Clerk expenses – March | £ 38.00 by Bank Transfer |
| 2. Colin Cross – Village Voice | £341.00 by Bank Transfer |

The Bank Reconciliation for February:-

Current Account	£14,028.04
Less unpresented cheques	£ 00.00
Total	£14,028.04
Supported by Cashbook	
Receipts	£49,374.99
Payments	£35,346.95
Total	£14,028.04
Reserve Savings Account	£31,312.38

Interest has been received in the Reserve Account for Dec-Feb totalling £14.95 along with a payment from Electricity NW of £3.45.

Resolved: The transactions above/bank reconciliation were agreed by the Parish Council.

1063. AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Any items that will need a resolution will be deferred to the next meeting and placed on the Agenda to allow information on the subject to be gathered. Handyman and SPID to be added to the next agenda. Councillors can report defective street lighting, potholes, blocked drains etc. to the Clerk at any time and these will be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

Cllrs Povall and Adams will not be standing for re-election. Cllr Huddart thanked them both for all their hard work and contributions during their time as Councillors. Cllr Adams will, however, be continuing his involvement with the Masterplan.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm.

Chairman: Date:

**The next meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting, will be held on
Monday 13 May 2019 in the Pavilion at 7.00pm.**