

FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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All Councillors agreed to the following via email by 4 May 2020.

Dear Councillors,

Following Government advice, Parish Council meetings are suspended until further notice. However, there are a number of items below which require a decision and Councillors are asked to submit their **agreement, or otherwise, using email by 4 May 2020**. Thank you for your patience during these unprecedented times.

Yours Sincerely

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Planning

Application Number: 20/00322/FUL Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Location: The Rosary School Lane Forton Preston Lancashire
Grid Ref: SD348799 451253
No objections have been received. Clerk to advise Planning.

Finance

The following require payment:-

SLCC Subscription	£ 78.00
LALC Subscription	£285.99
Clerk Expenses	£ 18.00
Clerk Wages	£241.60 paid by SO 1.5.20
Footpath Payment	
- St Mary & St James	£ 5.00
VV Consumables	£100.00
Zurich Insurance	£451.82 was £437 last year so a far increase
Toner Cartridges - Clerk	£521.70 as agreed at March Parish Council meeting

Cllrs to agree the above.

Precept received £20,000 less £114.01 Poll Expenses, therefore, £19855.99 received.

Village Voice – The Village Voice April/May issue is now online on the parish website and it is linked from the Facebook page. As there will be no printed edition for the foreseeable future it would not be right to charge our advertisers, it is proposed to suspend charges until we are again in print. ***Cllrs to agree the above.***

Audit

Details for the AGAR have been sent out separately. The Councillors to agree the details so that it can be forwarded to the internal auditor. Also that we will again certify ourselves as exempt from a limited assurance review which would cost £200 + VAT.

Cllrs to agree.

Chair/Meetings

There will be no Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Parish Council Meeting due to the current lockdown. All Councillors have agreed via email to the Clerk that Cllr Huddart will continue for a further 12 months as Chair.

Cllrs to agree.

To agree the March meeting minutes and April Update that have been distributed.

Cllrs to agree.

Electricity Bill

To agree the following Resolution –

That Forton Parish Council

(i) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

- aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,
- if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- would result in revenues received by councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies, which could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities;

(ii) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 116 MPs during the 2017-19 Parliamentary session; and

(iii) further resolves to write to the local MP asking them to support the Bill in Parliament and to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or info@powerforpeople.org.uk) expressing its support.

Cllrs to agree.