

Cloughton on Brock Parish Council

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held remotely by video link on Tuesday April 7th 2020, commencing at 7.30pm.

1. Those Present
 - Councillor F.J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes – Chairman
 - Councillor S.M. Dewhurst
 - Councillor J. M. Gornall
 - Councillor E. Leach
 - Councillor R. Clark
 - Wyre Councillor E. Webster
 - J.E. Hallas – Clerk
2. Apologies
 - Councillor R E Eccles
 - LCC and Wyre Councillor S. Turner
3. The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th January 2020, were resolved by the Council to be a true record.
4. There were no declarations of personal or prejudicial interest.
5. Chairman's, Councillors' and other Reports
 - 5.1. The Clerk briefly explained the current legal advice he had received regarding Local Councils holding remote meetings. Whilst there had been conflicting advice put out by Central Government and the National Association the situation was now clear and it is permissible to hold meetings in this way. One of the issues was the requirement in the Local Government Act for a quorum of the members to be physically present at the venue. However, this requirement has been set aside until business can return to 'normal' after the corona virus pandemic is over. The Council were informed that all the relevant documents needed by them to complete the business on the agenda had been forwarded in advance to each member via their respective email addresses.
 - 5.2. Councillor Webster provided an update on the actions being taken by Wyre Council to give support to business and others across the community.
6. Items for Discussion and which may need Resolutions.
 - 6.1. Planning Applications
 - 6.1.1. Planning Application – Consultation 20/00284/FULMAJ
Erection of 55 residential dwellings with vehicular access from Westfield Road (this is the new road from the COOP Supermarket to the A6). The Council discussed this application but deferred a decision to allow for further scrutiny of the proposals. A principal concern raised is that this application seems to replace the original proposals for the use of the land from Commercial and or Industrial to Residential.
 - 6.1.2. Planning Application – Consultation 20/00159/FUL 2 storey rear extension at 188, Garstang Road. The Council resolved to raise no objections to this application.

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- 6.2. The Council discussed and resolved to approve the statements of accounts and payments made from the accounts since the last meeting of the Council; these include cheque numbers 000743 to the latest payment Cheque 000756 paid in the year 2019/20 ended on the 31st March 2020 and the current financial year 2020/21 ending 31 March 2021.
- 6.3. The Council discussed and resolved to approve the Current Account reconciliations for the year ended 31/3/2020 and for the current year ending 31/3/2021.
7. Other Items for Information and Discussion Only - briefing points for reference
 - 7.1. Corona virus and support for the community from Wyre Council – ‘Together We Make a Difference’. Collecting data on community groups and organisations who are taking voluntary action to help those with special needs of help.
 - 7.2. Precept received and with a small deduction for election expenses.
 - 7.3. New Lengthsman – Mark Cornforth - started work on 1st April.
 - 7.4. Thanks to Margaret Noblet for her service and doing a good job for us.
 - 7.5. Wyre Council – Climate change policy group formed and chaired by Sir Robert Atkins – seeking ideas? – see emails distributed prior to the meeting.
 - 7.6. Wyre Council – Local Plan to 2031. Public consultation on partial review of the plan to confirm that sound and objective decision-making processes are contained therein for new developments etc.
 - 7.7. Annual audit of Smaller Authorities – advice from the external auditors is that all is on hold as they are awaiting instructions from the Government.
 - 7.8. Gaskell Waste Services are continuing to collect waste from our bin at the hall and the Lengthsman will use this.
 - 7.9. Insurance renewal on 1st June - £156.
 - 7.10. B4RN – hopefully the Claughton phase network digging will continue in April.
8. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday July 7th, 2020 at 7.30pm.**

Minutes prepared by: J.E. Hallas (Clerk)

Approved by:F.J. Fitzherbert-Brockholes (Chairman)

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