

Huncoat Community Forum



Notes of the General Meeting of the Forum
held on **Wednesday 15th January 2020**
at the Whitakers Arms Burnley Road.

1. In Attendance.

Jackie Rawstron, Chris Wilkinson, Dave Parkins, Ann Schofield, Marian Riley, Mike Stapleford and David Daly.

Apologies received from : Julie Leishman, Nigel Berry, Chris Gregory and Louise and Anthony Burton.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The Minutes of the last meeting were circulated and approved by members. No matters arising.

3. Treasurer's Report.

Treasurers Reported a current balance of £1131.63 as of the 27/12/2019.

4. Current Projects Update:

- **Huncoat in Bloom** : Nothing to Report save that the HBC gardener who tidies the planters at Vauxhall Gardens is doing a great job.
- **Spout House Woodlands**: Ongoing drainage issues and a few other jobs to do, they are on a list to be completed by Anne Houricane.
- **Huncoat Housing Zone Project** : Please see the enclosed HBC Cabinet minutes kindly supplied by Dave Parkins. Short discussion about final house numbers and the possibility of a new school, along with traffic problems which will inevitably arise.
- **Councillors Updates. Councillor Parkins**: several issues recently with Onward Homes. Cllr Parkins has since met with the Repairs Manager and call centre Manager hopefully now resolved. Reports of a few fly – tipping issues too.

7. PROSPECTS – We may be eligible to apply for Railcards as a Community Group. We need to go to Accrington Station to obtain a form. Work will start on the Butterfly Garden at the end of Feb. Didn't go for the big grant this time, HBC are onboard and hoping to engage the public by advertising an activity day etc..

8. Any other business. Applications for the 1st Round of Postcode Lottery funding opens on the 21st Jan – agreed that Jackie should submit an initial expression of interest. We can apply for up to £2k.

Chris has removed 10 bags of empty cans from the Woods at Altham – HBC know about it.

Lynwood Road looks lovely and tidy – thanks to Andrew Smith – ongoing issues over parking on the corner of Highergate Close.

No work seems to be happening to the development at Albert Blackburns old bungalow.

Station Road is a mess of potholes as is Whinney Hill Road. Dave Daly spoke about a website called Fix My Street where you can log complaints etc...

Marian – has noticed outside a school in New Longton that they have 2 large weather proof noticeboards advising parents to switch off car engines when waiting to pick kids up. Worth asking Huncoat School if they can do the same.

Meeting Closed 8.50pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 19th February 2020, 7.00pm at the Whitakers Arms Burnley Road.