

Clerk to Churchill &
Blakedown PC

Wyre Forest Rural District Councillors
Cllr Marcus J. Hart
Cllr Ian D. Hardiman
Cllr Lisa J. Jones

Churchill & Blakedown Parish Council Meeting – 15th February, 2022 / REPORT:

Please find herewith our District Councillor's report to the Parish Council. We would be grateful if you could circulate this report to the Parish Councillors and that it is read out at the meeting, if we are not present.

Wyre Forest Issues

Wyre Forest House is still closed to the public as is the Green Street Hub save for dealing with housing and homelessness applications.

The Progressive Alliance have increased car parking charges throughout the district. Season tickets are going to be increased by a staggering 50% from £400 to £600 for an annual pass and an OAP's pass from £175 to £200, an increase of nearly 15%. Pay and display charges are going up by 10%.

We feel that there should be a greater element of free car parking within our three towns, sadly the Progressive Alliance removed all of this some time ago. This is an executive function ie taken by the Leader or the Cabinet and this decision cannot be reversed by elected members at the Full Council Meeting..

The District Council are still proposing that Parish Councils take on litter picking and bin emptying but with no grant from WFDC. We totally oppose this.

The District Council will set its budget on 23rd February. Council tax is proposed to increase by the maximum it can £5.

For those areas outside the 3 towns, WFDC have given notice to WCC that as of 31st March 2022 they won't cut the grass and this will affect those Parishes in Wyre Forest where WCC has granted the money to WFDC and then WFDC has had localism agreements with the Parish Council to cut the grass.

The Garden Waste (Brown Bin) collections start again from Monday 28th February. Residents can sign up through the District Council's website.

If you have any issues you would like us to deal with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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