

Council Meeting



Date	1 March 2007
Venue	Fylde Rugby Club
Committee members	Mayor (Councillor Harold Butler) Deputy Mayor (Councillor Alfred Jealous NP,) Christine Akeroyd, Eric Bamber, John Bennett, Maxine Chew, Deborah Clarke, Elizabeth Clarkson, Peter Collins, John Coombes, John Dolan, Kevin Eastham, Susan Fazackerley, Trevor Fiddler, Patricia Fieldhouse, Richard Fulford-Brown, Paul Hayhurst, Howard Henshaw, Karen Henshaw, Keith Hyde, Derek Lancaster, Raymond Norsworthy, Linda Nulty, Elizabeth Oades, Janine Owen, Barbara Pagett, Albert Pounder, Dawn Prestwich, John Prestwich, Simon Renwick, Louis Rigby, Paul Rigby, Roger Small, Heather Speak, Martin Taylor, William Thompson, Thomas Threlfall, Stephen Wall, Colin Walton, Andrea Whittaker, Fabian Wilson, Hilda Wilson, Ronald Wilson, Keith Wright
Officers	Phil Woodward, Ian Curtis, Allan Oldfield, Brian White, Peter Welsh, Andrew Cain, Christopher Kitchin

91. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

92. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on 22 January 2007 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

93. Mayor's announcements

1. The Mayor informed Councillors that he had attended the funeral of ex-councillor Miles Corbett.
2. The Mayor (on behalf of the Council) had sent a card to Alderman Procopides who was currently in hospital.
3. A further evening of Fylde Nostalgia had recently taken place at the Town Hall and was a great success.

4. Mayoral Ball – The Mayor reminded members that the Ball would be taking place on 16 March at Ribby Hall and tickets were £30 each and were available from the Mayors secretary.

94. Chief Executives Communications

The Chief Executive reported that there were no communications.

95. Questions From Members of the Council

There were no questions

96. Questions From the Members of Public

There were no questions

97. Invitation to Accept Appointment As Deputy Mayor 2007/2008

It was moved by Councillor Colin Walton and seconded by Councillor William Thompson and:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - That Councillor Richard Fulford-Brown be invited to accept election by the Council at the 2007 Annual Meeting as Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Fylde for the ensuing municipal year.

98. Revenue and Capital Budgets 2007/08

Councillor John Coombes (Leader of the Council) presented his budget speech to council. In doing so, he made reference to the revenue and capital budgets for 2007/08 and beyond which were detailed on the agenda. He also made reference to the suggested Council Tax increase for 2007/2008.

After a lengthy and detailed debate it was RESOLVED:

1. To approve the net requirement of £10,246,600 in 2007/08 including the fees and charges as set out in the report.
2. To approve a Council Tax increase of 4.95% in 2007/08 giving the Borough band D council tax level of £160.92.
3. To approve a 5-year capital programme as outlined in the report, which will be reviewed and rolled forward on an annual basis.
4. That savings identified from the Business Improvement Grant be used toward replacement playground equipment.

(Councillors Chew, Collins, Eastham, Hayhurst, H. Henshaw, K. Henshaw, Lancaster, Nulty, Oades, L. Rigby, Speak, Threlfall, Wall H. Wilson, R. Wilson and Wright requested that there names be recorded as having voted against the resolution).

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99. Council Tax 2007/08

Councillor John Coombes (Leader of the Council) presented a comprehensive report on the setting of the Council Tax rate for each property band for the whole of the borough Council's area, including the Council Tax rate for each property band as set by the County Council, the Lancashire Police Authority and the Lancashire Combined Fire Authority.

The Council RESOLVED that pursuant to powers conferred of the Council as the charging authority for the district by section 2 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992, the Borough Council Set the following amounts of council tax for the year 2007/08 for each category of dwelling shown below:

(Councillors Chew, Collins, Eastham, Hayhurst, H. Henshaw, K. Henshaw, Lancaster, Nulty, Oades, L. Rigby, Speak, Threlfall, Wall H. Wilson, R. Wilson and Wright requested that there names be recorded as having voted against the resolution)

During the course of the debates the following amendments were moved and lost-

1. *"That the proposed salary costs of £11,146,000 for 2007/08 be reduced by 1% and this saving be used to reduce the council tax rise to 2.52%"*

(Councillors Bennett, Chew, Collins, Eastham, Fiddler, Hayhurst, H. Henshaw, K. Henshaw, Lancaster, Nulty, Oades, Owen, L. Rigby, Speak, Threlfall, Wall, H. Wilson, R. Wilson and Wright requested that there names be recorded as having voted in favour of the amendment).

2. *"That the travelling and subsistence budget be cut by 10% and the saving of £200,000 be used to provide replacement play equipment"*

(Councillors Chew, Collins, Eastham, Hayhurst, H. Henshaw, K. Henshaw, Lancaster, Nulty, Oades, L. Rigby, Speak, Threlfall, Wall, H. Wilson, R. Wilson and Wright requested that there names be recorded as having voted in favour of the amendment).

(Councillor Bennett requested that his name be recorded as having voted against the amendment).

3. *"That the following items be deleted from the proposed budget-*

Public relations budget £29,000; Britain in Bloom £3,000

And the savings be used to fund replacement playground equipment"

(Councillors Bennett, Chew, Collins, Eastham, Fiddler, Hayhurst, H. Henshaw, K. Henshaw, Lancaster, Nulty, Oades, Speak, Wall, H. Wilson, R. Wilson and Wright requested that there names be recorded as having voted in favour of the amendment).

4. *"Amendment to the capital budget - remove the following from the capital budget-*

Lytham cenotaph refurbishment £55,000. Refurbishment Warton sports pavilion £25,000

Replace with-

Play equipment budget £40,000; Footpath repairs £40,000

Amendment to the revenue budget - remove the following from the revenue budget-

ICT business continuity £9,000; Spartina grass removal £8,000; Highway tree planting programme £8,500; Britain in Bloom entry £3,000; Low level lighting at Fairhaven lake area £4,000; St Annes car park study £1,500; Community projects fund £25,000.

Replace with-

Community sports coaches £11,000; Bus shelter replacement £20,000; Lighting maintenance £20,000."

(Councillor Oades requested that her name be recorded as having voted in favour of the amendment).

5. *"That financial reference No. 35 (Lytham war memorial) in the capital programme 2007-2012 be withdrawn and a full breakdown of costs involved in the refurbishment of the Lytham war memorial be presented to the council for democratic debate and reasoned judgement as to how this large sum of money could be more fairly distributed throughout the borough"*

(Councillor Oades requested that her name be recorded as having voted in favour of the amendment).



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SCHEDULE 1	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Lytham	107.32	125.21	143.09	160.98	196.75	232.53	268.3	321.96
Bryning-with-Warton	115.41	134.64	153.88	173.11	211.58	250.05	288.52	346.22
Elswick	111.39	129.96	148.52	167.09	204.22	241.35	278.48	334.18
Freckleton	110.37	128.77	147.16	165.56	202.35	239.14	275.93	331.12
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	114.63	133.74	152.84	171.95	210.16	248.37	286.58	343.9
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	116.71	136.16	155.61	175.06	213.96	252.86	291.77	350.12
Medlar-with-Wesham	111.70	130.32	148.93	167.55	204.78	242.02	279.25	335.1
Newton-with-Clifton	112.11	130.79	149.48	168.16	205.53	242.90	280.27	336.32
Ribby-with Wrea	114.29	133.34	152.39	171.44	209.54	247.64	285.73	342.88
Singleton	116.45	135.86	155.27	174.68	213.50	252.32	291.13	349.36
St. Annes	109.95	128.28	146.60	164.93	201.58	238.23	274.88	329.86
Staining	120.63	140.74	160.84	180.95	221.16	261.37	301.58	361.9
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	111.43	130.01	148.58	167.15	204.29	241.44	278.58	334.3
Weeton-with-Preese	112.11	130.80	149.48	168.17	205.54	242.91	280.28	336.34
Westby-with-Plumpton	109.79	128.09	146.39	164.69	201.29	237.89	274.48	329.38
Kirkham	109.65	127.93	146.20	164.48	201.03	237.58	274.13	328.96

SCHEDULE 2	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Lytham	927.05	1,081.56	1,236.07	1,390.57	1,699.58	2,008.61	2317.62	2781.14
Bryning-with-Warton	935.14	1,090.99	1,246.86	1,402.70	1,714.41	2,026.13	2337.84	2805.4
Elswick	931.12	1,086.31	1,241.50	1,396.68	1,707.05	2,017.43	2327.8	2793.36
Freckleton	930.10	1,085.12	1,240.14	1,395.15	1,705.18	2,015.22	2325.25	2790.3
Greenhalgh-with-Thistleton	934.36	1,090.09	1,245.82	1,401.54	1,712.99	2,024.45	2335.9	2803.08
Little Eccleston-with-Larbreck	936.44	1,092.51	1,248.59	1,404.65	1,716.79	2,028.94	2341.09	2809.3
Medlar-with-Wesham	931.43	1,086.67	1,241.91	1,397.14	1,707.61	2,018.10	2328.57	2794.28
Newton-with-Clifton	931.84	1,087.14	1,242.46	1,397.75	1,708.36	2,018.98	2329.59	2795.5
Ribby-with Wrea	934.02	1,089.69	1,245.37	1,401.03	1,712.37	2,023.72	2335.05	2802.06
Singleton	936.18	1,092.21	1,248.25	1,404.27	1,716.33	2,028.40	2340.45	2808.54
St. Annes	929.68	1,084.63	1,239.58	1,394.52	1,704.41	2,014.31	2324.2	2789.04
Staining	940.36	1,097.09	1,253.82	1,410.54	1,723.99	2,037.45	2350.9	2821.08
Treales, Roseacre & Wharles	931.16	1,086.36	1,241.56	1,396.74	1,707.12	2,017.52	2327.9	2793.48
Weeton-with-Preese	931.84	1,087.15	1,242.46	1,397.76	1,708.37	2,018.99	2329.6	2795.52
Westby-with-Plumpton	929.52	1,084.44	1,239.37	1,394.28	1,704.12	2,013.97	2323.8	2788.56
Kirkham	929.38	1,084.28	1,239.18	1,394.07	1,703.86	2,013.66	2323.45	2788.14