

Forton Parish Council
Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held
Via Zoom on Monday 1 February 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Huddart, Young, Taylor, McLoughlin and Dodgson
Cllr Leech L Hall - Clerk to the Parish Council 5 residents

1211. APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Farebrother.

1212. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose any pecuniary and non pecuniary interests on matters to be considered at this meeting. None were raised.

1213. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The update of the Parish Council meeting, held on 4 January 2021, was agreed.

1214. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

A Police update had been issued to Councillors from LALC it covered COVID-19, Rural Task Force, Lancashire Talking and General News.

Cllr Leech advised that the vaccine rollout is going really well and appears to be a huge success, food parcels and medicines are still being collected and distributed to vulnerable people. The business rollout payments are still ongoing. Cllr Leech had also approached a resident regarding recently installed CCTV at their property, following a letter that the Parish Council had sent, it has been requested that the resident display signs advising residents that CCTV is in operation.

A resident raised concern regarding the current Planning Application on land off School Lane. Cadents response was inadequate and they asked for evidence, Cllr Young advised that National Grid had previously provided evidence and that no further action could be taken and the Parish Council were not prepared to contact Wyre.

Four residents from Whinney Brow raised concern regarding speeding and the amount of traffic using the Lane. They will forward their concerns to the Parish Council, along with photographs, so that it can be followed up. There was debate regarding it being made a cul-de-sac, Councillors felt that there was a very slim chance that this would not be allowed.

The meeting was resumed.

1215. TREES AT CLEVELANDS

Cllr Dodgson raised concern regarding the trees/hedging that had been cutback/removed. The Tree Warden has promised to visit.

Resolved: Cllr Dodgson will follow this up and advise the Parish Council.

1216. CRICKET CLUB LETTER

A letter had been received from the Cricket Club regarding a bid for the S106 money from Bowland Gardens, they had been advised to pursue with Wyre, Wyre have advised that they do not agree the land is public open space. The Parish Council agreed it is for the Cricket Club to approach Wyre again. If they get agreement from Wyre to their request then the Parish Council will be prepared to meet with them and discuss options/have a meeting of interested parties.

Resolved: Clerk to write to Cricket Club and advise them of the above.

1217. FACEMASKS

Cllr McLoughlin raised concern regarding the amount of disposable facemasks at the bus stop near Oakfield.

Resolved: Cllr Huddart to speak to Oakfield in the first instance as she has been in contact with them during the pandemic.

1218. WHINNEY BROW

This item was covered earlier under public participation.

Resolved: Residents to put their concerns in writing to the Parish Council so they can pursue.

1219. ITEM IN VILLAGE VOICE

A recent article from FRAG which had appeared in village voice was discussed. It was felt there should be contact details and an explanation in future of what FRAG or any other organisations are. Cllr Huddart had received a complaint regarding the article, it was agreed she will contact the sender to discuss informally.

Resolved: Cllr Huddart to contact resident regarding article in Village Voice to discuss their concerns.

1220. ISSUES ON HOLLINS LANE

There is still flooding at Cleveley Bank/Belvedere, Cllr McLoughlin will report back regarding the land drain near the Scout Hut when he has more information. The Clerk has contacted Rural Splash again regarding the signs at Shireshead Gardens and asked when they will be removed. Cllr McLoughlin is to meet the Road Safety representative from LCC sometime the first week of February. Cllr Huddart explained she had further information regarding the unadopted road which she would raise under Planning.

1221. PARISH REPORTS/ISSUES FROM COUNCILLORS

To receive reports/issues from Councillors/Village Groups:-

Chair – Cllr Huddart had received 3 applications for the Clerk position.

Parish Maintenance – The noticeboard has been fixed.

LVRHA/ LALC - Nothing to report.

Website/GDPR – Nothing to report.

Village Hall/Recreation Ground – concern had been raised regarding dog mess on the Playing Field. The Chair is progressing applying for grants and is corresponding with Wyre.

1222. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors to comment on the following applications:-

Application Number: 20/01296/OUTMAJ Proposal: Outline application for up to 41 dwellings (30% affordable), public open space and associated infrastructure with access applied for off School Lane (all other matters reserved) Location: Land Off School Lane (South Of Shireshead Cricket Ground) Forton Preston Lancashire PR3 0AS

Cllr Young advised that there is a new statement for this application. The Clerk advised that an extension has been granted for comments – 15 February. Cllr Young said that the Planning Inspector has said that Wyre will not meet the 5 year housing supply target. The applicant has picked up on this. Approximately 180 supporting/objecting documents have been submitted. Cllr Young had forwarded a draft letter to Councillors, the second paragraph is to be removed and then the letter can be sent to Planning.

Resolved: Objection letter agreed, Clerk to remove second paragraph and forward to Planning.

Cllr Young added that S106 agreements need to be agreed for the HSL and MCI applications before planning permission can be given.

Application Number: 21/00017/FUL Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension and addition of a front terrace Location: The Lunnels Winder Lane

Resolved: Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council have no objections.

Application Number: 21/00032/FUL Proposal: Erection of two detached dwellings and garages Location: Land On The West Of Hollins Lane The Parish Council noted that access was via an unadopted road, with a public footpath through it, and that the Mediterranean and Ghyfield had right of access over it.

Resolved: Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council have no objections.

Application Number: 21/00102/FUL Proposal: Erection of replacement building Location: Highfield Farm Wallace Lane

Resolved: Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council have no objections.

1223. FINANCE/AUDIT DOCUMENTATION

The Standing Orders, Finance Regulations, Asset Register, Audit Requirements, Terms of Reference & Effectiveness of Internal Audit, Meeting Standing Orders, Internal Control and Scrutiny, Risk Management Policy Statement/Register, Risk Register had been emailed prior to the meeting. The Clerk to make a couple of amendments, that had been raised by Cllrs Huddart/Dodgson, to the documentation. Otherwise all documents were agreed by the Parish Council.

Resolved: Finance/Audit Documentation agreed.

1125. FINANCE

To consider the following:

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| 1. L J Hall Wages – January | £ 248.24 | To be paid by Standing Order 1.2.21 |
| 2. L J Hall Expenses – January | £ 18.00 | For agreement |
| 3. Colin Cross – Village Voice Feb/Mar | £ 341.00 | |
| 4. Cllr Huddart – Toner | £ 10.99 | |
| 5. Handyman Invoices | £ 61.00 & £195.00 | Agreed by Chair/Vice Chair – Paid |
| 6. Zoom Annual Subscription | £ 143.88 | Agreed by Chair – Paid |

The Bank Reconciliation December

	Current Account	£ 9,849.29
Supported by Cashbook	Receipts	£26,500.81
	Payments	£16,651.52
	Total	£ 9,849.29
Reserve Savings Account	£40,414.75	

£3.45 from Electricity NW paid into bank account.

Resolved: The above transactions were agreed.

1124. AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Any items that will need a resolution will be deferred to the next meeting and placed on the Agenda to allow information on the subject to be gathered. Councillors can report defective street lighting; blocked drains etc. to the Clerk at any time and these will be taken up with the appropriate authorities. There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

The Chair thanked the Clerk for all her work over the last 6 years.

Chairman:

Date:

The date of the next Meeting is Monday, 1 March 2021