

**Forton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on**  
**Monday 4 March 2019 at 7.00pm in The Pavilion, School Lane**

*Present:* Cllrs Huddart, Young, Adams, McLoughlin (part), Dodgson, Mollart (part),  
and Stewart Cllr Salter Clerk – L Hall 5 Residents

**1025. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Wilson and Cllr Povall.

**1026. 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.

**1027. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the meeting held 4 February 2019, were previously circulated to members.  
*Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.*

**1028. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

The Conservative Candidate standing for Election introduced himself to the meeting and advised that the Local Plan had been adopted by Wyre.

No report had been received from the Police.

Cllr Salter updated the meeting – LCC had held a budget meeting. In summary Council Tax is to rise, there is a reduction to the Wellbeing and Home Improvement Services.

Consultations are ongoing and a recent one was regarding Recycling, residents should input to the consultations their views. £7M has been saved on Social Care by keeping people at home rather than going into a Care Home, this is a huge saving for LCC, Cllr Huddart/Salter will be going round the village looking at problem areas such as potholes. The meeting was resumed.

**1029. MASTER PLAN**

Cllr Adams updated the meeting regarding the Master Plan. The PC had sent feedback to Wyre which had been well received. The document sent is a good reference document for the PC to use in the future. There is Land Owner meeting on 25 March and a Stakeholder meeting on 10 April. There will be 3 concept boards presented with options for Forton.

The Boards will then be displayed in the Village for a 2 week period, for 2 days Wyre and Land Owners will be available to answer questions. The PC have produced 3 leaflets which they would like to send to residents. The cost of producing, enveloping and addressing is £703. Neil proposed that the PC accept the quote and go ahead with the production as we are working to a very tight timescale. There is a Questionnaire and this should be returned to Cllr Huddart or the Post Office. Cllr Adams will be putting the necessary details/information onto the website.

*Resolved: Leaflets to be produced by Colin Cross at a cost of £703.*

**1030. PARISH REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY**

**Parish Maintenance** – The possibility of employing a Lengthsman/Odd Job Man was discussed. A resident had attended and was happy to carry out the role but requested further information. Cllrs to forward suggested jobs to Cllr Huddart for her to produce a comprehensive list.

Cllr Dodgson raised the Dyke behind the Scout Hut as this was flooding badly – Cllr Huddart/Salter to add to their list.

**LALC / LVRHA** – No reports received as no meetings had been held.

**Website/GDPR** – Cllr Adams advised that the old website will be taken down. The next payment is due 15 March which we will not be paying this year. Cllr Adams will contact the supplier to advise.

**Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee** – The Hall has been painted and curtains are partly up. Outside lights are to be put up in the next few weeks. The next job will be to tackle the ladies toilets. Cllr Huddart advised that the ash tree near the pavilion has been inspected by the Tree Officer and he has recommended that it be trimmed. Cllr Huddart/The Hall Chair are arranging quotes.

**Pond Lease/Lifebelts** – The Clerk to contact Cllr Povall to see if there was any progress with the Pond Lease. [Clerks Note – Cllr Povall will produce a letter for the Clerk to send by the end of the week]. The lifebelts had been tampered with over half term, Cllr McLoughlin has checked and they have all been put right.

### **1031. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The issue of when to hold the APM was discussed and it was agreed to hold on 1 April. This meeting is when Cllrs and residents produce reports for the previous 12 month period. The Clerk to arrange the agenda. The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held after the Elections when the new Parish Council are elected. A pack is being sent from Wyre which the Clerk will distribute when received. *Resolved. Clerk to arrange the agenda for the APM and issue packs re elections when received.*

### **1032. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No applications had been received. Cllr Young advised that the following applications had been refused:- 18/00418 147 houses and 18/00692 Eco house at Stanley Lodge.

### **1033. FINANCE**

The following payments have been made:

1. Clerk expenses – February	£ 18.00 by Direct Banking
2. Clerk wages – February	£234.21 by Standing Order 2.3.19
3. Smith & Love	£596.46
4. Village Hall – Electricity/Rental	£100.00

The following invoices require payment:

1. Great Eccleston Meeting	£ 15.00
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The Bank Reconciliation for January:-

Current Account	£15,317.17
Less unpresented cheques	£ 00.00
Total	£15,317.17
Supported by Cashbook	
Receipts	£49,374.99
Payments	£34,057.28
Total	£15,317.17
Reserve Savings Account	£30,297.43

*Resolved: The transactions above/bank reconciliation were agreed by the Parish Council.*

### **1034. AGENDA FOR 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. Litter Picking to be added to the next agenda. Councillors can report defective street lighting, potholes, 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.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 1 April 2019 in the Pavilion at 7.00pm.**