## **Forton Parish Council**

## Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held

## at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs J Huddart, P Young, N Wigglesworth, L Dodgson, P Slater, W Wilson, Borough	Note
Cllr C Walker, County Cllr M Salter	
In attendance:	
Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.	Note
1734. Apologies for Absence:	
Cllrs S Tresilian, J Farebrother, PCSO Denise Creighton	Note
1735. Notification of Interests	
No disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting were received.	Note
1736. Minutes of the last Meeting	N ·
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.	Note
1737. Public Participation	
3 members of the public present.	
<ul> <li>Borough Cllr C Walker confirmed she had received the following complaints: -</li> <li>Complaint received from residents in Tansy Lane in connection with the road conditions and large vehicles using the road, County Cllr Salter to review with Highways Officers.</li> </ul>	County Cllr Salter
<ul> <li>Issues in regards a stale smell from Persimmon Homes land on School Lane where water is lying. County Cllr Salter to follow up.</li> </ul>	County Cllr Salter
<ul> <li>Hedges down Wallace Lane have been cut without landowners permission, Borough Cllr Walker to follow up.</li> </ul>	Borough Cllr Walker
County Cllr Salter agreed to look into the installation of one bollard in each of the 2 pavements from the Kingswood homes site (the hollies) and Hollins Lane to prevent delivery drivers cutting across the path / grassed area near Laurus Homes estate & another bollard at the bottom of the slope leading away from the children's play area.	County Cllr Salter
1738. B4RN Project Update – Ian Simpson	
A request was made from Mr Ian Simpson asking if the Parish could support the	
feasibility study of the B4RN Project. Councillors agreed that they would be happy	CI. I
to promote the project via the parish council website. The Clerk was requested to	Clerk

send Borough Cllr Walker B4RN documentation provided. It was agreed that Ian	
would send the clerk some content to add to the Parish Council website.	
1739. Planning	
The following planning applications were received after the agenda was issued.	
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Application Number: 23/00763/AGR	
<b>Proposal:</b> Prior notification for the erection of a portal framed building for general	
purpose use including loading agricultural fertiliser bays and storage of agricultural	Note
machinery.	
<b>Location:</b> Clifton House Farm, Kilcrash Lane, Clifton Hill, Forton	
Resolved: No objections	
Application Number: 23/00859/ADV	
<b>Proposal:</b> Advertisement consent for a housing development, consisting of 1 non	
illuminated v formation sales stack, with one flag either side and 1 non illuminated	Note
single carriageway stack, with one flag either side.	
<b>Location:</b> Land to the North & South of School Lane, Forton	
Resolved: No objections	
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Application Number: 23/00796/FUL	
<b>Proposal:</b> Proposed rear dormer, a single storey side extension and raised patio	Note
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area.	
Location: Condor Mount, Hollins Lane, Forton	
Resolved: No objections	
1740. Community Hall update	
Architects currently working on concept plans in advance of community	
presentation in the Village Hall on 12 <sup>th</sup> September. Old village hall is in a bad state	Note
of repair and a roost of maternity bats have been identified, meaning roof repairs	
will be restricted. Two further bat surveys will need to be conducted Spring 2024.	
All surveys now complete on pavilion.	
1741. Progress on Persimmon Homes – Cllr Young	
Cllr Young provided the following update: -	
Persimmon obtained planning permission on the 13th of July for their main	
application 22/00735/RELMAJ dealing with layout, appearance, landscaping and	
scale.	
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So as soon as United Utilities completed the section of the new sewage system on	
School Lane, Persimmon began work with removal of sections of hedge on both	
sides of School Lane. This was permitted because this was shown on the approved	
site plan. It was more extensive than just opening up the two access points	
because I think more removal was needed to give adequate traffic sightlines.	
However, FPC sent a letter of protest to Wyre planners because this was done in	
the bird nesting season and contrary to the wildlife act 1981. Wyre have now	
replied saying that after consultation no action is required.	
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Persimmon still have three applications to discharge some planning conditions and they have not yet been decided. This includes 18/00469/DIS which deals with drainage. FPC and some residents have sent objections concerning the potential of the surface water system to cause flooding on private land.	
The housebuilder has decided to call the development Cricketers Green and the 184 houses will be built in five phases with phase one to the immediate north of School Lane. This is 56 houses on when 49 have been occupied this will trigger 50% of the S 106 financial obligation for the new community hall. Perhaps this will come about later next year.	
The site opening hours are set out in the Construction Environment Management Plan (see 18/00469/DIS2) as Monday to Friday 08.00 till 18:00 and Saturday 08:30 to 13:30. The CEMP Section 5 says that the deliveries will be spaced to ensure that there will not be a backup of delivery waggons on the roads around the site.	
1742. Winder Lane Plans  Cllr Young confirmed the planning application for 17 self-build houses on the two small fields would be validated shortly and requested that councillors should read the documents in advance of the Parish Council providing their comments to the proposal. The Clerk was requested to ask for extension to deadline date for comments and to send the documentation received to Borough Councillor Walker.	Clerk
1743. Finance	
The following payments for July & August were checked and agreed: -	
Easy Website - £27.60	
GJ Brookes - £1020.00	
Laburnum Nurseries - £42.72	
Cllr Young expenses - £25.71	
Clerks expenses - £65.29	
LALC - £35.00	
Mason Gillibrand Architects - £653.94 Envirotech - £216.00	
Clerks wages - £356.20	
Clerks expenses - £26	Note
Easy Websites - £27.60	
Hollins Lane Methodist Church - £80.00	
A further invoice received from GJ Brookes for £540.00 and Frances Forestry &	
Landscaping for £1,632.00 were checked and agreed to be paid.	
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1744. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors	
Parish Maintenance PROW - The Clerk was requested to complete an application to opt into the LCC	Clerk
Public Rights of Way Delivery Scheme before deadline of 15.9.23.	CICIK
Himalayan Balsam - Cllr Dodgson confirmed she had received a response from	
Network Rail in regard to Himalayan Balsam, the affected areas are now in a cycle	
of weed control, carried out this year and twice next year. Further plants have	
appeared in Whinney Brow.	
Bus Stop at New Holly - County Cllr Salter to check ownership of bus stop by New	County Cllr Salter
Holly as there are no seats available.	

Cllr Young to check Laurus Homes planning conditions for upgrade works to the	Cllr Young
bus stop.	
Hollins Lane	
County Cllr Salter to investigate Hollins Lane flooding issue and provide an update	County Cllr Salter
at next meeting.	
LALC	
Cllrs Huddart and Dodgson attended meeting on 26.7.23. The speaker was Tom	
Myerscough from the Wyre Rivers Trust. Not a great attendance from other parishes.	
County Cllr Salter to contact the Lancashire Parish Council Champion County Cllr	County Cllr Salter
Paul Rigby with regards the small grant scheme funding opportunities and update	
at next meeting.	
1745. Clerks Update	
The Clerk confirmed the following reports had been made: -	
Footpath gate issues on land next to pond in School Lane – PRW-146534	Note
Stony Lane – road erosion – Ref 3510507	
Hedge pruning to A6 between junction of School Lane and New Holly – Ref 3545056	
Nuisance car parking on Hollins Lane – reported to PCSO Creighton on 7.8.23	
1746. Cllr Huddart updates	
It was agreed that additional litter picking sticks were to be purchased for the	
village litter pickers. Clerk to arrange procurement.	Clerk
1747. Agenda for Next Meeting	
Cllr Young asked for Winder Lane planning application for self-build houses to be	
added to next month's agenda.	Clerk
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The meeting closed at 8.55pm	Note

Minutes prepared by:	Hilary Alcock (Clerk)
Approved by:	Janet Huddart (Chairman)
Date:	