Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held

at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on

Monday 5th February 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Sue Tresilian, June Farebrother, Wesley Wilson, Lesley Dodgson, Andrew Redmayne, Borough Cllr C Walker	Note
In attendance: Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.	Note
1810. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Neil Wigglesworth, County Cllr M Salter, PCSO Denise Creighton.	Note
1811. Notification of Interests There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.	Note
1812. Minutes of the last Meeting The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 th January 2024 were confirmed and signed as a true record.	Note
1813. Public Participation Eight members of the public present. A member of the public confirmed a meeting had taken place between the LCC Operations Manager for Highways & Transport and residents on Tansy Lane on 2 nd February with regards the condition of the road surface in Tansy Lane. The LCC representative was shocked at the condition of the road and confirmed core sampling had been completed and was waiting for a technical appraisal to be carried out. Residents asked if the Parish Council would consider withdrawing support for planning application 23/00971/FUL (Proposed portal framed building for general purpose use including loading of agricultural fertilizer bags and storage of agricultural machinery) at Clifton House Farm until the Highways Engineer comes back with his appraisal, due to the number of heavy machines using the highway. Clerk to recirculate planning consultation and Councillors to review and discuss at next meeting.	Clerk
A member of the public from Middle Holly raised concerns with regards planning application 23/00999/FUL (installation of below ground treatment plant and new agricultural storage building) at Middle Holly Yard. Issues were raised about the proposed package treatment plant being too large to function correctly given the intended foul output will result in untreated effluent to the open roadside drain and nearby watercourse. There is no evidence the ground condition can effectively drain the outflow, but the proposed location is above a relatively recently constructed surface water drain which will inevitably be the path of least resistance for the foul effluent to exit the site.	Clerk

1814. Planning	
The following planning applications were discussed: -	
Application number: 23/01112/FUL	
Location: Forton Playing Field, School Lane	
Proposal: Erection of 3 bay broadband cabinet	
Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections	
Application number: 24/00016/ADV	
Location: Land to North & South of School Lane	
Proposal: Advertisement consent for 1 no non illuminated sign on site entrance wall &	
3no flag poles and banner for housing development	
Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections	Claul
Application number: 23/01220/FUL	Clerk
Location: Shireshead & Forton Cricket Club, School Lane	
Proposal: Extension to existing cricket clubhouse to create first floor raised balcony and staircase	
Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections	
Application number: 23/01155/FUL	
Location: Forton Service Area M6 Lancaster South Services	
Proposal: Retention of electric vehicle charging hub with associated works	
Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections	
1815. Community Hall update	
A pre-application submission in relation to the development of old and new hall has been	
lodged and is awaiting feedback from Wyre Council. A Teams meeting has been arranged	Note
with the Planning Officer on 14 th February for further review. There will be two highways	
pre-application submissions on the two new accesses. This is being carried out by SLR	
Consulting.	
1816. Progress on Persimmon Homes – Cllr Young	
Cllr Young provided the following update:-	
Forton Parish Council asked the case officer why construction work had started before the	
Construction Environmental Management Plan had been approved as required in planning	
conditions the reply says that a revised CEMP had been received and approved there is no	Note
explanation about the failure to enforce the planning condition.	11010
Persimmon Homes applied for a temporary access on the north of School Lane; this has	
not yet been approved. However the site foreman says that they have decided not to use	
it. This is a pity because it would have reduced the time lorries spend on School Lane.	
Parts of the south field will have to be built up before houses are built. The foreman has	
told us that before that happens deep deposits of peat will have to be removed first. This	

1917 Footmath Condition Comment	
1817. Footpath Condition Survey	
Cllr Dodgson, Cllr Wilson and Cllr Farebrother volunteered to assist with the surveys.	-11
Cllr Young agreed to meet with volunteers individually and confirm which pathways will be	Cllr Young
allocated.	
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1818. Hedgehog Highway Project This item to be discussed at part month's mosting. Clark to add to agenda	Clerk
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1819. Finance	
The following payments for December were checked and agreed: -	
Easy Website - £30.36	
Clerks expenses (stamps) - £10.00	
Hall Hire - £80.00	
Mason Gillibrand (Professional Fees) - £979.92	
Litter Pickers - £19.78	Note
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Clerks wages - £382.20	
Clerks expenses - £26.00	
1820. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors	
Parish Maintenance	
Clerk was asked to write a second letter to the Whittingham family regarding fence around	Clerk/
pond area in School Lane. Cllr Huddart to arrange signage regarding pond ownership.	Cllr Huddart
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The Clerk was asked to write a letter of concerns to LCC Highways regarding the condition	
of the highways, particularly on Ratcliffe Wharf Lane, Whinney Brow Lane and Stony Lane.	Clerk
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Cllr Farebrother confirmed that white spray paint has been painted around some of the	Nata
potholes on Stony Lane, however nothing appears to be happening around the area which	Note
floods badly.	
Hollins Lane updates	
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No updates	
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No updates.	
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1821. Cllr Huddart updates	
Bus stop closures on A6 – despite Cat Smiths efforts to reinstate the bus stops, Stagecoach	Note
drivers are not stopping if they think it is not safe to do so.	
Cllr Huddart agreed to chase up new noticeboard for Hollins Lane and repairs to existing	Cllr Huddart
noticeboard on School Lane.	Ciii Tidddalt
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Litter picking report was circulated and thanks passed on to David & Rosalyn our litter	
pickers for their continued efforts in our village, litter collected is now less than a bag per	Note
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day.	
1822. Clerks updates	

The Clerk asked if Councillors had any further thoughts on making an application via the		
Champion Grant Application – Clerk to recirculate the forms for suggestions.		
1823. Date & Time of Next Meeting		
The date of the next meeting is Monday 4 th March 2024 at 7pm	Note	
1824. Agenda items for next meeting		
Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project		
 Review of Planning Application 23/00971/FUL - (Proposed portal framed building for general purpose use including loading of agricultural fertilizer bags and storage of agricultural machinery) at Clifton House Farm 	Clerk	
Review of Planning Application 23/00999/FUL (installation of below ground treatment plant and new agricultural storage building) at Middle Holly Yard		
There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm	Note	

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