

Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs J Huddart, L Dodgson, S Tresilian, D McLoughlin, P Young, J Whittingham, County Cllr Salter, PCSO Denise Creighton.	Note
In attendance: Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.	Note
1661. Apologies for Absence: Cllr J Farebrother, Cllr N Wigglesworth, Borough Cllr Leech.	Note
1662. Notification of Interests No disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting were received.	Note
1663. Minutes of the last Meeting The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 th February 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.	Note
1664. Public Participation One member of the public present. No representatives from Wyre Borough Council. The chair welcomed PCSO Creighton to the meeting who confirmed there was no issues to report in the Forton parish. Speeding concerns were discussed and it was agreed that Cllr McLoughlin would forward the latest SID figures relating to the cameras at the (A6) New Holly and the Scout Hut on Hollins Lane to PCSO Creighton. Cllr Salter confirmed that Highways would be digging up the road affected by the flooding in Hollins Lane in March. Cllr Salter advised that LCC have contacted the housing developer on Hollins Lane with regards the erection of barrier at edge of play area following reports of safety concerns, LCC are unable to do anything due to the width of the pavement and are establishing if the developer could arrange on their land. LCC's budget meeting was held in February and council taxes would be increasing by 4%, there has been an increase awarded to the highways budget, Whinney Brow remains an issue and an email from a resident in Tansy Lane was discussed, however Cllr Salter was not in receipt due to an email address error, Cllr Salter advised Highways would assess this road and write to resident.	Note Cllr McLoughlin
1665. Planning No planning applications to review.	Note

<p>1666. Noticeboard update The Chair confirmed we are awaiting quotes for two replacement noticeboards, one for Hollins Lane and the other near the war memorial in School Lane.</p>	Chair
<p>1667. Community Hall update Trustees of the Village Hall confirmed a quote had been received from a grounds survey specialist Wormseye for £5654.00. Three other quotes had been obtained, quotes to be formally issued to the Parish Council Clerk to instruct phase 1 and 2 to assess ground conditions. Architects quotes to be brought to next meeting for further review. The Pavilion had successfully been awarded 2nd place in Laurus Homes voting and £5k was going to be used for minor repairs, new Hoover, microwave and new outdoor benches and for organising open days. The Bowling Club have recently had a banner made to go up in car park.</p>	Note
<p>1668. Progress on Persimmon Homes – Cllr Young Cllr Young provided the following update: -</p> <p>The number of houses has gone up from 173 to 184. The scope of application 22/00735/RELMAJ covers layout, appearance, landscaping and scale; a decision is still pending.</p> <p>Last month the Parish Council and David Morse sent objections on the layout of houses near Forton Bank House and so the case officer visited the site. Since then there has been a further revision of the site plan Rev F Feb 22, but no changes have been made to the layout of houses near Forton Bank house which has prompted a further objection from Mr Morse.</p> <p>There is a plan for the playground to the north of the site much like the one in Hollins lane.</p> <p>35 of the houses are for the elderly/restricted mobility. The Parish Council and a number of residents asked for more of them to be moved closer to bus stops but the latest layout showed that no change has been made.</p> <p>There is a boundary plan which includes some 2.2 metre acoustic fence.</p> <p>There are three reserved matters applications which are all waiting for a planning decision.</p> <p>18/00469/DIS is about drainage and levels. The parish council and four residents are very concerned about the plan to send most of the surface water under the A6 to an old pipe heading north to Potters Brook. This pipe copes at present but is not likely to when asked to carry about 10 times as much water and this could lead to flooding in a field and into houses. So we want to see a substantial response to these concerns. There is a document in 18/00469/DIS1 from Wyre council on 1st March, which concludes that condition 13 (site investigation) should not be discharged. This is explained in four pages of detailed comment on the Brownfield Solutions phase 11 Geo-Assessment report.</p>	Note

<p>1669. Finance The Clerk confirmed payments made in February totalling £426.05. Vat reclaim has been processed for April 2022 to December 2022, HMRC have confirmed receipt and funds of £17,908.32 are expected to paid into our account within the next 10 days. The Clerk was asked to make contact with the clerk at Garstang Town Council with regards Unity Bank and whether the Parish Council should consider banking with them.</p>	Clerk
<p>1670. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors <u>Parish Maintenance</u> It was reported the tub at the war memorial was falling apart, gate posts at footpath 2 on Winder Lane are rotten. The Clerk was asked to enquire if Parish Council can make a claim for footpath maintenance money with Wyre Borough Council. Reports of dog fouling in Cleveley Bank – Chair to check if any signs available to put up. The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown hedges on A6 towards Garstang and along School Lane. <u>Hollins Lane Update – Flooding /SID sign</u> Cllr McLoughlin presented SID data for November, December and January, data to be emailed to PCSO Creighton. <u>Village Hall & Recreation Committee</u> No report received.</p>	Clerk Cllr Huddart Clerk Cllr McLoughlin
<p>1671. Clerks Update No updates</p>	Note
<p>1672. Cllr Huddart updates It was confirmed that the Clerk had successfully completed her six-month probation and the next salary increment had been reached. Discussion was held around the Parish Council website and it was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with Easy Websites to discuss a refresh.</p>	Clerk
<p>1673. Agenda for Next Meeting Next Meeting will be on Monday 3rd April 2023, at 7pm, at Methodist Church, Hollins Lane.</p>	Clerk
<p>The meeting closed at 9pm</p>	Note