

## Forton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held

at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm

<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs J Huddart, P Young, S Tresilian, J Farebrother, W Wilson, L Dodgson, N Wigglesworth.</p>	Note
<p><b>In attendance:</b> Mrs H Alcock - Clerk &amp; Responsible Finance Officer.</p>	Note
<p><b>1781. Apologies for Absence:</b> Borough Cllr C Walker, County Cllr M Salter, PCSO Denise Creighton.</p>	Note
<p><b>1782. Notification of Interests</b> No disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting were received.</p>	Note
<p><b>1783. Minutes of the last Meeting</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>	Note
<p><b>1784. Public Participation</b> Five members of the public present.</p> <p>Peter Bond (Volunteer for Northwest Ambulance Service) gave a special thanks to Lesley and Michelle for their roles as guardians for the village defibrillators. Peter confirmed that the cabinet housing to the defibrillator on the outside wall of the village hall was in poor condition and the pads would need replacing in the summer of 2024, the pads at the Methodist Church would need replacing summer of 2025. The Parish Council agreed to take on the funding of these machines and the Clerk was asked to make contact with Cheryl Pickstock at Northwest Ambulance Service for a referral for a new polycarbonate cabinet to replace the existing cabinet at the village hall at a cost of circa £500. Disposable pads would need to be purchased at a cost of £90 which will need replacing every 2 – 2½ years.</p> <p>Borough Cllr C Walker was unable to attend the meeting, but issued the update below which was read out as follows: - Unfortunately, I am not able to attend this evening's meeting as I have a Councillor Development Committee Meeting at Wyre Council, which I must attend. Please accept my apologies for my non-attendance.</p> <p>I would like to give thanks to those people who organised Forton's Remembrance Day Service, it was very well attended and ran perfectly. Well done to all involved.</p> <p>I continue to be in contact with local residents regarding various planning applications across the area. Residents are unhappy with Wyre Planning Department making decisions</p>	Clerk
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<p>on applications which they feel are inappropriate, as well as the Parish Council not raising any issues with certain applications. Planning applications are often a contentious issue to those who live in the local vicinity, and objections by residents do not always make a difference to the overall decision made by the planning department.</p> <p>As we move towards the Christmas Holidays, I wish everyone a peaceful end to the year and all the best for the New Year.</p> <p>A resident highlighted a Planning Policy Newsletter which had been emailed from Wyre Borough Council on 8.12.23 which contained information about proposed wind farm sites in Forton. Clerk to check receipt of this email and circulate.</p> <p>Following recent works to a hole in the road in Cleveley Drive, the flood opposite Haighlands has now disappeared.</p> <p>The Clerk reported concerns had been received from a resident on Hollins Lane regarding cars parking on pavement and speeding, PCSO Creighton has confirmed she will make an appointment to visit this resident to discuss the matter.</p> <p>A van which had been reported due to parking dangerously at junction of Hollins Lane and Kingswood estate for over a week which didn't belong to anyone on the estate has now gone.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>
<p><b>1785. Planning</b> The following planning applications were discussed: - <b>Application number:</b> 23/01086/FUL <b>Location:</b> Forton Service Area North M6 Lancaster Services <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed creation of electric charging hub with associated works <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections</p> <p><b>Application number:</b> LCC/2023/0040 <b>Location:</b> Pumping station 100m from Greenways Farm, Hollins Lane <b>Proposal:</b> Construction of one kiosk, associated earthworks and fencing adjacent to an existing pumping station as part of a wider scheme of improvements to the wastewater network. <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise LCC the Parish Council have no objections</p> <p>Cllr Young provided an update on two previous applications as follows:- <b>23/00807/OUTMAJ</b> – 17 self build houses on Winder Lane. Highways have objected to this application. The main reason is that Winder Lane would have to be widened to 5.5m plus a 2m pavement for the length of the site. This could require the removal of the hedge on the West side of Winder Lane for the whole site.</p> <p><b>23/00949/FUL</b> Three houses plus physio room - The Hollies. The Parish Council and Highways objected to the plans because of lack of a detailed plan showing car park and road widths. On 29.11.23 revised plans were submitted. An improved site plan shows the exact location of parking as well as the width of the access road from the A6. The number of physio rooms was reduced from 2 to 1.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

<p><b>1786. Community Hall update</b> A Teams meeting was held on 7.12.23 attended by Len Harris and Fiona Riley (Wyre Council), along with Jenna Metcalfe and Alice Jesmont (Village Hall Committee) Sue Tresilian (Parish Council) and Paul Duckett (Mason Gillibrand). A pre application will need to be submitted first before a full planning application can be made. Len Harris agreed to look into legalities of S106 funding and how it can be used, and whether it's just for the building or if it can be used for outdoor facilities.</p>	Note
<p><b>1787. Progress on Persimmon Homes – Cllr Young</b> Cllr Young advised that the Parish Council had written to the planning officer for the Persimmon site asking why construction had started before the Construction Environment Plan had been approved. Concerns were raised as work on foundation piling was about to commence. The reply only says that a revised CEMP had been sent and time was needed to assess it.</p> <p>The revised CEMP has a plan showing the location of temporary and permanent car parks and compounds on the north field.</p> <p>Work on a temporary access road on the north field is about completed; permission not yet granted. The site office and parking are now on the south field. The foundations for several houses have been put in.</p>	Note
<p><b>1788. Councillor Vacancy</b> Following Cllr Slater's recent resignation, Andrew Redmayne was co-opted with immediate effect. Clerk to contact Wyre Council to update their records.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>1789. Quiet Lane Status – 20mph zones</b> The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to the Clerk of Chipping Parish Council with regards their quiet lane status, contact was made with CPRE, and a document circulated to members 'CPRE's guide to quiet lanes', this document was produced in 2003 and no updates have been provided since.</p> <p>The Clerk had also received the following response from County Cllr M Salter who advised changes to speed limits are very rare and that highways are not keen to initiate that process as there are substantial legal costs in bringing it about there is national guidance to the effect that local authorities shouldn't reduce speed limits without a clear safety issue. That said if there is a particular road or stretch of road that would very much benefit from a speed reduction, he would support us in requesting highways to assess the possibility.</p> <p>In terms of quiet lanes, Highways had implemented some in past decades and weren't especially keen to have any more, I get the impression they installed expensive infrastructure as part of the projects and spent a lot of money for what they achieved. That said I am happy to have another go but it would be helpful if we could stipulate one or two lanes that the parish would like to see as quiet lanes as that may be a more feasible ask.</p>	Note
<p><b>1790. Finance</b> The following payments for November were checked and agreed: -</p>	

Easy Website - £27.60 Cllr Young expenses - £21.48 Clerks wages - £356.20 Backpay for 1.4.23 – 30.11.23 following local government pay increase £208. Clerks expenses - £26.00 A credit of £500 had been received for PROW local delivery scheme. An invoice from Frances Forestry for £510 was approved for payment.	Note
<b>1791. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors</b> <u>Parish Maintenance</u> Invasive weeds reported on Stony Lane bridge which is narrowing road, Cllr Farebrother to issue photos and Clerk to report to LCC.  <u>Hollins Lane updates</u> The Clerk was asked to write to MCI Developments to ask if they would consider installing a bollard at the end of the sloped footpath leading from Laurus Homes play area onto Hollins Lane.  <u>LALC</u> Cllr Huddart to summarise LALC slides and issue	Cllr Farebrother / Clerk  Clerk  Cllr Huddart
<b>1792. Cllr Huddart updates</b> The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Don McLoughlin for his continued support in maintaining Tommie's Memorial Thanks were given to our local litter pickers for their continued efforts in keeping our village litter free. A central collection point is to be agreed in January with Wyre. Clerk to report bin at play area on Laurus Homes estate is overflowing and the site of the old bin on Stony Lane bridge to be reported as dangerous due to wooden stub being sharp. The Clerk was asked to make a donation of £100 to Cancer Research in lieu of Christmas trees kindly donated by the Bolds.	Clerk
<b>1793. Clerks updates</b> The Clerk confirmed the following: - Damaged hydrant sign at top of Lunesdale Drive reported <b>Ref: 3757863</b> Report of potholes following icy weather and HGV use on Cockerham Road <b>Ref: 3770641</b> It was agreed that the Clerk could enrol onto the CILCA clerks qualification at the next intake in January 2024, this course will take 12 months to complete at a cost of £450.	Note
<b>1794. Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b> The date of the next meeting is Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7pm	Note
<b>The meeting closed at 8.35pm</b>	Note

Minutes prepared by: ..... Hilary Alcock (Clerk)

Approved by: ..... Janet Huddart (Chairman)

Date: .....