

## Forton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6 January 2020 at 7.00pm in the Pavilion, School Lane

Present: Cllrs Huddart, Stewart, Taylor, McLoughlin and Dodgson  
Cllr Leech L Hall - Clerk to the Parish Council 4 residents

#### **1147. APOLOGIES**

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Young.

#### **1148. 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.

#### **1149. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

*Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 2 December 2019, were agreed and signed by the Chair.*

#### **1150. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The meeting was adjourned.

Cllr Leech advised that there had not been a Wyre meeting since November due to the elections. There should be an increase in Police Numbers in the area which is a positive. A resident asked if the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is to be adopted, Cllr Leech agreed to query this. A resident has spoken to Cllr Salter who thinks quiet lanes could be a possibility for various roads within the parish, he is making enquiries on behalf of the Village.

The meeting was resumed.

#### **1151. MASTERPLAN**

The drop in sessions before Christmas had been very well attended, they were very informative and thanks should be given to those that organised the sessions. A resident raised concern that Hollins Lane and Forton Village are seen as two separate areas and not as Forton as a whole. The resident felt that the Masterplan is commercially driven and there appears to be no effort to integrate the two settlements. The PC are to respond to the Masterplan proposals and put the views forward on behalf of the village. The Village Hall/Trust may need to respond also and they have a meeting on 14 January. Cllr Huddart will ask Mr Harris, Wyre, if Planning will be collating the feedback from the consultation and taking it on board. She will also ask what the procedure/next steps are from the end of the consultation to the Masterplan going to Council.

*Resolved: Cllrs to respond to Wyre regarding the Masterplan. Cllr Huddart to forward queries regarding the Masterplan to Wyre. When a response is received this should be sent to the Clerk for the records and the Councillors.*

#### **1152. UPDATE FROM VILLAGE HALL TRUST**

Mr Adams, on behalf of the Trust, advised that the Masterplan is now under consultation and the Local Plan is published. He handed out a document to the meeting and highlighted Point 9.7 which said that the new hall will be the responsibility of the Village Hall and/or Parish Council. Mr Adams explained the document to the meeting. It was felt that the PCs role is to deal with costs, particularly the S106 agreements with Wyre. Plans need to be drawn up for the Village Hall so that costings can be provided and S106 or CIL agreements negotiated. A core building could be constructed and added to when funding is available.

It was proposed that the Parish Council take on the financial aspects for the provision of the new community hall. They will liaise on an ongoing basis with Wyre to secure S106 funding and management over the period of the Forton extension. This will initially mean engaging the Architect to draw up costings which the Trust will liaise with. They will also engage contractors and organisations necessary as required. The ceiling costs for the Architect up to £10K and the person responsible for liaising with the Trust/Village Hall needed to be agreed. The Clerk would be responsible for all payments and putting a contract in place as necessary.

*Resolved: The proposal was agreed and Cllr Huddart would be the Council representative.*

**1153. PARISH REPORTS/ISSUES FROM COUNCILLORS**

To receive reports/issues from Councillors/Village Groups:-

Parish Maintenance – Cllr Huddart advised that the Tree Officer has been contacted and is investigating a suspected giant hogweed area. The possibility of planting trees will be investigated at a future meeting. There are various flooding issues around the parish which have been reported to LCC. The Clerk to chase up a response from Rural Splash regarding the hedge at Hollins Park Gardens. Concerns have been raised regarding Duck Shooting near the School, this has been investigated by the Clerk and Cllr Leech and it appears that nothing can be done. Those shooting need to be mindful regarding the safety of all residents near public footpaths and any other areas around the village. Speeding on Hollins Lane was raised again as an issue, the Clerk will contact Cockerham to request use of the SPID.

*Resolved: Clerk to contact Cockerham to request use of the SPID. Clerk to chase response from Rural Splash regarding the Hollins Park Gardens development.*

LVRHA/ LALC - Nothing to report.

Website/GDPR – A feedback form will be available on the website for people to use to send feedback regarding the Masterplan.

Village Hall/Recreation Ground – the next meeting will be 14 January, two of the committee will be meeting Wyre regarding the Play Area on 8 January.

**1154. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No applications had been received. Cllr Dodgson updated regarding the work being carried out by Network Rail and the two compounds. Cllr Dodgson also highlighted what appeared to be the uncoordinated approach to various developments on Hollins Lane, residents felt it could have been managed a lot better by Wyre.

**1155. HANDYMAN**

Cllr Huddart advised that the Handyman has removed 2 boxes near the railway and is repairing some of the tubs at the war memorial. Two invoices had been received from the Handyman.

**1156. FINANCE**

The following payments have been made:

1. Clerk wages – December	£ 241.60 by Standing Order 1.1.20
2. Colin Cross leaflets/envelopes	£ 872.40
3. Smith & Love	£2677.20
4. Clerk Expenses - December	£ 18.00

The following invoices require payment:

1. Handyman invoices	£ 104.00 & £ 94.00
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*Resolved: All payments were agreed by the Parish Council.*

£3.45 has been received from Electricity NW for the wayleave payment at the Playing Field.

30.11.19 Bank Reconciliation: Current Account - £9,591.60 Business Reserve - £45,369.75.

**Precept/Budget** - The PC to agree the precept which is to be forwarded to Wyre BC before 14 January 2020. A budget comparison was reviewed and the precept was agreed at £20,000 (twenty thousand pounds).

*Resolved: Precept agreed by the Parish Council, Clerk to forward the information to Wyre.*

**1157. 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. 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 9.20pm.

Chairman: .....

Date: .....

**The next meeting will be held on Monday, 3 February 2020 in the Pavilion at 7.00pm.**