

Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7 October 2019 at 7.00pm in The Pavilion, School Lane

Present: Cllrs Huddart, Young, Stewart, McLoughlin, Taylor and Dodgson
Wyre Cllr Leech/County Cllr Salter
L Hall - Clerk to the Parish Council
12 residents

1115. APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Stewart.

1116. 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.

1117. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 2 September 2019, were agreed with one amendment in that Cllr Taylor neither agreed nor disagreed with the request for funding from the Village Hall Committee. They were signed by the Chair.

1118. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

Cllr Salter advised that he had received feedback from Highways regarding the road options at the A6 and they were looked upon favourably. There is no maximum waiting time at junctions and it is open to interpretation. Cllr Salter agreed to look into planning application 19/00986/FUL and 19/01000/OUTMAJ.

Cllr Leech advised that the new recycling bins will be delivered in April and residents are welcome to keep the current boxes and use as they so wish. More items of plastic can now be recycled – the information will be put on noticeboards/the website. He is a member of the climate change committee which is currently focusing on planting trees.

Police – two tubs have been vandalised and removed from Ratcliffe Wharf. A number of youths have been noticed hanging around the village and Cllr Leech advised any concerns should be reported to the police. The police have received Smartwater DNA kits and he will request a visit to Forton so that farm equipment/other equipment can be marked. Cllr Leech has regular contact with PC Banks so please feel free to forward issues to him and he will pass on.

The meeting was resumed.

1119. MASTERPLAN

Cllr Young advised that Mr Adams has handed over work on the Masterplan to the Parish Council at the request of the Wyre Planning Officer which is a great shame as he has been doing an excellent job. The Parish Council have taken up his suggestion of producing a briefing document for villagers which will be sent out prior to the public consultation. It will explain what a Masterplan is and what residents can expect when they go to the public consultation and it highlights the main issues. This will not be sent to residents until we have a public consultation date. Cllr Young is to meet with the Planning Officer/HSL to discuss the location of the community centre/A6 junction. Springvale residents have been approached asking them to consider selling their homes so that access to the church land can be through there. The school has now been dismissed as an access point and LCC are not in a position to comment on the school extension at the moment. Cllr Taylor read out a letter from Cat Smith regarding what should be done with planning applications when there is a flood risk. Cllr Young believed the land is now landlocked and the Masterplan may evaporate, leaving HSL no choice but to put their application in without agreement from land owners. There is a review to take place where there may be a reduction in house numbers for Forton. Cllr Young felt that the preferred access would be via Wallace Lane.

1120. PARISH REPORTS/ISSUES FROM COUNCILLORS

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

Parish Maintenance – Cllr Huddart has produced a list of jobs for the handyman, she will copy these to him and the Clerk.

Village Hall/Recreation Ground – The mower is struggling with the long/wet grass. At the play area the log, wooden climbing frame and boulders have been removed. Any possible replacement is on hold until the Masterplan has been agreed. A resident is looking at grants/fundraising for new equipment. At the Village Hall the ladies toilets are to be painted.

LVRHA – There may be some affordable housing on the Thwaites site.

LALC – Cllrs Taylor/Huddart will attend the next meeting if available.

Website – No report.

Redundant housing advertising signs – Cllr Salter will investigate how long they should be displayed. With regard to the sign at the end of Ratcliffe Wharf, the Enforcement Officer has written to the land owner as the sign should have had planning permission.

Overgrown hedges – The hedge at the Shireshead Gardens development is overgrown,
Resolved: Cllr Huddart will approach the developer to request it be cut back and if necessary ask the Clerk to write a letter to them.

Missing 30mph sign – Shireshead Gardens – the Clerk will report it missing.

Collection of surplus/misplaced/overlooked signs – Cllr McLoughlin to collect and they can be stored in the pavilion.

Flooding – a case was highlighted of flooding on Hollins Lane, Cllr Salter will take this up.

1121. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications are for discussion:-

19/00866/FUL - Railway embankment repair and stabilisation works. Concern was raised regarding the Japanese knot weed and it was felt that Network Rail should be asked if more can be done. Also the diameter of the drains/culvert was felt to be inadequate.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise Planning of the Parish Councils objections.

19/00905/FUL – Erection of detached private garage with office to first floor for us in association with the occupants of Fern Cottage. The Parish Council have no objections. They were concerned, however, that the building was very close in proximity to the neighbours.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council have no objections.

19/00941/FUL – 2 storey side extension Wysteria Cottage. The Parish Council have no objections.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council have no objections.

19/00957/FUL – Proposed 1st floor extension over existing sun lounge – Patten House Lodge. The Parish Council have no objections.

Resolved: The Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council have no objections.

19/00986/FUL & 19/01000/FUL - An extension has been granted for these two applications until after the November meeting.

Cllr Young advised that the Greenwoods field application had gone to the Planning Committee and will probably be given the go ahead.

1112. HANDYMAN

This had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

1123. FINANCE

The following payments have been made:

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| 1. Clerk Expenses – September | £ 18.00 |
| 2. Clerk Wages – September | £ 241.60 by Standing Order 1.10.19 |

The following invoices require payment:

1. Cllr Young – Expenses	£ 35.98
2. Laburnum	£ 182.64
3. Bradshaws	£ 29.95
4. Colin Cross	£ 341.00
5. France's Forestry	£1008.00

Bank Reconciliation: Current Account - £11,860.15 Business Reserve - £45347.14.

1124. 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 9.15pm.

Chairman:

Date:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 4 November 2019 in the Pavilion at 7.00pm.