

Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held

at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 10th June 2024 at 7pm

<p>Present: Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Lesley Dodgson, Sue Tresilian, Neil Wigglesworth, Andrew Redmayne, Wesley Wilson, June Farebrother, PCSO D Creighton, Borough Cllr C Walker, County Cllr Matthew Salter.</p>	Note
<p>In attendance: Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.</p>	Note
<p>1865. Apologies for Absence: None</p>	Note
<p>1866. Notification of Interests There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.</p>	Note
<p>1867. Minutes of the last Meeting The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2024 were confirmed and signed as a true record.</p>	Note
<p>1868. Public Participation Two members of the public present.</p> <p>PCSO Creighton confirmed there were no crime logs over the previous months, with the exception of several parking issues which had been reported.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Walker advised the bus stop complaints on A6 were still ongoing in relation to location of new stops, LCC had confirmed the new locations had been agreed so that buses are not stopping opposite each other. Several residents had witnessed drivers overtaking the bus around the island and on the opposite side of road. Cllr Young to share dates of these incidents to County Cllr Salter for him to highlight to Highways. County Cllr Salter was also asked to raise awareness of School Lane junction arrow line markings in road and to remind Highways the old bus stop sign needs removing south bound as this is causing confusion with commuters.</p> <p>County Cllr Salter confirmed Tansy Lane was due to be resurfaced w/c 8th July – 16th July, specification is depth of 4cm.</p> <p>A member of the public expressed his concerns over planning application 24/00357/FUL at the New Holly Hotel, as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns regarding the omission from plans of specifications for the retaining wall, specifically location and liability for existing residents. 	<p>Note</p> <p>Cllr Young County Cllr Salter</p> <p>Note</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of safe crossing between bus stops situated adjacent to the Holly. • Varying heights of fence given on plans, adjoining fences are labelled 1.8m, whereas boundary fencing on refuse and boundary management plan lists "Fencing facing roads/adjoining developments" as 2.5m acoustic fencing. <p>Councillors agreed that a letter of objection to be made in respect of this application.</p>	
<p>1869. Planning Application number: 24/00389/FUL Location: Gillows Green Stony Lane Clifton Hill Forton Proposal: Proposed single-storey side extension following demolition of existing conservatory, provision of two roof terraces, new entrance canopy, addition of first floor and raised roof and replacement of flat roof with pitched roof to single-storey, velux roof lights and external alterations Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council do not object to this application.</p> <p>Application number: 24/00357/FUL Location: New Holly Hotel, Lancaster Road, Forton Proposal: Demolition of disused public house/hotel/restaurant and construction of six detached residential dwellings (resubmission of 23/00003/FUL) Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council object to this application.</p> <p>Application number: 23/01220/FUL Location: Shireshead and Forton Cricket Club School Lane Forton Proposal: Extension to existing cricket clubhouse (Use Class F2) to create first floor, two-storey front extension, balcony, external staircase and solar panels, and extension to existing carpark. Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council fully support this application.</p> <p>Cllr Young provided the following updates from previous applications:-</p> <p>Application number: 24/00247/FUL – Replacement building at Park Lane Poultry Farm, application REFUSED.</p> <p>Application number: 24/00119/OULMAJ – 110 houses on catholic diocese land off Winder Lane. Highways cannot support the application but have set out exactly what changes would have to be made to the proposed access to Winder Lane to get their approval. This includes the need to widen the pavement and also the road on the 50m or so to the North part of Winder Lane before it meets School Lane to meet their standards. This might be achieved by removing the verge on the east of the lane. (This is the section of Winder Lane next to 4 houses on the west of the road.)</p>	Note
<p>1870. Community Hall update A representative from the Village Hall Committee provided the following update:</p> <p>Second bat survey carried out. Access statement completed for conversion of old hall shows the wall alongside Wallace Lane will need to be lowered. Bat Survey and drainage investigation works have been paid for by Village Hall Committee. Adverts have been gone out for replacement Village Hall Committee members and until there are more volunteers, work on the new community hall has been put on hold. Work on the old village hall will continue.</p>	Note

<p>Cllr Tresilian circulated a formal proposal for consideration to members on the amalgamation of the old village hall and the new village hall becoming one project. Discussion took place and it was agreed that in order for Councillors to make an informed decision, they needed a greater clarity on detail. Representatives from the Community Hall Committee to provide a road map including the original agreement from May 2023 and figures involved to enable a vote to take place.</p>	<p>Cllr Tresilian Cllr Young</p>
<p>1871. Speeding signs Cllr Tresilian advised that Ron Smith has agreed to take on the SPID data collection a small PC is required to carry out the downloads, Councillors agreed to fund the purchase of a 15.6 HD laptop at a cost of £249.95. Clerk to place order and add to asset list.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>1872. Finance The following payments for May were checked and agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy Website - £30.36 • Vectos - £420.00 • Cllr Young expenses - £36.98 • Zurich insurance - £496.85 • Clerks wages - £414.70 • Clerks expenses - £36.80 <p>Approval was requested and agreed for the following items to be paid:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Waste (early bird) annual subscription - £35 • Laburnum Nurseries - £154.08 • Pavilion wooden plant barrel replacement – £20.99 • Poppy Appeal (wooden crosses) for previous 2 years - £40 	<p>Note</p>
<p>1873. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors <u>Parish Maintenance</u> 17 out of 25 footpath surveys are now complete. Once complete Cllrs were asked to send post and signs list to Clerk. County Cllr Salter was asked to confirm if there are any funds available for grass mowing and the Clerk to check with France Landscaping which footpaths they currently mow. Cllr Tresilian to forward a photo of grass strip at Haguelands for Clerk to report. Speeding along Hollins Lane in the evening continues to be a problem. <u>Litter Picking</u> A total of 17.75 bags collected in May (Litter = 15.75 & Fly Tipping = 2), thank you to Dave & Roz for their efforts. <u>LALC</u> The next meeting is on 31st July, Cllr Young to attend.</p>	<p>County Cllr Salter Cllr Tresilian</p> <p>Note</p>
<p>1874. Cllr Huddart updates Cllr Huddart confirmed that 10 x TPO's have been served around Winder Lane, School Lane, playing fields, Oakfields and would circulate to all members. Cllr Huddart thanked the Clerk for the work involved in the submission of the AGAR audit, the Clerk was asked to organise a meeting to discuss the points raised by the auditor, including Risk Assessment, Budget setting and donations.</p>	<p>Cllr Huddart</p> <p>Clerk</p>

<p>1875. Clerks updates The Clerk provided the following updates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 30 Mph sign on Wallace Lane has been reported to Wyre Council for a second time (ref 3973617) – still outstanding. • Flytipping at bin at junction of Laurus Homes opening / Cleveley Bank Lane (ref FLY003497) • Correspondence received from Trafford Housing (Laurus Homes Estate) regarding request for a bollard to slope from play area out onto Hollins Lane - advising that once site is handed over from developer this can be investigated. • Correspondence received from MOTO Site Operations Manager following our letter dated 11.4.24, confirming the litter bins are now being emptied more regularly and new cleaners have been hired. • Defib pads and battery referral to be chased with Northwest Ambulance Service. 	<p>Note</p>
<p>1876. Date & Time of Next Meeting The date of the next meeting is Monday 8th July 2024 at 7pm</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.30pm</p>	<p>Note</p>

Minutes prepared by: Hilary Alcock (Clerk)

Approved by: Janet Huddart (Chairman)

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