

Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7pm

<p>Present: Cllrs J Huddart, S Tresilian, P Young, J Farebrother, PCSO Denise Creighton, Paul Duckett (Mason Gillibrand).</p>	Note
<p>In attendance: Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.</p>	Note
<p>1690. Apologies for Absence: Cllr Dodgson, Cllr Wigglesworth, County Cllr Salter.</p>	Note
<p>1691. Notification of Interests No disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting were received.</p>	Note
<p>1692. Minutes of the last Meeting The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd April 2023 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.</p>	Note
<p>1693. Mason Gillibrand introduction Paul Duckett of Mason Gillibrand provided members with an introduction to their architects practice and to run through how Mason Gillibrand would project manage the new village hall, including the disposal of the old village hall, outlining the RIBA plan of works stages 1 to 7. Paul explained the various stages of the project and would be keen to provide a presentation of their proposals to the Committee and Forton residents in the near future. Mason Gillibrand to forward brochures of their works and case studies to Council members following the meeting.</p>	Note
<p>1694. Public Participation Three members of the public present. No representatives from Wyre Borough Council or County Councillors. PCSO Creighton advised there had been a recent garage burglary from a property in Hollins Lane last month. A member of the public from the Laurus Homes development spoke about the recent drain blockage which resulted in sewage in her garden and in the road and that they were unable to use toilets and showers, etc. Residents thanked Cllr Huddart for her assistance that week getting County Council involved. A member of the public raised a complaint with regards the Heras fencing around the field boundaries of the Persimmon Homes site, particularly on south side of</p>	

School Lane were there is no activity, concerns were also raised about how the hedges could be cut later on in the year with this fencing behind the hedges. The Clerk was asked to write to Persimmon Homes with regards these issues.	Clerk
<p>1695. Planning Application Number: 23/00243/LMAJ Proposal: Proposed change of use of agricultural land to allow siting of 37 holiday lodges Location: Land off School Lane, Forton Resolved: Cllr Young prepared a letter of comments which would be sent as our reply.</p> <p>Application Number: 23/00252/FUL Proposal: Proposed erection of 2 storey side extension, loft conversion with front & rear dormers and internal alterations, following the demolition of existing garage and rear extension. Location: Thornfield, Ratcliffe Wharf Lane, Forton Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections.</p>	<p>Cllr Young</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>1696. Noticeboards update Awaiting costs from Stuart Williams who previously made the noticeboard for the Methodist Church, Cllr Huddart to provide update at next meeting.</p>	Chair
<p>1697. Community Hall update Members agreed that a contract should be placed with Mason Gillibrand for the sum of £84,419.00 which includes a combination of their architects fees and other estimates for external services and fees. Clerk to instruct Mason Gillibrand to commission Envirotech to carry out a Bat survey for £185 plus vat and GJ Brookes Ltd for a Topographical Survey for £850 plus vat. Discussion was held about financing of this project and a member of the village hall committee confirmed that funds of £40k were available from their accounts to add to S106 and Parish Council monies.</p>	Clerk
<p>1698. Progress on Persimmon Homes – Cllr Young Cllr Young provided the following update: -</p> <p>Since our last meeting there has been a cascade of documents from Persimmon.</p> <p>The Wyre engineer has approved the surface water scheme along with the flood authority. On 9th May there were 15 detailed technical plans submitted including some on drainage, but they showed no sign that the parish council proposal to modify the surface water plan had been taken on board.</p> <p>There have also been revised boundary and noise mitigation plans. I have told Mr Morse of Forton Bank House about them he is very upset because he says that his views on the layout of the houses near him have not been listened to. I pointed out there have been some minor changes in his favour, but it does not accept this.</p> <p>I called Len Harris a few weeks ago and asked him if he could shed light on why a planning decision on the Persimmon Homes application was taking so long. He said</p>	Note

<p>that the application was being assessed to see if it accords with the Forton Masterplan.</p> <p>At the teams meeting last week Len also said that Persimmon have been asked to submit more revised plans he thought that the planning decision could be in August September this year followed by a public consultation.</p>	
<p>1699. Finance</p> <p>The following payments were checked and agreed:-</p> <p>Easy Website - £27.60</p> <p>Methodist Church hall hire - £60</p> <p>LALC Membership 2023 / 24 - £273.75</p> <p>Cllr Young expenses - £29.24</p> <p>Zurich insurance - £555.38</p> <p>St Mary & St James wayleave - £5</p> <p>Wormseye ground investigation - £2,708.88</p> <p>Clerks wages - £356.20</p> <p>Clerks expenses - £26</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed she was happy to remain with NatWest Bank, having looked at Unity Bank.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1700. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors</p> <p><u>Parish Maintenance</u></p> <p>Flower tubs in village have been refilled recently. The Chair circulated information around entering Best Kept Village Competition with a view to Forton entering next year, consideration to be given around two entries for both settlements.</p> <p><u>Hollins Lane Update – Flooding /SID sign</u></p> <p>Mould had been spotted in one of properties on Laurus Homes Development due to a leak in the first floor of the unoccupied property.</p> <p>Flooding in Hollins Lane was noticed again earlier in month following heavy rain. A child was seen dangerously cycling down the slope from the playground to the highway on Hollins Lane.</p> <p><u>Village Hall & Recreation Committee</u></p> <p>No report received, AGM taking place 16.5.23.</p> <p><u>LALC</u></p> <p>No updates.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1701. Clerks Update</p> <p>The Clerk advised a complaint had been received regarding the roadway outside St James Shireshead Church, this has been reported to Highways, the Chair to follow up with complainant.</p> <p>The Clerk has drafted the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2022/23 ready to go to external auditor.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed she was waiting on a response from Wyre Borough on the two Councillor vacancies and how we advertise and appoint.</p> <p>The Clerk advised a complaint had been received from the sheep farmer of the land behind the Primary School in School Lane due to recent works to the stile and gate causing the gate to not close properly, the gate has now been locked to prevent his sheep getting out near pond or onto highway. A kissing gate was</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

suggested as an alternative. The Clerk was asked to contact Wyre Council about a footpaths and Highway Grant.	
1702. Cllr Huddart updates The Chair requested the Clerk to issue letters of thanks to Cllr’s Whittingham and McLoughlin and Wyre Councillor Leech thanking them for their support.	Note
1703. Agenda for Next Meeting Next Meeting will be on Monday 5 th June 2023, at 7pm, at Methodist Church, Hollins Lane.	Note
The meeting closed at 9.10pm	Note

Minutes prepared by: Hilary Alcock (Clerk)

Approved by: Janet Huddart (Chairman)

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