**Forton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at**

**Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7pm**

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| **Present**:  Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Lesley Dodgson, Sue Tresilian, Neil Wigglesworth, Andrew Redmayne, Wesley Wilson, June Farebrother, County Cllr Matthew Salter, Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker, PCSO Denise Creighton, PCSO Hannah Yates | Note |
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| **In attendance:**  Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer. | Note |
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| **1888. Apologies for Absence**:  None | Note |
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| **1889. Notification of Interests**  There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda. | Note |
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| **1890. Minutes of the last Meeting**  The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th July 2024 were confirmed and signed as a true record.  It was recorded that item 1882 had been amended as follows:-  ‘Voting was held with 6 x councillors in agreement to the proposal and 1 x abstention from Cllr Huddart following concerns about coming to a full conclusion without the appointment any new village hall trustees in place’. | Note |
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| **1891. Public Participation**  Six members of the public present.  PCSO Creighton confirmed that Sergeant Elliot Jones was now in post and is keen to have a presence at the local parish council meetings, more staff are now in post at Garstang. PCSO Creighton warned residents to be vigilant following travellers seen in the area. A diesel theft had occurred in Ratcliffe Wharf today. Reports of nuisance parking in Hollins Lane is ongoing, and education is a possible option to remind residents. A member of the public reported getting off the bus at the new stop on the Northbound side of the A6 and witnessing two cars overtaking the bus and other queuing cars on the wrong side of road. County Cllr Salter agreed to follow this up with the Road Safety Partnership team.  A member of the public asked for some guidance on submitting comments relating to Wyres Local Plan which may assist local residents in completing. Deadline for comments is 10th September 2024. Clerk was asked to add Parish Councils submission onto Parish Council website to assist residents. | County Cllr Salter  Clerk |
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| **1892. Planning**  **Application number:** 24/00675/FUL  **Location:** Conder Mount, Hollins Lane  **Proposal:** Proposed side extension following demolition of existing extension, rear dormer with Juliet balcony, formation of patio with railings, addition of solar panels to garage and dwelling and two velux windows to front elevation.  ***Resolved:*** *Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council do not object to this application.* | Clerk |
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| **1893. New Community Hall project and Old Village Hall project including progress on VH constitution and trustees**  Village Hall Committee representative confirmed applications received from 13 trustees. A meeting is due to be held 3.9.24, Cllr Wigglesworth to attend, update to be provided at next meeting.  Reports of children throwing stones onto bowling green from play area has recently been witnessed, including vandalism to outbuildings. Clerk to issue committee with contact info for PCSO Creighton. | Note  Clerk |
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| **1894. Response to Wyre Council new Local Plan 2022 – 2040**  Cllr Young circulated a draft document for review. Councillors to submit their final submissions to the Clerk by 3.9.24 so the comments can be incorporated into one document and a draft circulated to all in advance of submission deadline 10.9.24 | ALL |
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| **1895. Finance**  The following payments for July and August were checked and agreed: -   * Easy Website - £60.72 (July & August combined) * LALC clerks subsidised training course £195. * Clerks wages - £777.40 (July & August combined) * Clerks expenses - £52.00 (July & August combined) * Mason Gillibrand - £435.96 * Cllr Young expenses - £25.89   Approval was requested and agreed for the following items to be paid:-   * Hollins Lane Methodist Church - £60 * Mason Gillibrand - £467.46 | Note |
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| **1896. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors**  Parish Maintenance   * Tansy Lane resurfacing works now complete. * Future of turnip pulper – Cllr Redmayne agreed to liaise with local blacksmith & obtain costs. * Dogs on playing fields – Clerk to report to Borough Cllr Walker to liaise with Dog Warden at Wyre. * Photos of weeds to footpaths to be sent over to Borough Cllr Walker. * Progress on footpath group – all surveys complete and a report of recommendations provided. Cllr Huddart and the Clerk to meet to review next steps.   Hollins Lane updates   * SPID data on Hollins Lane for July provided by Cllr Tresilian; it was noted that 82% of traffic is travelling at 25 – 35 mph. At 10pm a car was recorded travelling at 70 mph. Traffic is heavy between 8am – 9am and 4pm – 6pm. 22,000 cars travelled Northwards and 4,000 travelled South. Data to be sent to PCSO Creighton for info. * Bins on Hollins Green play area have been emptied by developers as this site not yet adopted by Wyre Council. * Disruptive tenants on Hollins Green – Cllr Tresilian to forward contact details onto residents to report.   LALC  Cllr Huddart is due to attend the Annual Conference on 7th September 2024. | Cllr Redmayne  Clerk  Clerk / Cllr Huddart  Note |
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| **1897. Cllr Huddart updates**  New noticeboard now in situ on Hollins Lane, keys provided to Cllr Wilson, Cllr Dodgson, Cllr Huddart and the Clerk. A Quote for ‘Forton Parish Council’ Perspex signage same as on School Lane provided by Colin Cross is £79.75, Clerk to place an order.  United Utilities Heras fencing on Haighlands has now been removed, however flooding issue still not resolved. | Clerk  Note |
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| **1898. Clerks updates**  The Clerk provided the following updates:-   * The 30 Mph sign on Wallace Lane has been reported to Wyre Council twice. Cllr Walker escalated due to first report in February 2024. Inspector has assessed and it has been placed on a schedule of works. | Note |
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| **1899. Date & Time of Next Meeting**  The date of the next meeting is Monday 7th October 2024 at 7pm | Note |
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| There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 9pm | Note |

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

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

**Date: …………………………………**