

Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at

Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 6th January 2025 at 7pm

<p>Present: Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Lesley Dodgson, Andrew Redmayne, June Farebrother, Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker.</p>	Note
<p>In attendance: Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.</p>	Note
<p>1939. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Wes Wilson, Neil Wigglesworth, Sue Tresilian, County Cllr Matthew Salter, PCSO Denise Creighton.</p>	Note
<p>1940. Notification of Interests There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.</p>	Note
<p>1941. Minutes of the last Meeting The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd December 2024 were confirmed and signed as a true record.</p>	Note
<p>1942. Public Participation There were no members of the public present. Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker provided an update on the white paper devolution and confirmed she would provide further information when available.</p>	Note
<p>1943. Hollins Lane Methodist Chapel Valuation / Nominating an Asset The Chair confirmed she had received an email from Rev Colin Marchment advising that the Methodist Church were not keen on getting a valuation carried out on the chapel until all the formalities associated with permission to cease worship have been completed, this should take place in the Spring. The Parish Council are encouraged to register the building as an asset of community value. The Clerk to begin a draft proposal for circulation to councillors for comments.</p>	Clerk
<p>1944. Precept 2025/26 Councillors discussed the budget for the financial year 2025/2026 which had been circulated prior to the meeting for the Councillors to use as a guide to aid with setting the precept. It was agreed that there would be a precept increase needed. There have been various increases to Parish Council expenses including the increase to the Clerk's Salary agreed by NALC this year. It was resolved by a unanimous vote that the precept for 2025/26 be set at £25,000. The Clerk is to advise Wyre Council of the Precept amount.</p>	Clerk
<p>1945. Vehicles overtaking stationary buses on A6</p>	

<p>Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker confirmed there had been no further updates from the Police and agreed she would contact Clive Grunshaw – Police Commissioner to see if Police presence could be provided on the A6.</p>	<p>Borough Cllr Walker</p>
<p>1946. Planning Application Number: 24/01094/FUL Location: Tongues Cottage, Lancaster Road Proposal: Proposed first floor side extension over existing garage and amendments to window arrangement to rear and gable elevations Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council do not object to this application</p> <p>Cllr Young provided the following planning updates:- Planning application 24/00240/OUT for a new Village Hall was made about 10 months ago. Highways have raised concerns about the proposed access and internal road, so the Architect asked his Consultant SLR to address these concerns. The result is a revised swept path analysis published 28.11.24. This is intended to show how a refuse vehicle using this access could safely enter the site from School Lane, then turn and exit safely to School Lane. It is hoped that this will result in a letter from Highways saying that they have no objection to the application.</p> <p>Application 24/00357/FUL is for the demolition of the New Holly and replace with 6 houses. A Construction Environment Management Plan was published on 3.1.25 and includes the use of the land to the West of the A6 for parking and a Sales Office.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>
<p>1947. New Community Hall Updates No members of the Village Hall Committee present, and no update provided. Cllr Young advised the Village Hall Committee were due to meet 13.1.25 and he would be in attendance and report back should anything urgent be discussed.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1948. Finance The following payments for December were checked and agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy Website - £58.08 • Mason Gillibrand - £435.96 • James Pickering - £400.00 • Cllr Young expenses - £19.50 • Laburnum Nurseries - £9.48 • Clerks Wages - £405.08 • Clerks expenses - £26 <p>Approval was requested and agreed for the following items to be paid:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hollins Lane Methodist Chapel Room Hire September – December 2024 - £80 	<p>Note</p>
<p>1949. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors <u>Parish Maintenance</u> Litter picking – December report received and circulated, a total of 24.75 bags have been collected, 21.75 litter & 3 fly tipping.</p> <p><u>Hollins Lane updates</u> Inspection on condition of drainage work & watercourse within land east of Hollins Lane was carried out by LCC early December, no updates provided to date.</p>	<p>Note</p>

<p>Cllr Wilson had sent pictures to LCC on 4.1.25 of the flooding near the Haighlands Estate stretching across Hollins Lane. Flooding was also reported at side of Shireshead Gardens on New Years Day to LCC. White Carr Lane was also severely flooded. Network Rail are continuing to monitor the railway banking slippage.</p> <p><u>Footpaths</u> Style 2 between Shireshead Cottage and Cleveley Bank picnic area was reported by Cllr Farebrother as insecure and will pass on to Cllr Wilson for inclusion in footpath survey.</p> <p><u>SPID</u> No updates provided this month due to Cllr Tresilians husband being poorly in Hospital.</p>	<p>Cllr Farebrother</p> <p>Note</p>
<p>1950. Cllr Huddart updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closure of North bound bus stop for kerb lowering was now completed – no further action required. • Affordable home ownership for Cricketers Green information circulated and added to website. 	<p>Note</p>
<p>1951. Clerks updates</p> <p>The Clerk provided the following updates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vat return submission for the period April 2024 – December 2024 had been prepared, £1,932.60 due to be received from HMRC. 	<p>Note</p>
<p>1952. Any Other Business</p> <p>Cllr Redmayne advised an oak tree had fallen at the Cricket Club at the weekend, fortunately no damage incurred to the clubhouse.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>1953. Date & Time of Next Meeting</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7pm. Items for the agenda and reports, to reach the Clerk before 27th January 2025.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:50pm</p>	<p>Note</p>

Minutes prepared by: Hilary Alcock (Clerk)

Approved by: Janet Huddart (Chairman)

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