**Forton Parish Council**

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

**Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 7th October 2024 at 7pm**

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| **Present**: Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Lesley Dodgson, Sue Tresilian, Neil Wigglesworth, Andrew Redmayne, Wesley Wilson, County Cllr Matthew Salter, Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker, PCSO Denise Creighton | Note |
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| **In attendance:** Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer. | Note |
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| **1900. Apologies for Absence**: Cllr June Farebrother | Note |
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| **1901. 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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| **1902. Minutes of the last Meeting**The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd September 2024 were confirmed and signed as a true record. | Note |
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| **1903. Public Participation**Two members of the public present. Borough Cllr Walker confirmed she had received a number of residents contact her with regards the local plan.County Cllr Salter advised he had spoken to Highways about the issue of A6 bus stop format and drivers using wrong side of road to overtake buses, Highways have confirmed this dangerous driving behaviour is a police matter and will liaise with PCSO Creighton.County Cllr Salter agreed to liaise with Highways on the flashing lights post on the A6 which is flashing permanently instead of around school times.County Cllr Salter advised further discussions were being held with Highways around the flooding concerns on Hollins Lane.PCSO Creighton confirmed there had been no logs recorded for Forton since our September meeting. PC Atkinson at Garstang station is dealing with the issue of dogs on the playing fields. Any further issues with children on bowling green should be reported to 101.Cllr Tresilian advised that a resident had raised concerns about teenagers seen on bikes in Hollins Lane selling drugs, any further sightings should be reported to 101. | NoteCounty Cllr SalterNoteNote |
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| **1904. Planning**Cllr Young provided the following update on recent planning applications as follows:-**24/00357/FUL - Demolition of New Holly Hotel**In July Highways had concerns about highway safety, these have now been resolved and so on 13th September Highways confirmed they no longer have objections. United Utilities asked for more information on the drainage plan. This has now been supplied.**24/00240/OUT – New Village Hall**Highways continue to have concerns about the proposed access to the new village hall on School Lane. This is their third letter setting out their concerns going back to 22nd July.**24/00119/OULMAJ – 110 houses on diocese land**This application was made on 8th February and no decision has yet been made.**Application Number:** 24/00815/FUL**Location:** Richmond Croft, Cockerham Road**Proposal:** Proposed rear infill extension***Resolved:*** *Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council do not object to this application* | Clerk |
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| **1905. New Community Hall project and Old Village Hall project including progress on VH constitution and trustees**Cllr Tresilian confirmed that Forton Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee met on3rd September andfour additional people had now joined the Village Hall Committee and a Secretary has been appointed on a shared basis by two members. A visit has been arranged to Arkholme Village Hall on 14th October to get fresh ideas on running costs and design. All new committee members will be added to the Charity Commission website as Trustees. Compensation land (the fenced land, on School Lane, opposite the Bowling Pavilion) is owned by Persimmon Homes and Committee members are in discussions with Wyre Council to see if they could have this instead of the strip along the side by Mr Close’s house.  | Note |
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| **1906. Local Plan and the increasing effect on the local infrastructure – expression of interest to join Garstang Town Council in lobbying Wyre Council.**Discussion was held and it was agreed that Cllr Young would provide a response to the Clerk to send. | Cllr Young |
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| **1907. Garstang Christmas Lights Contribution**Councillors confirmed they did not wish to make a contribution this year. Clerk to inform Garstang Town Council. | Clerk |
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| **1908. Finance**The following payments for September were checked and agreed: -* Easy Website - £30.36
* Mason Gillibrand - £467.46
* LALC Conference attendance 7.9.24 - £35.00
* Mason Gillibrand - £435.96
* Hollins Lane Methodist Church - £60.
* Clerks wages - £388.70
* Clerks expenses - £26.00
* Colin Cross Printers - £100.80

Approval was requested and agreed for the following items to be paid:-* Austin Walmsley - £180
* France Forestry - £1,734.00
* Cllr Redmayne expenses - £21.44
* Stuart Williams - £1500
* Cllr Young expenses - £10.90
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| **1909. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors**Parish Maintenance* Litter picking – 10½ bags during August and 11½ in September, the Clerk was asked to send a thank you letter for their continued efforts to keep our village tidy.
* Turnip pulper repairs update – Cllr Redmayne was thanked for arranging for the repair works, the pulper is due to be fixed down at War Memorial and planted in time for Remembrance Sunday.
* Pond timber seat carving – is currently being dried out in Cllr Redmayne’s boiler room, Village Hall Committee to discuss displaying in new Village Hall.
* Noticeboard works are now complete, Easy Websites to include noticeboard google map links onto website.
* Ownership of grass area to right of war memorial is confirmed as belonging to the Parish Council
* Tub planting volunteers to be added to next month’s agenda. Cllr Tresilian to obtain costs from Stony Brook Nurseries and World of Hedges for cherry blossom trees which may be an alternative to tubs.

Hollins Lane updates* Bin on Hollins Green play area – Borough Cllr Walker awaiting a response from Portfolio Holder at Wyre Council.

LALCCllr Huddart attended the Annual Conference on 7th September 2024 and gave an overview on Unity Banking and Easy Websites presentations held on the day. | ClerkNoteNoteCllr Tresilian |
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| **1910. Cllr Huddart updates*** Volunteers for wreath laying for future memorial services – rota to be agreed.
* Easy Web sites meeting held 30.9.24 when it was agreed to migrate to a Gov.uk domain website and email addresses to be obtained for all Councillors. Easy Websites to attend next months meeting to roll out.
* Lancashire Parish & Town Council Conference 2.11.24 – Clerk to book two places for Cllr Huddart and Cllr Young.
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| **1911. Clerks updates**The Clerk provided the following updates:-* The 30 Mph signs on Wallace Lane reported to Wyre Council in February - Borough Cllr Walker to chase.
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| **1912. Date & Time of Next Meeting**The date of the next meeting is Monday 4th November 2024 at 7pm | Note |
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| There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm | Note |

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

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

**Date: …………………………………**