

Forton Parish Council
Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held
at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on
Monday 8th April 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, June Farebrother, Lesley Dodgson, Andrew Redmayne, Borough Cllr C Walker	Note
In attendance: Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.	Note
1838. Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Sue Tresilian, Wesley Wilson, Neil Wigglesworth, PCSO Denise Creighton, County Cllr Matthew Salter	Note
1839. Notification of Interests There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.	Note
1840. Minutes of the last Meeting The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 th March 2024 were confirmed and signed as a true record.	Note
1841. Public Participation Seven members of the public present. Borough Cllr C Walker advised that no response had been received from Anthony Mansfield (Managing Director) of Persimmon Homes, following the joint letter sent on 28 th February between herself and Cat Smith with regards the Cricketers Green Development, and their concerns around public amenities, impact on Wallace Lane, bus stop closure, contractor behaviour & road safety. A local resident raised his concerns over Winder Lane recent planning application and the increase in traffic and the disappearance of provision of a GP surgery and no space allocated for a shop in relation to Persimmon Homes site.	Note
1842. Planning The following planning applications were discussed: - Application number: 24/00119/OULMAJ Location: Land west of Winder Lane, Forton Proposal: Outline application for residential development of up to 110 dwellings with access applied off Winder Lane as a detailed matter and the safeguarding of 0.8ha of land for the extension of Forton Primary School Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council object to this application.	

<p>Application number: 24/00222/FUL Location: Jackson Hill Bungalow, Ratcliffe Wharf Lane, Forton Proposal: Proposed front dormer extension to enlarge existing bedrooms and extension to rear dormers, existing brickwork to be rendered white Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council object to this application.</p> <p>Application number: 24/00240/OUT Location: Forton Bowling Club, School Lane, Forton Proposal: Outline application for the access and layout of a new village hall for Forton Resolved: Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections & was asked to add as a news item onto the Parish Council website.</p> <p>Application number: 24/00247/FUL Location: Park Lane Poultry Farm, Park Lane, Forton Proposal: Replacement workshop building for domestic use following demolition of existing building Resolved: Clerk to request an extension to the comments deadline due to concerns over size, height, usage and road safety.</p>	Clerk
<p>1843. Community Hall update Cllr Young provided the following update:</p> <p>The outline planning application for the new community hall was submitted on 18.3.24. On LPA advice the application was made by Forton Parish Council in order to get a 50% reduction in the application fee which is now £1,798. Application published on 26.3.24 reference 24/00240/OUT.</p> <p>When the Highways response on the access for the old village hall has been received work on the planning application can continue once a bat survey takes place.</p> <p>A ground infiltration survey on the site of the new community hall will be done by RG Parkins at a cost of £1,530 plus vat to be paid for by the Parish Council.</p>	Note
<p>1844. Progress on Persimmon Homes – Cllr Young No updates this month.</p>	Note
<p>1845. Finance The following payments for March were checked and agreed: -</p> <p>Easy Website - £30.36 Mason Gillibrand - £435.96 Cllr Young expenses – printer ink - £9.84 Cllr Huddart expenses – printer ink - £18.96 Planning Portal – village hall outline planning application - £1,798.00 Microsoft annual subscription - £59.99 Clerks wages - £388.70 Clerks expenses - £26.00</p>	Note
<p>1846. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors Parish Maintenance</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The litter report for March was circulated to all councillors a total of 23½ bags had been collected (22 litter and 1½ fly tipping), thanks was given to David & Rosalyn once again for their efforts. Litter around Forton services is becoming a problem, the litter bins are not big enough to cope with litter meaning litter is blowing around. The Clerk was asked to write to Moto to ask if they would consider purchasing some additional larger bins and increase their litter picking regime to improve the area. Concerns were raised around the static caravan sited at the Hollies dwelling on Lancaster Road. Cllr Redmayne agreed to visit the occupants to establish how long its likely to be there. Tansy Lane road surface – Cllr Huddart to contact residents on Tansy Lane with regards the chippings which have been spread on the lane. Footpath Style repairs – Cllr Redmayne to discuss with Kevin Dagger. <p><u>Hollins Lane updates</u> Cllr Farebrother asked the Clerk to contact County Cllr Salter as a reminder with regards the ongoing flooding by railway on Hollins / Stony Lane.</p> <p><u>LALC</u> Next meeting due to take place w/c 15.4.24.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Redmayne</p> <p>Cllr Huddart Cllr Redmayne</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>1847. Cllr Huddart updates Cllr Huddart provided the following updates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Crime Commissioner voting is due to take place on 2nd May, candidates are due to be declared on 15.4.24, photo ID will be required if you intend to vote. Following the recent discussions over peat on the Persimmon Homes site, Wyre Council have confirmed no peat is on the site. Cllr Redmayne to issue a map / location and photos of large oak trees at top of playing fields to Cllr Huddart who will check with Tree Preservation Officer if there are TPO's on them. Cllr Huddart confirmed the noticeboard at the pond has been relocated to the boundary. The bench is in very poor repair but will check with WI if they wish to donate carved seat back to the school. New noticeboard on Hollins Lane has been measured up by Stuart Williams. 	<p>Cllr Redmayne / Cllr Huddart</p>
<p>1848. Clerks updates The Clerk provided the following updates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hedgehog Highway Project - Councillors agreed they would not be contributing to this scheme. The 60MPH sign has been reported to Wyre Council for a second time (ref 3973617) Precept payment is due to be paid this week. 2023 / 24 Annual Governance and Accountability Returns deadline is 1st July 2024. Clerk confirmed she would be on leave 22nd – 29th May 2024. 	<p>Note</p>
<p>1849. Date & Time of Next Meeting</p>	

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13 th May 2024 at 7pm	Note
There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.30pm	Note

Minutes prepared by: Hilary Alcock (Clerk)

Approved by: Janet Huddart (Chairman)

Date: