

## Forton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at Forton Village Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Huddart, Taylor, McLoughlin, Dodgson, Farebrother, Young, Wigglesworth,  
Borough Cllr. Leech.  
A Nicholls - Clerk to the Parish Council

#### **1417. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Tresilian.

#### **1418. Notification of Interests**

No disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting were received.

#### **1419. Minutes of the last meeting**

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021, was agreed.

#### **1420. Public Participation**

There were no members of the public present.

No apologies received from Cllr. Salter

Cllr. Leech reported that face to face meetings at Wyre had recommenced. Wyre Council have recruited an additional part time Enforcement Officer that should help reduce the case load which has increased from 260-262.

Cllr. Leech reported that the increase in housing stock is now ahead of the Local Plan. There will be a five-year review of the Local plan.

Cllr Farebrother reported a drains issue Hollins Lane/ Stony Lane with water running down both sides of the road in the last downpour. The Clerk will report this to highways

The Clerk reported that the Parish Printer had been advertised on twenty marketplace websites for over two weeks and has been sold for £250.00. The money will be ringfenced to purchase a new fit for purpose printer which is smaller and more economical to run.

#### **1421. Planning**

**Application Number:** 19/00805/DIS Forton Bank Farm Lancaster Road Forton

Approval of details reserved by Condition 4 - (Landscaping) hard surfaced areas and materials all as existing land containing the agricultural buildings (area edged green on the approved site plan Rev 2) is to be landscaped following their demolition

Resolved: Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council have no objections.

**Application Number:** 21/00854/DIS Ratcliffe Wharfe Ratcliffe Wharf Lane Forton

Approval of details reserved by Condition 3 - Materials Schedule on planning permission 21/00854/FUL

Resolved: Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council have no objections.

The HSL Application 18/00469/OULMAJ for 195 houses has now been granted outline planning application and the plot has been advertised in two lots. The S106 payments are: -

Education £1.573m

Health £53.7 to Garstang Medical Centre

Village Hall £850k (which is less than the estimated cost; this gap could be closed if the remaining development of land goes ahead

Highways £324k

Section 278 works improvements to School Lane/A6 junction; bus stop relocation footpath improvements

The developer has produced a two lane plan to appease local opinion. However, all other junctions from the A6 only have one lane. It is imperative the Parish Council campaigns for two lanes.

There will be two refuge islands to the north and south of the School Lane junction so the A6 can be crossed in two stages. An average speed camera system is proposed on the A6 from Cabus to J33 which should prevent speeding over 50mph. The cost is £500k of which HSL will pay £312K if the other development does not go ahead the camera system may not be installed

There is concern about the effect this development will have on drainage.

**1422.** The Chairman reported that Highways had not yet carried out the survey on the A6 as promised she will follow this up.

The Chairman has received letters from concerned parents needing to cross the A6 to access the school

**1423.** The Chairman spoke to the shooting club owner who agreed to only shoot at weekends and gave his contact number to pass onto the Headteacher of the school.

**1424.** The Parish Council agreed to pay for training through LALC for six Parish Councillors.

**1425.** The Chairman thanked Cllr. Mcloughlin for his work on the tyre planters at the bus stop and the silhouettes at the War Memorial. They look splendid and are a real asset to the village.

Cllr. Mcloughlin asked the Clerk to write to the silhouette company and thank them for the discount.

### **War Memorial**

The Chairman contacted Tony Holmes Memorials who agreed a chemical clean by hand ideally before Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Day. This will remove the main algae and make the lettering clearer at a cost of £180.

It was discussed and agreed that on this occasion the Parish Council would not seek further quotes as it was a specialist task and the company already had knowledge of the memorial. The company had previously moved the memorial from the A6 to the site outside the Village Hall.

**1426.** It was discussed and resolved the £60 donation from United Utilities should be given to the gardening group at the Village Hall to improve the gardens around the War Memorial and the courtyard garden.

**1427.** The footpath from the School to the Cricket Club was discussed and it was agreed that it is very narrow considering the amount of use to access the Cricket Club. The traffic in the area has increased and it is health and safety issue. It was agreed the Clerk would write to Highways and ask them to review the situation and install some signs to warn motorists of pedestrians.

**1428.** Parish Reports/Issues from Councillors

To receive reports/issues from Councillors –

### **Parish Maintenance**

Sadly, there appears to have been an increase in dog fouling over the last few weeks, which is not acceptable. Members of the public need to be able to take exercise safely – and that means without treading in dog mess. The problem is not just in the village but also on footpaths, tracks, and fields around about. The Wyre Dog Warden would be very interested in any information that would allow them to investigate offences. Please report offences online

[www.wyre.gov.uk/dogs/dog-fouling](http://www.wyre.gov.uk/dogs/dog-fouling)

### **Hollins Lane Update – Flooding/SID Sign**

The first SID on Hollins Lane has been away for six weeks for repairs the one near the Scout hut is now also not working.

There was considerable flooding down Hollins Lane in the recent downpour. The channel behind Laurus House Hollins Lane is no better despite it having been previously reported. The Clerk will issue another report.

The work on the drains behind the Scout Hut seems to have resolved the issue.

Missing signage on a bridge on Hollins Lane, Forton. Network Rail are responsible for maintaining this bridge and the associated warning sign. They have confirmed that repairs are in hand and will be completed soon. In the meantime, they have placed temporary advance warning signs on the approaches to the bridge.

The Chairman is going to meeting at the Hollins Lane Trafford development to discuss the use of Community money. At the meeting she will ask to look at the new play area and discuss if it will be open to the public.

### **Report from LALC**

Lancashire now has a new Chief Constable Chris Rowley and a Deputy Chief Constable Sacha Hatchett.

The Neighbourhood Policing Staff have moved on and they are trying to recruit to the positions

Crime is lower than 2019 but overall demand is up because of Covid,

Increase in vehicle crime in Poulton and anti-social behaviour in Garstang

Statistics for March to August

29 Arrests

8 Vehicles seized

1 Animal seized

2 warrants

5 Covid tickets

53 searches

£190,000 worth of cash/vehicles/drugs recovered

56 investigations

**Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee/Trust update**

Susan Redmayne has agreed to donate the Christmas Tree to the village hall.

No progress has been made on the plans for the new village hall.

**1429.Finance**

The following payments have been made:

Easy websites	Monthly Maintenance	£27.60
Elementor Pro	Final payment on old website	£56.16
Kirkland PC	Half the SLCC costs	£65.00
CPRE	Annual Subscription	£36.00
Don Mcloughlin	Reimburse planters	£22.00
Village Hall	Grant for playground equipment	£10,000.00
Peter Young	Ink expenses	£25.18
Laburnum Nurseries	Autumn plants for the village	£223.92
Frances Forestry	Strimming and mowing round village	£1,596.00
Easy websites	Rebuilding new website (£500 net of VAT)	£600.00
Don Mcloughlin	Reimburse plants	£28.00
Don Mcloughlin	Reimburse Tommies	£100.00
Clerks Wages	Based on average 6hrs per week	£351.26
Clerks Expenses	Working from home	£18.00

Resolved: The above transactions were agreed.

The Bank Reconciliation October 2021

Opening Balance Reserve £40,416.09

Opening Balance Current Ac £6,857.32

Add Receipts £24337.13

Less payments in the year £18659.54

**Total £52951.00**

Current Ac £2531.84

Deposit Ac £50419.16

Total £52951.00

**1430. Agenda for next meeting**

To discuss Heavy Goods vehicles using Stony Lane and Whinney Brow. To set the budget and discuss the Parish Council plans for 2022

**1431.** It was discussed and resolved the Parish Council wished to continue to use the Village Hall for meetings. It was agreed the Parish Council could change the night to be flexible and they will pay for the hire of the room. The Clerk will speak to the Village Hall to decide then let the Parish Councillors know the date of the next meeting.