

Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at Forton Village Hall on Monday 4th April 2022 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Huddart, Young, Dodgson, Whittingham, Wigglesworth.
Borough Cllr. Leech

A Nicholls - Clerk to the Parish Council (3 members of the public)

1491. Apologies for Absence Cllr. McLoughlin, Tresilian & Farebrother

1492. Notification of Interests

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

1493. Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 7th March 2022, were agreed.

1494. Public Participation

The Treasurer of the Village Hall said a breakdown in communication had caused the Village Hall being unable to reclaim the VAT via the Parish Council. It was proposed that a sub-committee of Village Hall and Parish Council representatives should be drawn up to manage the financial aspects of the new Village Hall build.

Cllr Leech said on 03 February 2022, the Government announced that they would be giving council taxpayers living in properties falling under council tax Bands A, B, C or D, an energy rebate of £150. Wyre Council are now in the process of paying the rebates on behalf of the Government. There is no need to apply if you are eligible, it will be done automatically.

Cllr Leech highlighted the Jubilee Celebrations in Garstang

Saturday 4 June Free outdoor theatre - Alice in Wonderland 11am, 1pm and 2.30pm at Millennium Green, Garstang

Join our Giant Jubilee picnic at 11am – 3pm at Millennium Green. Pack up a picnic and bring the whole family to the green for a fun day out. Sit back and watch the outdoor performances and join in fun games throughout the day.

Sunday 5 June brings the celebrations to the heart of your community and take part in a Big Jubilee Lunch? People across the country are encouraged to celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better, coming together in a spirit of fun and friendship.

Proposed projects in the framework for the future of Garstang include:

- introducing pedestrian priority along High Street
- improvements to Cherestanc Square
- improving the "market offer"
- making Garstang a low carbon/zero carbon town,

1495. Planning

Application Number: 22/00201/FUL

The Stables Middle Holly Forton Preston Lancashire PR3 1AH

Proposal: - Single storey rear extension

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

Application Number: 22/00301/FUL

Newstead Cottage School Lane Forton Preston Lancashire PR3 0AS

Proposal: _ Proposed change of use of outbuilding to ancillary living accommodation to be used in association with the existing dwelling

Resolved: Clerk to advise Planning the Parish Council objections raised additional housing in the countryside without Planning Permission. The original permission was only for garages not a separate residence,

1496. Village Community Day/ Annual Parish Meeting

It was discussed and agreed The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held 9th May 2022. An Annual Parish Meeting may be held at a later date, when there is a topic for the whole community to discuss

1497. Budget for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

It was discussed and a resolved a budget of up to £1000 was agreed for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

1498. Village Hall Trustees

The issue of recovering VAT on the playground equipment, is now formally closed following an email from the Chairman of the Parish Council to the Chairman of the Village Hall

1499. Clerks Annual Pay rise 2021-22 National Salary Award

It was discussed and resolved the national pay award of 1.75 % would be paid back dated from 1 April 2021. Members commented that it was well deserved, but not enough .

1500. Excessive regular rubbish in the Layby Ratcliffe Wharf Lane

The Clerk was asked to write to Wyre to request a bin that would be regularly emptied.

1501. Update from United Utilities

It was discussed and resolved Field Day was for children rather than a place for United Utilities to share information about work to be carried out in the village

1502. Ten garages down Coronation Avenue

Nobody knew why the ten garages down Coronation Avenue had been removed or what would replace them. The Clerk was asked to write Planning.

1503. An annual budget for the Village gardeners

It was discussed and resolved to agree an annual budget of £400 for floral displays throughout the Village of Forton

1504. Finance

The following payments have been made:

Easy websites	Monthly Maintenance	£27.60
Clerks Wages	Based on average 6hrs per week	£351.26
Clerks overtime	Additional work Village Hall Trustees	£288.90
Clerks Expenses	Working from home	£18.00
HMRC	Tax on pay	£55.60
David and Rhona	Final Village Voice expenses	£83.33
BC Maintenance	Village Voice overpayment	£72.00
Graham Brook	Village Voice overpayment	£12.00
Sue Tresilian	Cases for platinum Jubilee	£24.49
Sue Tresilian	Land Registry	£30.00
Microsoft	renewal licence	£59.99
Chris Taylor	Stiles etc	£250.00
Chris Taylor	Footpath post Lunesdale drive	£118.00
Total		£1,391.17

The following payments are still to be made: -

Cllr Dodgson £53.99 printer for Post Office agreed at the March Meeting

Resolved: The above transactions were agreed.

Interest rates were discussed. The Clerk suggested maybe some of the reserve could go into a Building Society but there was no agreed time frame for depositing the money,

1505. Parish Reports/Issues from Councillors

Parish Maintenance

Bagged rubbish has been left behind the bin on Stoney Lane. This is not the correct place to leave it as Wyre Borough Council will not always remove it.

Cllr Young reported an overgrown hedge on a footpath in Park Lane. This will be dealt with shortly.

Hollins Lane Residents of Hollins Lane have raised concerns about flooding in their gardens which has been made worse since the Laurus Homes development. The Parish Council did object to the original planning application and raised concerns about a development on an already flooded field. The Parish Council agree with the residents' concerns that Wyre Borough Council granted permission for the development and the fact that these issues were raised at the planning consent. Two years later the residents are still suffering water damage on their land. The Parish Council have empathy with the residents and would like to be kept informed about their progress with Wyre Borough Council.

An application had been made by the developer to discharge the planning condition on drainage. A decision on this by Wyre planners has not yet been made. We note the objections lodged by United Utilities and by the Flood Authority.

Lune Valley Rural Housing Association No recent information

Lancashire Association of Local Councils No recent information

Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee/Trust The play area equipment is now all installed, and the new flooring has been laid. However, the play area will remain closed to complete all the outstanding jobs that need to be done. This includes new fencing and turfing.

The new sinks have been put into the ladies toilets and are a huge improvement.

The steps have also been painted.

Police They do not attend parish meetings or send reports.

1506. Agenda for next meeting Proposals for the grant from Laurus Homes

The meeting closed at 8:50pm