

Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at Forton Village Hall on Monday 6th December 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs. Huddart, McLoughlin, Dodgson, Young, Wigglesworth, Whittingham.
County Cllr. Salter, A Nicholls - Clerk to the Parish Council

1432. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Tresilian. Cllr. Leech, Cllr. Farebrother

1433. Notification of Interests

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

1434. Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on 1st November 2021, were agreed.

1435. Public Participation

A resident raised written concerns about a Health and Safety issue following work on the bridge at School Lane. It was resolved the Clerk would write to Highways as a matter of urgency

Cllr. Salter agreed to follow up the concerns about the bridge with Highways the following morning.

Concerns were raised about the resurfacing of School Lane ending before the bridge. Cllr. Salter thought the entire lane was due to be resurfaced and agreed to request an official response.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr. Salter for initiating the work with Highways.

1436. Planning

Application Number: 21/01315/FUL

Approval of details Oak Lodge School Lane, Erection of a detached garage

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

1437. Hollins Green Community money

It was discussed and agreed to ask for new seating near the tubs along the green on Hollins Lane.

If any further funds are available, it was agreed they would be used for equipment for the Scouts.

Neighbours' fences

A Neighbour of the new Hollins Green development wanted more than the wooden fence the site manager was offering.

1438. A6 safety/ petition

Residents of Forton feel the safety statistics collected by Lancashire County Council do not accurately represent the concerns of the school.

The school have been advised by MP Cat Smith to start a petition to reinstate the Crossing Patrol.

Cllr. Salter advised Lancashire County Council were only able to maintain the school matrix signs.

One of the signs is blocked by the yellow and black new housing signs and the signs are permanently left on. Cllr. Salter will follow this up with Highways.

1439. War Memorial

It was discussed and resolved a thank-you letter should be sent to Wyre for flowers, tidying up leaves, mowing grass in preparation for Remembrance Day. The memorial looked splendid on Remembrance Day.

Payment for wreath & crosses will be made once the Chairman receives an invoice,

1440. Field and trees in Park Lane for parish use.

Information on a field on Park Lane was shared with Parish Councillors for future consideration

1441. Parish Noticeboards

It was discussed and agreed to ask the Village Hall if the Parish Council noticeboard in front of the hall could be moved to the Pavilion.

1442. Parish Reports/Issues from Councillors

Parish Maintenance

James Pickering will be asked to review the protected trees near the Laurus Homes to ensure they are healthy and growth is maintained.

Cllr. Salter agreed to ask Highways to repaint the 30mph roundels on Hollins Lane

It was agreed to increase the number of copies of the Village Voice to 700. Additional copies are needed as more of the new houses have now been occupied.

Advertising in the Village Voice no longer covers the cost of printing the Village Voice. The Clerk will provide a detailed breakdown which will be reviewed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Hollins Lane Update

Flooding

Flooding is still occurring to the North of the Laurus Homes. The gullies have been cleaned either end the issue is they are broken in the middle.

SID Sign

The data from the SPID's is being collected and retained for evidence. The top speed by the New Holly was 65-70mph at around 6pm in the evening.

The top speed by the Scout is 60-65mph.

The data from both SPIDs will be retained and passed to the Police so they can action a targeted campaign in the future.

The Parish Council thanked Cllr. Mcloughlin for the amount of voluntary time he has given maintaining the SPID's.

Report from LALC

There have been no recent local meetings

Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee/Trust update

The Parish Council representatives will attend a meeting Tuesday 8th December 2021.

1443.Finance

The following payments have been made:

Easy websites	Monthly Maintenance	£27.60
Amazon	New printer	£219.99
Amazon	Extra set of inks	£44.11
Kevin Dagger	Footpath repairs	£60.00
Chris Taylor	Stiles etc	£250.00
Chris Taylor	Tommies on war memorial	£178.00
Clerks Wages	Based on average 6hrs per week	£351.26
Clerks Expenses	Working from home	£18.00
Tony Holmes	Cleaning War Memorial	£180.00

The following payments still need to be made

The Bank Reconciliation November 2021

Opening Balance Reserve	£40,416.09
Opening Balance Current Ac	£6,857.32

Add Receipts	£24,736.65
Less payments in the year	£19988.50

Total	£52,021.56
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Current Ac	£1602.402
Deposit Ac	£50419.16
Total	£52021.56

Resolved: The above transactions were agreed.

Precept

It was discussed and resolved to set the precept at £21,000, which includes £10,000 towards the cost of the new village hall. The £10,000 will be ringfenced in a reserve account to such a time the new village hall is built, or confirmation is received it will not go ahead.

Precept of £21,000 means Tax Base for D Band property £33.10

1444. Agenda for next meeting

Advertising rates for the Village Voice