

FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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This update is issued in lieu of the meeting scheduled to take place on 2 November. Councillors have been consulted via email and their responses are summarised. Meetings cannot be held due to virus restrictions, and Forton Parish Council have decided not to hold meetings virtually. Councillors consulted – Cllr Huddart, Young, McLoughlin, Dogson, Taylor and Farebrother.

1199. Apologies for Absence

None Received.

1200. Notification of Interests

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

1201. Update of the last meeting

Resolved: Update of 5 October 2020 previously circulated was agreed.

1202. Public Participation

No reports received from Wyre, County or Residents. An update was issued from the Police via LALC which was distributed to Councillors.

1203. Issues on Hollins Lane

Cllr Dodgson - There are still areas that are flooding on HL, in particular near to build sites at Haighlands & "Greenwoods" field MCI site. MCI site is still flooding & the floods appear to move depending on where they are building.

Cllr McCloughlin – raised concern regarding drainage/gully problems by the junction of Cleveley Bank Lane/Hollins Lane. These have been cleared and hopefully this will reduce the problems.

1204. Parish Reports from Councillors

To receive reports from Councillors:-

- Parish Maintenance (including Handyman) - Handyman is oiling/ painting some of the wooden seats and has been asked to investigate moving the seat on Kilcrash a few yards along the lane so that the view can be seen over the field gate. Neighbours are in agreement. Flower tubs on both sides of the village have been filled by the gardening group and look lovely.
- Lune Valley Rural Housing Association, Lancashire Association of Local Councils - LVRHA - regular meetings continuing, including a covid safe venue today at Caton. Annual report for 2020 can be accessed on Lune Valley Housing Association website.
- Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee/Trust - Query from Trust re Play Area and VAT.
Resolved – It was agreed the PC will claim VAT back if permitted.

1205. Planning

20/00992/LBC – Listed Building consent for an extension and elevational alterations to the existing outbuilding. Ratcliffe Wharfe, Ratcliffe Wharfe Lane, Forton

Cllr Dodgson - After reading the application & Mr Westalls comments I have no objections but only ask if it affects SP4/size of garage & the extension as this area will be considered as countryside. In the information, they referred to the old "Local plan" and not the new one and so am not sure how it fits in with that?

Cllr Huddart - Initial agreement as we have no design details and the listed structure - lime kiln - must be sensitively preserved.

1206. NW Ambulance Service – How to Save a Life

Resolved: It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the "How to Save a Life" request.

1207. Bench – Wallace Lane

To consider a request from a resident on Wallace Lane for a bench to be put adjacent to their property for use by residents walking up the Lane – The Old Stone Barn. Residents, particularly elderly, use the lane for their daily exercise and a bench would enable them to rest.

Resolved: Bench request was agreed, Clerk to investigate price of a bench.

1208. Consultation on Transforming Lancaster Travel

Email circulated to Cllrs re 6 options, decide if the Parish Council wish to make any comments, Councillors had various views. The information has been put on the village facebook page to enable residents to comment.

1209. Finance

The following payments have been made:

1. L J Hall Wages – October	£ 241.60	Standing Order
2. L J Hall Wages – November	£ 248.24	Standing Order
3. L J Hall Expenses – October	£ 18.00	
4. L J Hall Expenses – November	£ 18.00	
5. L J Hall Apr-Oct backpay – pay increase	£ 46.41	
6. Elementor Pro – website	£ 59.15	
7. J T France	£ 336.00	

The Bank Reconciliation September

Current Account	£12,679.65
Less unpresented cheques	£ 359.60
Total	£12,320.05
Supported by Cashbook	
Receipts	£25,016.73
Payments	£12,696.68
Total	£12,320.05
Reserve Savings Account	£40,413.72

To consider request from Cllr Huddart to purchase 4 litter pickers.

Resolved: The above financial transactions were agreed. The purchase of 4 litter pickers was agreed, Cllr Huddart will order.

1210. Agenda for next meeting

Any items that will need a resolution will be deferred to the next meeting and placed on the Agenda to allow information on the subject to be gathered. Councillors can report defective street lighting; blocked drains etc. to the Clerk at any time and these will be taken up with the appropriate authorities. The pond to be on the agenda of the next meeting.

The date of the next Meeting is Monday, 7 December 2020