

Forton Parish Council
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Monday 4 February 2019 at 7.00pm in The Pavilion, School Lane

Present: Cllrs Huddart, Young, Adams, McLoughlin, Dodgson, Mollart and Povall
Clerk – L Hall 4 Residents

1013. APOLOGIES

Cllr Wilson and Cllr Stewart.

1014. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose any pecuniary and non pecuniary interests on matters to be considered at this meeting. None were raised.

1015. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held 7 January 2019, were previously circulated to members.
Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

1016. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow residents to speak.

Wyre – Cllr Wilson was ill and had nothing to report.

No report had been received from Cllr Salter.

See below for Police report.

The meeting was resumed.

1017. MASTER PLAN

Cllr Adams updated the meeting regarding the Master Plan. Himself, Cllr Young and a resident had visited Great Eccleston who are 1 month ahead in the process. The developers cannot do anything until the Master Plan is in place and the developers are tasked to produce this for Forton by Wyre. There are 2 groups; Land Owners which the Village Hall Trustees are one of and the Stake Holders – Parish Council. The timetable is getting narrower and narrower for the Master Plan. Cllr Adams gave out Draft/Craft documentation to Councillors and asked them to complete and return to him by 6 February. There was a very useful discussion regarding the location of sports facilities. and lots of ideas were put forward regarding the community centre, elderly provision, affordable housing and the junction onto the A6\crossing facilities.

POLICE REPORT – Chris Banks attended part way through the meeting. He explained the changes and new structure to the policing at Garstang. There is now 24 hour cover which is covered by a Police Officer and 3 PCSOs. It is Chris' aim to get out into the community. If residents have any issues they should contact him via email 3473@lancashire.pnn.police.uk The "In the Know" campaign is the scheme which the police use to get information out, people have to sign up to it online. The Clerk has emailed Chris regarding the issue of drugs being taken around the pavilion.

1018. PARISH REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

LALC – Gary Payne was meant to give an update at the last meeting but had no report.

LVRHA – Janet had copies of the Annual Report for people to take one away.

Website/GDPR – Cllr Adams had no update.

Parish Maintenance – No issues.

Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee – The curtains are to be put up w/c 11 February. The decoration looks good and is much improved.

Pond – Cllr Povall is seeking advice from a resident and putting together a letter to Mr Whittingham regarding the pond lease which expires in March. A member of the Cricket Club advised that they were currently in dispute with Mr Whittingham and are corresponding with Land Registry.

1019. CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Salter had sent correspondence to say that the weight limit of Cockerham Road bridge could not be changed.

Correspondence had been received from Wyre regarding new opening times/days for some of the local Household Waste Recycling centres. Residents should feedback to Lancashire County Council any views.

1020. HANDYMAN/LENGTHSMAN

The possibility of employing a Handyman/Lengthsman was discussed and it was decided to put on hold but to be reviewed at future meetings if necessary.

1021. HOLLINS LANE

The issue of parking on Hollins Lane was raised by Cllr Dodgson – people should be tackled regarding bad parking and if necessary report it to the police.

1022. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number: 19/00022/FUL

Proposal: First floor rear extension & garage conversion, erection of a single, detached garage and detached annexe accommodation

Location: The Hawthorns Lancaster Road Forton

The application was discussed and objections put forward.

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

Application Number: 19/00065/COUQ

Proposal: Prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to form two dwelling houses under Class Q of the GDPO

Location: Hillside Farm Cockerham Road Forton

The application was discussed and objections put forward.

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

1023. FINANCE

The following payments have been made:

1. Cllr Huddart – Keys/Toner	£ 37.47
2. France's Forestry	£1596.00
3. Clerk expenses – December	£ 18.00
4. Village Hall – Electricity/Rent	£ 100.00

The following invoices were agreed for payment:

1. Clerk expenses – January	£ 18.00
2. Clerk wages – January	£ 234.21 by Standing Order 1.2.19
3. Colin Cross	£ 341.00

The Bank Reconciliation for December:-

Current Account	£17,780.29
Less unrepresented cheques	£ 18.00
Total	£17,762.29
Supported by Cashbook	
Receipts	£49,374.99
Payments	£31,612.70
Total	£17,762.29

Resolved: The transactions above/bank reconciliation were agreed by the Parish Council.

1024. 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, potholes, blocked drains etc. to the Clerk at any time and these will be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

Chairman:

Date:

**The next meeting will be held on Monday 4 March 2019
in the Pavilion at 7.00pm.**