FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Parish Council in the Methodist Church Hall on Monday 6th October 2025

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr L Dodgson

2. Notification of Interests

To receive disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2025.

4. Public Participation

The meeting will be adjourned to allow residents to speak. Please note that the Council may not make any lawful decisions during this session – any items raised by members of the public may be considered for a future agenda. Members of the public are defined as any persons present other than the parish council members or officials.

Wyre Councillor Charlotte Brieanne Walker County Councillor Matthew Salter Police – PCSO Creighton

The meeting will be resumed.

5. Planning

Application Number: 25/00746

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural buildings to B8 storage and distribution

Location: Clifton Hill, Stony Lane, Clifton Hill, Forton

Late applications may be discussed as necessary.

6. New Community Hall Update

7. Community Defibrillators

- -Replacement defibrillator in Hollins Lane,
- -Replacement cabinet in School Lane
- -Maintenance contract options

8. Request from Garstang Town Council – Christmas Lights Contribution

9. Timescale to repair the bridge on Cockerham Road -Cllr Young

10. Finance

The following payments have been made during the month of September:

| Easy websites | Monthly Maintenance September | £58.08 |
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| Frances Forestry | Open spaces maintenance | £2,142.00 |
| Ron Smith | Bench repairs | £37.96 |
| Colin Cross | Signage | £57.60 |
| Clerks wages | July 2025 based on average 6 hours p/w | £418.08 |
| Clerks expenses | Working from home | £26.000 |

Reconciliation of Bank Balances as at 28.9.25

NatWest current account £65,423.63
Bonus Saver account £10,814.03 **Total Resources** £76,237.66

11. Parish Reports / issues from Councillors

Parish Maintenance

- Litter Picking
- SPID update / unit not working properly Cllr Tresilian

12. Cllr Huddart updates

- Hedge Cutting on Hollins Lane
- Pumping Station
- Cricket nets (from Village Hall meeting)
- Destination of all benches and costs
- New food waste collection bins from Easter next year
- Post office condition/ valuation of Chapel
- Trees on School Lane / junction of A6
- Grants from Parish Council for defib

13. Clerks updates

- Notification of disclosable pecuniary and other interests to be completed using new template
- Lancashire Parish and Town Council Conference 1.11.25 at County Hall
- Confirmation that FPC Meetings will be held at Hollins Lane Methodist Church until end of this year
- Code of conduct training offer through Wyre Council (remote or in person) 30.10.25

14. 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 reported on the Love Clean Streets App.

15. Date of next meeting

The next Parish Council meeting is due to take place on **Monday 3rd November 2025 at 7pm** at Hollins Lane Methodist Church