

## Forton Parish Council

## Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at

Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at 7pm

<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Andrew Redmayne, Wesley Wilson, Sue Tresilian, June Farebrother, Neil Wigglesworth, Daniel Mathews – Waste Minimisation Officer (Wyre Borough Council)</p>	Note
<p><b>In attendance:</b> Mrs H Alcock - Clerk &amp; Responsible Finance Officer</p>	Note
<p><b>2098. Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr Lesley Dodgson, Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker, County Cllr Matthew Salter PCSO Denise Creighton</p>	Note
<p><b>2099. Notification of Interests</b> There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.</p>	Note
<p><b>2100. Minutes of the last Meeting</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 were confirmed and signed as a true record.</p>	Note
<p><b>2101. Public Participation</b> There was one member of the public present.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to make contact with County Cllr M Salter to ask if a representative could attend future meetings in his place due to his lack of attendance over the last few months.</p>	Note  Clerk
<p><b>2102. Planning</b> <b>Application Number:</b> 25/01031/FUL <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed erection of 1 dwelling and formation of new access point following demolition of existing structures on site <b>Location:</b> The Hollies, Lancaster Road, Forton <b>Resolved:</b> <i>Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections to this application</i></p> <p><b>Application Number:</b> 25/01034/FUL <b>Proposal:</b> Erection of 2 self-build dwellings and formation of new access point following demolition of existing structures on site <b>Location:</b> The Hollies, Lancaster Road, Forton <b>Resolved:</b> <i>Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections to this application</i></p>	Clerk
<p><b>2103. Household Waste Food Collections update</b> Daniel Mathews – Waste Minimisation Officer from Wyre Council was in attendance to provide an update on the roll out of the forthcoming food waste collection initiative commencing w/c 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.</p>	

<p>Daniel advised households will receive a 5L kitchen caddy, liners, and a 23L outdoor food waste bin to be collected weekly on the same day as other waste.</p> <p>Cllr Huddart asked for further information on composing food waste to produce fresh compost and whether this will be available for gardens.</p> <p>Councillors thanked Daniel for attending but raised concerns around bins blowing across roads when windy and space for bins being limited for some homeowners.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Daniel Mathews</p> <p>Note</p>
<p><b>2104. New Community Hall Updates</b></p> <p>A member of the Village Hall Committee provided the following update:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An architect awareness meeting is being held on 9<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall for members of the public to view plans.</li> <li>• Councillors approved Noise Assessment quote dated 28.1.26 submitted by Miller Goodall for £2,855.00 + Vat (£3,426.00).</li> <li>• A meeting has been arranged with Len Harris at Wyre Council on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to discuss the future of the piece of land on the opposite side of the road to the Bowling Green.</li> <li>• A field day stall is to be used to showcase the New Community Hall plans this summer.</li> </ul>	<p>Note</p>
<p><b>2105. Finance</b></p> <p>The following payments for January were checked and agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy Website - £64.68</li> <li>• Mason Gillibrand - £1,525.86</li> <li>• Christmas Tree donation to Bolds - £100</li> <li>• Clerks Wages - £425.10</li> <li>• Clerks expenses - £40.40</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk requested approval for the following invoices:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mason Gillibrand - £1453.20</li> </ul>	<p>Note</p>
<p><b>2106. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors</b></p> <p><u>Parish Maintenance</u></p> <p>Litter picking – a total of 28½ bags were picked in January.</p> <p><u>SPID</u></p> <p>At last month’s meeting, Cllr Tresilian advised Ron had struggled to connect via Bluetooth to download SPID data and had been climbing a ladder to download. Cllr Huddart said that Ron must not be going up ladder to take readings and requested Cllr Tresilian to forward contact info for the manufacturer for Clerk to obtain further support.</p> <p><u>Hollins Lane</u></p> <p>A resident has reported a lot of dog faeces being present in Hollins Lane on grass areas and pavements. The Clerk was asked to contact Borough Councillor Walker to ask for support in stopping this happening.</p> <p>Cllr Redmayne confirmed he had contacted Robbie Hamilton from United utilities regarding the frontage of the Haightlands development, and that a contractor is lined up to carry out the works when the weather improves.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>Cllr Tresilian</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>

