

## Forton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held at

**Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7pm**

<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Lesley Dodgson, Andrew Redmayne, Wes Wilson, Sue Tresilian, Neil Wigglesworth, Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker.	Note
<b>In attendance:</b> Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer.	Note
<b>1980. Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr June Farebrother, PCSO Denise Creighton, County Cllr Matthew Salter.	Note
<b>1981. Notification of Interests</b> There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda.	Note
<b>1982. Minutes of the last Meeting</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025 were confirmed and signed as a true record.	Note
<b>1983. Public Participation</b> There was two members of the public present.  A member of the public attended to raise concerns over planning application number 25/00166/LMAJ proposed change of use of land from agriculture to forestry, being the biggest economy in the Parish and highlighted the fact the farm is a tenanted farm, and the tenant will have no alternative but to cease trading, contravening planning policy.  Borough Cllr Walker confirmed the S106 training for Councillors was in the process of being arranged in the next couple of weeks either online or face to face.  There were no further updates on the A6 new layout with traffic overtaking buses on opposite side of road.  Local Elections are taking place on 1 <sup>st</sup> May; County Councillor Salter is standing for the Reform Party.  A representative from the Village Hall Committee confirmed B4RN were holding a meeting as a last-ditch attempt, due to lack of support from landowners.	Note
<b>1984. Planning</b> <b>Application Number:</b> 25/00166/LMAJ <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed change of use of land from agriculture to forestry. <b>Location:</b> Centre Farm Cockerham Road Forton <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council <b>strongly object</b> to this application	Clerk

<p><b>Application Number:</b> 25/00221/FUL  <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed single storey rear extension  <b>Location:</b> Park Drive, Park Lane, Forton  <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council <b>do not object</b> to this application</p>	Clerk
<p><b>Application Number:</b> 23/00807/OUTMAJ  <b>Proposal:</b> Outline application for the phased development comprising of the erection of up to 17 self-build housing units (C3) with access applied for  <b>Location:</b> Land Adjacent to Winder Lane House, Winder Lane, Forton  <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council <b>object</b> to this application</p>	Clerk
<p><b>Application Number:</b> 25/00196/FUL  <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed single storey side extension, loft conversion including side dormer, rooflights solar panels, and external alterations.  <b>Location:</b> Ballalona, 2 The Meadows, Forton  <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council <b>do not object</b> to this application</p>	Clerk
<p><b>Application Number:</b> 25/00306/FUL  <b>Proposal:</b> Demolition of existing bay windows replaced with single storey front extension and entrance porch, proposed single storey side extension. with balcony and extension to garage  <b>Location:</b> Cross Hill Cockerham Road Forton  <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council <b>do not object</b> to this application</p>	Clerk
<p><b>Application Number:</b> 25/00302/FUL  <b>Proposal:</b> Demolition of existing bay windows replaced with single storey front extension and entrance porch, proposed single storey side extension. with balcony and extension to garage  <b>Location:</b> Holly House Farm, Cockerham Road, Forton  <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council <b>do not object</b> to this application</p>	Clerk
<p><b>1985. Councillors updates</b>  Written updates received from Councillor Huddart, Councillor Farebrother and Councillor Young, these are to be added to the Parish Council Website, the remainder to be forwarded to the Clerk this month for inclusion on website.</p>	Note
<p><b>1986. New Community Hall Updates</b>  A representative from the village Hall confirmed outline planning permission with conditions has now been granted. The drainage strategy and M&amp;E Services (heating &amp; lighting) are to be produced. Once M&amp;E design is formalised, 3d designs and elevations can be created.</p> <p>Cllr Young advised the invoices will start flowing again now works have restarted and the fees will have to be paid for by the Parish Council as original build costs will have increased.</p> <p>The next Village Hall Committee Meeting is due to take place either 22<sup>nd</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> April. Meeting minutes from March are being finalised.</p>	Note
<p><b>1987. Convenience Store</b></p>	

<p>A member of the public considering purchasing a house on the new Cricketers Green development has emailed the Clerk enquiring about a potential convenience store, and if this been put out to tenure to potential companies.</p> <p>The Clerk to respond advising there is no finance available for a shop and there is no commitment in the local plan, unless a commercial proposition was put forward.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>1988. Finance</b></p> <p>The following payments for February / March were checked and agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy Website - £58.08</li> <li>• Fast lanyard company – £163.28</li> <li>• CPRE annual membership - £36.00</li> <li>• Postage stamps - £13.20</li> <li>• Microsoft annual subscription - £84.99</li> <li>• Clerks Wages - £376.08</li> <li>• Clerks expenses - £26</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk confirmed payment of precept monies for 2025 – 26 has been received for £25,000.</p> <p>Cllr Huddart authorised payment for 2 x sign boards at £57.60 for Colin Cross Printers.</p> <p>Cllr Redmayne to fix to fence by playing fields.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>Cllr Redmayne</p>
<p><b>1989. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors</b></p> <p><u>Parish Maintenance</u></p> <p>Litter picking – March report received and circulated, a total of 17.25 bags have been collected. Cllr Tresilian asked if there were any specific target areas where litter is left.</p> <p><u>SPID</u></p> <p>Cllr Tresilian circulated SPID data for the period of 1.2.25 – 28.2.25 and advised there were 6,000 more cars travelling down Hollins Lane than two years ago, 73% of cars travelling between 25 – 35mph.</p> <p><u>Oak Trees</u></p> <p>Cllr Dodgson had been approached about three oak trees in tubs looking for a home, Cllr Redmayne offered to plant out.</p> <p>Cllr Dodgson advised a member of the public had reported hedge removal at White Carr Farm with a view to start grass track racing.</p> <p><u>LALC</u></p> <p>No updates this month.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Note</p>
<p><b>1990. Cllr Huddart updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New lanyards for councillors have now been issued to all Councillors.</li> <li>• The Clerk was asked to make payment for green bin early bird offer - £40.</li> <li>• Follow-up on police bike donation – Clerk advised she has still not received bank details from Lancashire Constabulary to make payment; other Parish Council Clerks also have the same issue.</li> <li>• Bollard at Hollins Lane play area – Borough Cllr Walker agreed to follow up with MCI / Laurus and would also chase County Cllr Salter with regards an update on waste bin on Hollins Lane play area.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Borough Cllr Walker</p>

<b>1991. Clerks updates</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electoral register – Clerk to pass copies to Cllr Young, Cllr Wigglesworth, Cllr Dodgson and Cllr Redmayne.</li> <li>2024 / 25 AGAR submission is now being worked on, and the submission deadline date is 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025.</li> </ul>	Clerk
<b>1992. Any Other Business</b>	
Hollins Lane Methodist Church last Services will take place end of August / early September 2025, no further updates on building to date.	
<b>1993. Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b>	
The date of the next meeting is Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 7pm. Items for the agenda and reports, to reach the Clerk before 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025.	Note
There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.23pm	Note

Minutes prepared by: ..... Hilary Alcock (Clerk)

Approved by: ..... Janet Huddart (Chairman)

Date: .....