

## Forton Parish Council

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

**Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 7pm**

<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Lesley Dodgson, Andrew Redmayne, June Farebrother, Wes Wilson, Neil Wigglesworth, Sue Tresilian, Borough Cllr Charlotte Walker, PCSO Bethany Kirkpatrick.</p>	Note
<p><b>In attendance:</b> Mrs H Alcock - Clerk &amp; Responsible Finance Officer.</p>	Note
<p><b>1954. Apologies for Absence:</b> County Cllr Matthew Salter, PCSO Denise Creighton.</p>	Note
<p><b>1955. 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>1956. Minutes of the last Meeting</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were confirmed and signed as a true record.</p>	Note
<p><b>1957. Public Participation</b> There were two members of the public present.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Walker advised that in advance of LCC County Elections in May, the devolution white paper has been published, all local councils have been invited to feed back before end of February.</p> <p>PCSO Bethany Kirkpatrick was welcomed to the meeting and confirmed there were no logs to report. Councillors raised the ongoing issue of vehicles overtaking stationary buses on the wrong side of the islands on the A6 at Forton. PCSO Kirkpatrick advised she would discuss the matter with Sergeant Elliot Jones and provide an update to the Clerk.</p> <p>A member of the public reported a delivery driver had been seen driving over the grassed area on Calder Grove but didn't manage to note the registration number. It was also reported that a person has been seen living in a van in the layby opposite the entrance to the Forton Services.</p>	Note
<p><b>1958. Electric Assisted Bikes – donation request from Lancashire Police</b> An email received from Sergeant Elliot Jones on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and circulated to Councillors on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 requesting a donation of £150 from all the Parish Councils in the area, for the purchase of two electric assisted bikes for this area was discussed. Voting took place and all Councillors were in favour to donate. Clerk to arrange for payment to be made to Lancashire Police.</p>	Clerk

<p><b>1959. Opinions on crowding at Pharmacy / Medical Facilities due to increase in housing</b>  Cllr Young issued the following to all Councillors:-  The Persimmon S106 agreement sets out the terms of the Health Care Contribution:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Page 4 has a formula for the value of this contribution, and this is ‘Y x 0.11 x Project Rate’.  Y is the number of additional patients from the development, and this is 468 (2.4 per house).  The Project Rate (see page 7 of the S106) is £1,044.</li> <li>2. So, the Health Care Contribution is £53,745 and this is to be used for refurbishment of Garstang Medical Centre (about £300 per person).</li> <li>3. Page 21 says that 50% of this will be paid after the first occupation and the other 50% when 50% of houses are occupied.</li> <li>4. The money is paid to Wyre Council who then send it CCG and then to Garstang Medical Practice.</li> <li>5. Appendix 6 (pages 60 to 62) is a letter from CCG – copy circulated to Councillors 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.</li> </ol> <p>The 130-house development behind Garstang Medical Practice has a S106 in place but does not include a Healthcare contribution. So far as we know about £26,000 has been sent to Garstang. The CCG figure of £53,745 for healthcare is in striking contrast with the education figure of £1.5 million.</p> <p>Borough Councillor Walker confirmed she had asked for training on S106 monies for herself and Parish Councils and agreed to write to the MP’s to contact the Clinical Commissioning Group to bid higher for healthcare contributions.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to upload the documents onto the Parish Council webpage.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>Borough Cllr Walker</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>1960. Hollins Lane Methodist Chapel Valuation / Nominating an Asset</b>  The Clerk circulated a draft proposal to councillors on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 for comments and advised the Land registry title number is required. Cllr Huddart and Cllr Young to make further enquiries with representatives of the Chapel to see if they can obtain.  Alternatively, the Clerk can purchase from Land Registry at a cost of £14.</p>	<p>Cllr Huddart  Cllr Young</p>
<p><b>1961. Vehicles overtaking stationary buses on A6</b>  Item discussed in item 1957 public participation.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p><b>1962. Planning</b>  <b>Application Number:</b> 25/00052/FUL  <b>Proposal:</b> Extension to garage, new porch canopy, over clad entire building with new timber cladding and a new driveway entrance  <b>Location:</b> By The Way, Hollins Lane</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council do not object to this application</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>1963. New Community Hall Updates</b>  Councillor Young confirmed the application for the new community hall has been held up because of Highway concerns about the access, so SLR issued a revised swept path analysis and as a result Highways now have no objection.</p>	<p>Note</p>

<p><b>1964. Finance</b></p> <p>The following payments for January were checked and agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy Website - £58.08</li> <li>• Hollins Lane Methodist Church - £80.00</li> <li>• Clerks Wages - £405.08</li> <li>• Clerks expenses - £26</li> </ul> <p>The following credit for January was noted:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HMRC vat return - £1932.60 received for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.</li> </ul> <p>Approval was requested and agreed for the following item to be paid:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLCC annual membership renewal - £110</li> </ul>	Note
<p><b>1965. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors</b></p> <p><u>Parish Maintenance</u></p> <p>Litter picking – January report received and circulated, a total of 18½ bags have been collected. Additional volunteers are needed to keep up with amount of litter in the Parish, Clerk to advertise on webpage and article to be included in next parish magazine.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to report to Persimmon Homes the Insulation which has been blown onto the grass verge on A6 North bound just before Tongues Cottage in the recent high winds.</p> <p><u>SPID</u></p> <p>No updates due to illness.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Walker asked for consideration be given to loaning our SPID cameras to Scorton Parish Council, Cllr Tresilian said she would check if the cameras could be moved and how easy they would be to move.</p>	Clerk  Clerk  Cllr Tresilian
<p><b>1966. Clerks updates</b></p> <p>The Clerk provided the following updates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A quote for lanyards for Councillors to wear when visiting members of the public had been sourced at a cost of £121.90, Councillors voted in agreement 6 – 2, Clerk to purchase.</li> <li>• The Clerk confirmed that she had received correspondence from NatWest that the Garstang branch would be closing on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025.</li> </ul>	Clerk  Note
<p><b>1967. Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 at 7pm. Items for the agenda and reports, to reach the Clerk before 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Walker gave her apologies for the March meeting.</p>	Note
<p>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 7:50pm</p>	Note

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

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

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