

## Forton Parish Council

### Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held

**at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7pm**

<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, Lesley Dodgson, Sue Tresilian, Neil Wigglesworth, Andrew Redmayne, Wesley Wilson.</p>	Note
<p><b>In attendance:</b> Mrs H Alcock - Clerk &amp; Responsible Finance Officer.</p>	Note
<p><b>1877. Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr J Farebrother, Borough Cllr C Walker, PCSO D Creighton, County Cllr Matthew Salter</p>	Note
<p><b>1878. 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>1879. Minutes of the last Meeting</b> The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were confirmed and signed as a true record.</p>	Note
<p><b>1880. Public Participation</b> One member of the public present.</p> <p>Borough Cllr Walker sent the following update:-</p> <p>I was contacted by a resident recently with regards weed spreading &amp; Wyre Council have advised they did have a spray back in early May, the warm &amp; wet conditions for weeds this year has been just right, they are going to try and arrange for a member of Wyre staff team to come out and spray it will take up to 2 weeks for the weeds to die back once they have been sprayed.</p> <p>Rats have been reported on several occasions from Coronation Avenue residents, Borough Cllr Walker has also been chasing Wyre Council on this subject.</p> <p>A build up of litter has appeared behind the South bound bus stop on A6, the Clerk was requested to contact Wyre about a new bin to be sited next to new bus stop. The bin on the North side has previously been requested to be sited next to bus stop not that road works are completed.</p> <p>The Clerk was asked to contact Highways about the use of fluorescent paint on Islands at new bus stops due to cars overtaking buses when stopped on A6. Several reports have been raised of dogs on playing field, play area, school playground and cricket field. The Clerk was asked to contact Wyre Council to establish what we can</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>Note</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

do and what powers do we have? As a Parish Council can we fine members of the public?	
<p><b>1881. Planning</b>  <b>Application number:</b> 24/00508/FUL  <b>Location:</b> 7 Spring Vale Forton  <b>Proposal:</b> Proposed side dormer roof extensions  <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council do not object to this application.</p> <p>Councillor Young provided the following planning update:-  Persimmon plan to send most of their surface water under School Lane to an attenuation pond. From there it goes in a culvert under the A6 and then connects to an old pipe which eventually crosses Whinney Brow and then down to Potters Brook.</p> <p>In March 2023, the Parish Council voiced concerns on the condition and capacity of this old pipe to cope with a large increase in surface water flow. Recently Persimmon commissioned a survey of the old pipe and found that it was unsuitable. Work is now in hand to install a new pipe which will take a new route. The new pipe will reach Whinney Brow between the church car park and Whinney Brow Barn. It may then turn right and go down hill to Potters Brook. This new pipe should enable the Persimmon South field to be fully drained.</p> <p>LCC on 24.6.24 gave consent to this diversion and replacement of the existing culverted water course. Reference 18/00469/DIS.</p>	Note
<p><b>1882. Discussion to combine The New Community Hall project and the Old Village Hall project. Discussion followed by vote.</b>  Cllr Tresilian circulated a proposal with regards the combination of the new community hall and the old village hall and highlighted the following key points:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wyre Local Plan (Forton Extension) required a neighbourhood centre.</li> <li>• If S106 monies are not utilised, they will be returned to the developers.</li> <li>• Parish Council have been saving precept monies for last seven years.</li> <li>• As a local governing body, we can claim S106 monies and recover VAT.</li> <li>• Parish Council are entitled to 50% discount when submitting a planning application.</li> <li>• Parish Council will not be left with the commitment of future management of the hall.</li> <li>• Old village hall will be put up for sale on the open market at circa £200k – this money will be vital for partly funding the new village hall.</li> </ul> <p>Voting was held with 6 x councillors in agreement to the proposal and 1 x abstention from Cllr Huddart following concerns about coming to a full conclusion without the appointment any new village hall trustees in place.</p> <p>A member of the Village Hall Committee provided the following update on the existing village hall:-  Bat survey results have been issued and there are currently two roosts, common pipistrelle in roof space and a maternity roost above the kitchen.  Swift bricks will need to be incorporated into the scheme and Highways would like the wall lowering on Wallace Lane.</p>	Note

<p><b>1883. Finance</b></p> <p>The following payments for June were checked and agreed: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easy Website - £30.36</li> <li>• North West Ambulance Service defib pads and battery – £89.00</li> <li>• Royal British Legion poppy appeal - £40.00</li> <li>• Laburnum Nurseries plants - £154.08</li> <li>• Julie McLoughlin replacement planter - £20.99</li> <li>• Amazon laptop for SPID data- £254.00</li> <li>• Wyre Borough Council green waste subscription - £35.00</li> <li>• Clerks wages - £368.70</li> <li>• Clerks expenses - £26.00</li> </ul> <p>Approval was requested and agreed for the following items to be paid:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LALC clerks subsidised training course £195</li> </ul>	Note
<p><b>1884. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors</b></p> <p><u>Parish Maintenance</u></p> <p>Cllr Tresilian raised concerns over long grass next to Haguelands – Cllr Wilson confirmed he would make some enquiries to see if a management company is to be set up to look after this area.</p> <p>Cllr Wilson confirmed 25 footpaths have been surveyed with 5 remaining. One of footpaths has been ploughed with no room to walk. Cllr Redmayne to speak to land owner.</p> <p><u>Litter Picking</u></p> <p>A total of 11.25 bags collected in June (Litter = 10.25 &amp; Fly Tipping = 1), thank you to Dave &amp; Roz for their continued efforts.</p> <p><u>LALC</u></p> <p>The next meeting is on 31<sup>st</sup> July, Cllr Young to attend.</p>	Cllr Wilson  Cllr Redmayne  Note  Note
<p><b>1885. Cllr Huddart updates</b></p> <p>A local resident has been in touch with regards summer planting, Cllr Huddart will make further contact with them.</p> <p>Green Bin subscription was a particularly difficult process this year and no reminder letters had been issued. Clerk to pass on comments to Wyre’s green team.</p> <p>Clerk was requested to obtain a full breakdown of areas Josh France currently strims / mows in village.</p> <p>Cllr Huddart confirmed holidays are 18<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July.</p>	Cllr Huddart  Clerk  Clerk  Note
<p><b>1886. Clerks updates</b></p> <p>The Clerk provided the following updates:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 30 Mph sign on Wallace Lane has been reported to Wyre Council for a second time (ref 3973617) – still outstanding. Cllr Walker asked to escalate due to first report in February 2024</li> <li>• Flytipping at bin at junction of Laurus Homes opening / Cleveley Bank Lane (ref FLY003497)</li> <li>• Defib pads and battery replaced at Village Hall.</li> </ul>	Note

<p><b>1887. Date &amp; Time of Next Meeting</b>                  The date of the next meeting is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 7pm</p> <p>Permission was agreed for Cllr Tresilian to add future Parish Council meeting dates and an update on new Community Hall within the next Village Voice publication.</p>	<p>Note</p>
<p>There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.40pm</p>	<p>Note</p>

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

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

**Date:** .....