

Forton Parish Council

Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held At Forton Village Hall on Monday 7th June 2021 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Huddart, Taylor, McLoughlin, Dodgson, Young.
A Nicholls - Clerk to the Parish Council and three members of the public

1363. APOLOGIES

Cllr. Farebrother, Cllr. Leech.

1364. NOTIFICATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were asked to disclose any pecuniary and nonpecuniary interests on matters to be considered at this meeting. None were raised.

1365. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Resolved: The update of the Parish Council meeting, held on 10th May 2021, was agreed.

1366. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned.

A resident raised concerns about speeding on Cockerham Rd and the proposed development of the barns into holiday lets.

Two candidates for the vacant Parish Councillor positions attended the meeting to observe. The Chairman confirmed that the Parish Council would interview potential candidates based on their responses to the questions detailed in the advert after the closing date 23rd June 2021

Cllr Leech sent information that Wyre Borough Council was now meeting in person. The Little Theatre was being used as a vaccination centre. The Fleetwood Marina Haven and Fleetwood market have now reopened.

1367. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number: 21/00551/FUL

Proposal: The conversion of agricultural buildings to provide 5 residential units to be used for the purposes of holiday accommodation and demolition of single storey building

Location: Centre Farm Cockerham Road Forton

Resolved: Object because the buildings are not derelict but in active use by the tenant farmer of 59 years with a herd of 80 cows. The buildings are essential to him and the proposed plans would put him out of business. The acoustic assessment did not consider the noise and disturbance to nearby residents by holiday makers. The lane is a popular narrow public footpath in regular use and there are no passing places. The exit onto Cockerham road is inadequate and unsafe for the additional traffic.

The Clerk was asked to write to Wyre Borough Council Planning

Application Number: 21/00557/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a replacement B8 storage and distribution building following the demolition of an existing building (**resubmission of 20/00504/FUL**)

Location: Middle Holly Field Forton

Resolved: Objection the narrow lane is unsuitable for a distribution centre and there is no significant change to the previous application to which the council objected.

The Clerk was asked to write to Wyre Borough Council Planning

Application Number: 21/00559/FUL

Proposal: 4 Potters Brook Cottages Potters Brook Forton Lancaster Lancashire LA2 0HQ

Location: Erection of a detached single storey ancillary residential annex (**resubmission of 20/01142/FUL**)

Resolved: *there was no objection. The Clerk was asked to write to Wyre Borough Council Planning*

Application Number: 21/00586/ADV

Proposal: Advertisement consent for the erection of 7m high, internally illuminated totem sign

Location: Forton Service Area North M6 Lancaster Services From Junction 32 Off Slip

Resolved: *there was no objection. The Clerk was asked to write to Wyre Borough Council Planning*

Application Number: 21/00649/FUL

Proposal: Replacement domestic garage/outbuilding (resubmission of 21/00409/FUL)

Location: Clevelands Lancaster New Road Forton Preston Lancashire PR3 1AE

Resolved: *Objection This proposed structure is in the countryside and clearly visible from the A6. It would represent an urbanization of the countryside, blocking rural views and reducing openness. The proposed building would be 1.5 times the size of the house and 3 times the size of the existing garage. No significant change from previous application just the word agricultural taken out and changed to hobby use*

The Clerk was asked to write to Wyre Borough Council Planning

Application Number: 21/00625/FUL

Proposal: Two storey rear extension

Location: Holly Barn Winder Lane Forton Preston Lancashire PR3 0AX

Resolved: *there was no objection. The Clerk was asked to write to Wyre Borough Council Planning*

Cllr Young provided a general update on Planning within Forton

1368. The Parish Council discussed Climate change in detail and thought they could make the following contributions:-

- Use meetings, social-media, and Village Voice, to acknowledge and promote initiatives and the positive impacts that they have.
- Members contributing to government consultations on Planning changes, and proposed changes to the Highway code to support active travel.
- Creating green space in the village by consulting with contractors and other stakeholders to formulate a plan to manage green spaces, verges and pathways to maximise carbon sequestration and promote biodiversity.
- Possibly considering allotment sites.
- Working to improve public transport by encouraging the use of public transport by lobbying Lancashire County Council for improved bus services to and from the parish.
- Identifying potential sites for tree planting, and bird and insect boxes.
- Re-wilding patches of land in the village and are working up proposals to improve diversity.
- Providing feedback on wider council strategies for transport, housing as well as specific feedback on planning applications.

- Supporting planning applications that provide carbon neutral new homes with for example additional insulation and solar panels.
- Providing more cycle parking.
- Improving safety. Slow vehicles down, maintain safe walking and cycling paths and keep road signage clear.
- Consulting with Highways for weight/size restrictions for heavy goods vehicles travelling through the parish.
- Encouraging plastic free, water refill and other carbon reduction initiatives and promote businesses that achieve these.

The Clerk and Cllr. Taylor will reply to Wyre Borough's consultation on climate change.

1369. Parish Reports/Issues from Councillors

Parish Maintenance The Chairman will contact the Lengthsman about the broken stile at the Lunesdale Drive end of footpath 14

Parish Clerk a lot of time has been spent invoicing for the Village Voice and following up The Clerk will request email addresses of all advertisers to reduce the work-load

Hollins Lane still waiting for Lancashire County Council to approve installing the SPID's. The flooding on Hollins Lane is an ongoing issue.

Lune Valley Rural Housing Association/Lancashire Association of Local Councils No recent information

Village Hall & Recreation Ground Committee/Trust Due to lockdown some groups have left the village hall. However currently their income is still in a healthy position.

Police They do not attend parish meetings or send reports

1370. The Village Website was discussed in detail and the Clerk was asked to write to Neil Adams to thank him for his significant contribution to maintaining the website over recent years.

Tom Kidd agreed to look at the website and see if there was an easier way to allow the Clerk to update it while retaining the look and feel of the current site.

The Clerk will liaise with Tom Kidd.

1371. The Parish Council are becoming increasingly concerned regarding the state of the walls/railings on the bridge at Cockerham Road which goes over the canal. There are also significant divots in the road caused by the tonnage of vehicles crossing the bridge

1372. FINANCE

The following payments have been made:

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Reimburse	Ink cartridges files	£38.42
Reimburse	Stamps Village Voice	£15.84
Peter Young	Cllr Expenses Microsoft Office	£119.99
Colin Cross	Village Voice	£373.00
HMRC	Tax payments	£66.00
Clerks Wages	Based on average 6hrs per week	£264.98

Clerks Expenses	Working from home	£18.00
Zurich	Insurance	£498.78

The Bank Reconciliation May 2021

Opening Balance Reserve	£40,416.09
Opening Balance Current Ac	£6,857.32

Add Receipts in the year	£23,104.90
Less payments in the year	-£1,307.64

Total	£69,070.67
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Current Ac	£3065.74
Village Voice O/S	£588.00
Deposit Ac	£65416.93
Total	£69070.67

Resolved: The above transactions were agreed.

1373. AGENDA FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Volunteer assistance is needed for watering the plants around the village and delivering the village voice.

Further Dog Waste bins are needed down Hollins Lane. The Chairman will write to Sandra Byrne at Wyre Borough Council

For the next agenda corresponding with Cat Smith is the Labour MP for Lancaster and Fleetwood, re improvements to the local bus service in particular at the Hollins lane end of the Village

Update on the Climate change agenda

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8:45pm

Chairman: Date:

The date of the next Meeting is Monday, 5th July 2021.