**Forton Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Forton Parish Council Meeting held**

**at Methodist Church Hall, Hollins Lane on**

**Monday 4th March 2024 at 7pm**

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| **Present**:  Cllrs Janet Huddart, Peter Young, June Farebrother, Wesley Wilson, Lesley Dodgson, Andrew Redmayne, Neil Wigglesworth, County Cllr M Salter | Note |
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| **In attendance:**  Mrs H Alcock - Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer. | Note |
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| **1825. Apologies for Absence**:  Cllr Sue Tresilian, Borough Cllr C Walker, PCSO Denise Creighton | Note |
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| **1826. Notification of Interests**  There were no declarations of interest nor any request for a dispensation for any item on the agenda. | Note |
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| **1827. Minutes of the last Meeting**  The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th February 2024 were confirmed and signed as a true record. | Note |
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| **1828. Public Participation**  Four members of the public present.  County Cllr Salter reported no new solution to the bus stop issues on the A6 but advised a LCC cabinet meeting was due to take place on 7th March 2024 and the capital programme for highways money was being allocated for Tansy Lane resurfacing works at a cost of £108k. County Cllr Salter was asked to establish the depth of the new surface with Highways.  The Clerk was asked to send County Cllr Salter the School Lane road closure details planned for 29th March 2024 to 14th April 2024. | County Cllr Salter  Clerk |
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| **1829. Planning**  The following planning applications were discussed: -  **Application number:** 24/00163/FUL  **Location:** 25 Ribblesdale Drive Forton  **Proposal:** Proposed first floor side extension incorporating roof lift  ***Resolved:*** *Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections*  **Application number:** 23/01220/FUL  **Location:** Shireshead & Forton Cricket Club  **Proposal:** Amendments to description of existing application  ***Resolved:*** *Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have no objections*  **Application number:** 23/01031/OULMAJ  **Location:** Land to North & South of School Lane, Forton  **Proposal:** Revised / additional information to existing application  ***Resolved:*** *Clerk to advise planning the Parish Council have serious concerns around safety and to ask if a Highways Safety Audit has been completed and request a site meeting.*  **Application number:** 23/00999/FUL  **Location:** Middle Holly Yard Middle Holly Forton  **Proposal:** Installation of below ground treatment plant and re-site existing storage building within the site boundaries  ***Resolved:*** *Clerk to issue letter of objection* | Clerk |
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| **1830. Community Hall update**  Cllr Young provided the following update: -  On 14th February 2024, a Teams meeting discussed pre-applications for the new and old community halls. This mainly involved Paul Duckett the architect and three Wyre planning officers. Apart from a few niggles the meeting supported the plans for the new and old halls. Paul will go ahead with an outline planning application for the new hall probably before the end of March. The outline application for the old hall will not go in until much later. | Note |
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| **1831. Progress on Persimmon Homes – Cllr Young**  Cllr Young provided the following update: -  Construction of the offsite highway works continues at the junction of the A6 and School Lane. There is still a lot of work to complete this including: -   * Completion of the three traffic lanes * Completion of footpaths * Marking out a hatched zone area down the centre of the A6 for the whole length of the works * Two refuge island crossing points. * Both bus stops   This is all shown on the S278 general arrangement plan in 23/01031/OULMAJ.  The traffic controls are likely to remain for all of March and then there will be a two-week closure of School Lane for resurfacing. | Note |
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| **1832. Hedgehog Highway Project**  The Clerk was asked to circulate the Hedgehogs R Us leaflet to Cllrs and Forton Primary School to decide if they wish to take part in this project. | Clerk |
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| **1833. Finance**  The following payments for February were checked and agreed: -  Easy Website - £30.36  Cllr Young expenses – printer ink - £28.99  Cllr Dodgson expenses – printer ink - £42.50  Vectos – Transport review - £1,400  Colin Cross Printers – pond signs - £69.60  SLCC – annual membership - £113.00  Mason Gillibrand – architectural fees - £653.94  CPRE countryside charity – annual membership - £36.00  Clerks wages - £382.20  Clerks expenses - £26.00 | Note |
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| **1834. Parish Reports / Issues from Councillors**  Parish Maintenance  Cllr Huddart confirmed that she was chasing up new noticeboard for Hollins Lane.  County Cllr Salter to speak to Highways about a large pothole on Ratcliffe Wharf Lane after several cars tyres were damaged over the weekend.  Cllr Huddart advised UU had offered help for litter picking around the village, Cllr Huddart to discuss with David & Rosalyn.  Hollins Lane updates  Laurus Homes roadways have been re-surfaced.  Cllr Dodgson advised a resident had complained about speeding and using Hollins Lane as a cut through due to roadworks on A6.  Potholes on Whinney Brow Lane have been partially filled in.  LALC  No updates. | County Cllr Salter  Cllr Huddart |
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| **1835. Cllr Huddart updates**  Cllr Huddart advised she was pleased with fencing and signage works carried out at the pond on School Lane. The landowners confirmed they had ordered a Heritage Hedgerow Pack to plant on boundary. |  |
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| **1836. Clerks updates**  The Clerk asked if Councillors had any further thoughts on making an application via the Champion Grant Application – Clerk to check if funds could be used for defibrillators.  The Clerk confirmed she had ordered a complimentary portrait of His Majesty King Charles III which could be brought to meetings or put up in village hall. | Clerk |
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| **1837. Date & Time of Next Meeting**  The date of the next meeting is Monday 8th April 2024 at 7pm | Note |
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| There being no other business the Chair closed the meeting at **8.20pm** | Note |

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

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

**Date: …………………………………**