

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2010 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. G. Burton (Chairman),
Councillor J. W. Burgess,
Councillor Miss S. Farr,
Councillor S. P. Fox,
Councillor P. Jones,
Councillor A. J. Mould,
Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham,
Councillor Mrs. N. A. Stanier,
Councillor A. E. Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor I. Parry,
County Councillor W. Day,
Mrs. C. J. Snape (Clerk),
Members of the public (2),
Press (1).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. S. A. Harrison, Councillor Rev. B. L. Whittaker and Councillor B. Yates.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

SCC Rights of Way Issues	Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham	Personal – Daughter employed by SCC in the Rights of Way Department.
Planning Application – 00200/FUL – The Limes, Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge.	Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham	Personal – Applicant known.
Area Survey/Highway Issues.	Councillor P. Jones	Personal – SCC Highway Officer Maryanne Raftery – personal friend.

Standing Orders were suspended.

3. OPEN SESSION.

3.1 Guest Speaker – County Councillor Ian Parry.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton introduced County Councillor Ian Parry, Deputy Leader of Staffordshire County Council and lead cabinet member for Children and young people who she said was attending the meeting in his role as Chairman of Governors of Blythe Bridge High School.

County Councillor Ian Parry addressed the Council by sharing the following information with regard to Blythe Bridge High School:

Blythe Bridge High School is probably the largest component of the community with 100 members of staff and over 1000 children. There are possibly 1500 people on site in any one-day and in common with most sites there is inevitably going to be an element of disruption. At any other similar school there will be the same level of disruption. Blythe Bridge High School is an important part of the community, which should be cherished. Some newspaper editorials are rather harsh towards Blythe Bridge High School and it is not up to the school to justify everything it does. Most parents of the pupils who attend the school are residents and electors. In the past there seems to be a number of issues, which have sparked friction between the Parish Council and High School such as the library and Egerton Centre.

Blythe Bridge High School does not own the school site. Five or six years ago there was a piece of land which the County Council sold and because it was not part of the actual school playing fields Sports of England had no objections to the sale. Capital receipt for the sale of the land went to Staffordshire County Council. Blythe Bridge High School could have had the option to apply for 50% to reinvest in the school. They were advised not to take any revenue but to pool £2m towards refurbishment of the library, the moving of the youth facilities to a new building (Egerton Centre), enlargement of the Sixth Form College and improved main entrance.

Health and Safety reports carried out by Staffordshire County Council and other agencies identified that there was a pupil/vehicle conflict on the High School site. The pedestrian barriers installed sometime ago were stage one of a larger scheme and did not fully satisfy the health and safety inspector's concerns. The High School governor's responsibility is for the safety of pupils on the school site. The road traffic issues outside the school are the responsibility of the highway authorities and the police. Observations before and after the installation of the vehicle restriction barriers show they have made no difference to the traffic outside the school. The majority of traffic on Cheadle Road is through traffic. Congestion is greater at rush hour. The school has tried to encourage children to walk. Many schools have vehicle restriction barriers. Ofsted has identified health and safety at the school as a priority, which needs to be addressed.

Blythe Bridge High School is a school you should be proud of and is verging on an Ofsted outstanding school. It is one of the best schools in the north of the County. There is an exemplary record of discipline and attendance record within the school.

County Councillor Ian Parry closed his report by saying that he hoped the school and Parish Council could work together to resolve issues.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton thanked County Councillor Ian Parry.

County Councillor W. Day said that there has never been any criticism of the school or standards of the School. He said that it was not yet known what impact the vehicle restriction barriers had actually had and officers have been asked to monitor the situation.

Questions/Answers/Observations (Councillors).

PS I agree entirely that we should be working together so do not understand why the school is so reluctant in wanting to work with the Parish Council unless they want some support from the Parish Council. For instance a few years ago when the School was seeking special Sports Academy status the Parish Council convened a meeting at very short notice and agreed to provide the necessary documentation to support the school in their endeavours.

IP In the past Forsbrook Parish Council was asked if they would like to nominate a member to sit on the governing body but the nominee never turned up to meetings.

PJ I refute that accusation. I was the Councillor nominated by the Parish Council. I attended many meetings but got very despondent when receiving the minutes to notice that I had often been registered as being absent from meetings.

GB We understand that you do not have to justify what the School does but past experience indicates that the school does not want to converse with the Parish Council. Couldn't the situation with regard to the vehicle restriction barriers have been avoided if the school governors had followed the recommendations of County Council Officers by siting the barriers further back from the island so that traffic could use the roundabout? Who made the decision to resite the barriers against the recommendations of County Council Officers?

IP Various officers at the County Council approved the exact siting of the barriers.

PS Quoted a recent incident where a fire engine had to wait ten minutes to be allowed entry to the school. She said that this was a non-emergency but what if it had not been.

IP Obviously, if it was an emergency the school would know.

WD Perhaps this is a problem, which needs to be addressed so that emergency services have ready access.

JWB Both my children were educated at Blythe Bridge High School and are doing remarkably well.

GB We are not talking about education – it is traffic and other problems in the village, which concern residents and members of Council.

- NS I do not know why other pupil/vehicle safety provisions cannot be considered so as to allow vehicles on site.
- IP If you mix pedestrians and vehicles on the same site there is going to be an accident. The exact siting of the barriers was a recommendation from County Council Officers. Moorside High School has a similar barrier system.
- WD Blythe Bridge High School is different to Moorside High School in that it has two entrances, one of which allows access with facilities for vehicles to turn around.
- GB You have previously mentioned that some of the revenue from the sale of school land was pooled to provide new youth centre facilities. An adequate and well-used youth centre was originally on the school site. What is the current position with regard to the Service Level Agreement? How often are the youth facilities open for youth? Who else uses the Egerton Centre?
- IP The Governors of the High School were very keen to get the Service Level Agreement resolved. The School contributed £300000 from their own budget for the improvements to the library and Egerton Centre and at times it has been very difficult for the school to book these facilities. In fact the new facilities have resulted in the school having much poorer library facilities.
- GB The community have difficulty booking the Egerton Centre because the school is constantly using it.
- WD What is the position with regard to the Service Level Agreement?
- IP Youth Services has recently been reorganised. There is currently a review on all premises including Blythe Bridge. Youth Services still manage the site. I personally want to see the investment in youth services, library and school work.
- AW The car park in front of the library where pupil's parents wait to collect children is very dangerous. If the barriers were installed further back on the school site this would allow vehicle access around the school roundabout.
- IP Dropping children off around the roundabout causes dangers and congestion within the school.
- AJM There is no friction between the Parish Council and the School. The friction is between the School and the Parish Council. The Parish Council never receives replies to correspondence sent to the school.
- PJ Many letters have been sent to the Head Teacher Mrs. Schanda inviting her to attend a Council meeting and to meet Councillors with no response.
- AJM There is also a problem with pupils discarding litter all around the village.

- IP What do you suggest the School does about litter in the village? Pupils are not officially allowed off the school grounds unless they have permission or attend the Sixth Form College. There is a minority of people in general who drop litter. You do not direct criticism at McDonalds when their cartons are dropped. I, like you, wish pupils and adults would not drop litter.
- GB The School should play their part in trying to control litter generated from their pupils.
- IP They are your children and you should cherish them.
- PS What is the catchment area for the school?
- IP Dilhorne, Fulford, Meir Heath, Meir Park, Meir, Caverswall and Stoke-on-Trent.
- AJM There is a grassed area at the entrance to the school adjacent to Cheadle Road. Would it not make sense to provide additional parking facilities on this area?
- IP Sport of England is very insistent on not allowing grassed areas to be converted.
- GB You have suggested that since the installation of the barriers, congestion around the school, at dropping off and collecting times is better. I have to disagree. At school times traffic is at a standstill. Forsbrook Parish Council were the instigators at forming a multi agency group to look at traffic in the Parish because it was deemed that this was unacceptable and was a concern raised by residents in the Parish Plan Survey Questionnaire.
- IP I have observed on some mornings that traffic seems lighter. I see traffic congestion at its worse at around 5.00pm.
- GB No I disagree – congestion at 3.00pm is horrendous.

Questions/Answers (Residents).

- JB Will any consideration be given to resiting the barriers to allow vehicles access around the roundabout.
- IP No – definitely not.
- MS I have noticed that the Sixth Form pupils are using the Church Car Park. They are driving at unrealistic speeds with mobile phones glued to their ears. There is going to be an accident. I also suggest that you look at the litter problems and damage to fencing around the school perimeter. I have already spoken to one member of your staff about this. Why are children let out of school at 9.30am?
- IP Part of the school problem is that the school is not enclosed. There are dozens of places to get in and out. The school do, however, police this very carefully. Some Sixth Form pupils have permits to park on the Church Car Park providing they do not abuse this privilege. I will undertake a site visit to look at the litter and fencing around the school.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton thanked County Councillor Ian Parry for attending the meeting and said it was very encouraging to have an open two-way discussion.

3.2 Residents Issues.

Mr. Michael Shufflebotham asked County Councillor W. Day if there was any progress on the resurfacing of Cheadle Road.

County Councillor W. Day said that there was some signs of Staffordshire County Council Highways catching up with filling in potholes with large patching areas being more substantial but that there were many roads that need rebuilding and there is no budget to rectify all of these maintenance requirements.

3.3 Report from County Councillor W. Day.

County Councillor W. Day said he had no matters to add to the report he had given to the clerk with regard to issues raised at the Environment Committee Meeting – Minutes Page 4 – agenda item 3 as follows:

Area Survey	County Councillor W. Day has again requested Staffordshire County Council Officer Maryanne Raftery to forward 13 copies of the Area Survey so that each member can study the findings to enable them to put forward issues for the Highway Divisional Plan.
Meeting with Highway Officer	Staffordshire County Council Officer Maryanne Raftery has agreed to attend a meeting sometime towards the end of May.
Safer Routes to School	Update: The proposed 'No Waiting' restrictions outside Lloyds Newsagents are not now being implemented. Uttoxeter Road/Stallington Road/Cheadle Road junction will be realigned. County Councillor W. Day has again asked the SRS engineers to look at reducing the width of the pavement adjacent to The Duke of Wellington to allow two way traffic to exit Cheadle Road. Primary School pedestrian crossing on Cheadle Road is being moved slightly from the location originally proposed. Blythe Bridge High School has opposed the proposals to allow children to enter and leave school directly from their school grounds on to Uttoxeter Road. They still wish children to use the present entry/exit point in front of the Police Offices.
Pothole adjacent to Britannia Building Society	County Councillor W. Day has again raised this with Staffordshire County Council Officers Maryanne Raftery and Rob Steele.
Pedestrian Crossing - centre of Forsbrook	This is included in the Divisional Plan.

Lavender Avenue Fencing Replacement of the fencing is included in the Division Plan as the second priority.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

4. INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING 'OUTSIDE' MEETINGS'.

4.1 Parish Online Meeting held on 18th March 2010.

It was noted that following the above meeting attended by the clerk, SMDC Officer Martin Pigott is putting forward a business case for the District Council to cover the cost for Parish Councils to receive the benefits of Parish Online. He is hoping a decision will be made by mid April.

Parish Online is a new service, which was launched in the autumn of 2009, which helps Parish Councils to manage their business and communicate with their residents more effectively through the use of digital maps and aerial photography.

4.2 Communities Mean Business Grants.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that she and the clerk had attended a site meeting with Andy Boys from Staffordshire Moorlands Community Voluntary Services to discuss possible grants under the above scheme. The clerk said that initial feedback was that purchasing and improving the scrubland behind the Village Hall together with an extension to the changing rooms could meet the criteria. There is a two-stage process for appraising and approving requests for project funding. The first stage, the 'Expression of Interest' is designed to give applicants the opportunity to give more details of the project. If the project shows potential and meets the criteria a full application to make a case for funding will need to be completed.

5. TO APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF:

Council Meeting of 15th March 2010.

Cemetery Committee Meeting of 7th April 2010.

Environment Committee Meeting of 7th April 2010.

Parish Plan Working Group Meeting of 7th April 2010.

RESOLVED:

- **To approve and sign the minutes as a correct record.**

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Minutes dated 15th March 2010 – Page 293 Agenda Item 6.

Minutes dated 15th February 2010 – Page 287 Agenda Item 10.1.

Certificate of lawfulness for existing use at 459 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.

As no reply had been received from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council the clerk was requested to write to Mr. Mike Green, with a copy to Chief Executive Simon Baker asking again for a response to Council's concerns.

7. CLERK'S REPORT.

7.1 The clerk's report was received and noted.

7.2 Outside meetings.

The following meetings were noted:

- NALC Conference and Exhibition – Localism in Action on Friday 2nd July 2010 at Marriot Bristol City Centre Hotel, Bristol and Thursday 9th September 2010 at The Royal York Hotel, York.
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Sustainable Staffordshire on 16th April commencing at 9.30am at Stafford Borough Council Civic Suite, Riverside, Stafford.

7.3 The following circulation material was made available to members.

- NALC – Direct Information Service Issues No. 730 and 731.
- Rural Services Network Parish Newsletters.
- Staffordshire Police – March 2010 Newsletter.
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Countryside walks and events for healthy lifestyle publication.
- Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – March 2010 Newsletter.
- Link Staffordshire Bulletin – Issue 2.
- S3SN E Bulletin of 15th April 2010.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Watchdog Forums.

Watchdog Forum Minutes dated 11th January 2010 together with dates of district forums and latest scams were received and noted.

8.2 247 Secure – subject: Security Management Solutions.

Information from the above company on security systems was received and noted.

8.3 Staffordshire Parish Councils Association – subject: SPCA Services to Members.

Details of the above were received and noted.

8.4 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Community Wellbeing Fund.

Details of funding opportunities for groups to apply for either a small grant of up to £1000 or a larger grant of up to £10000 to provide support and services for older and vulnerable people were received and noted.

Councillor P. Jones requested contact details to pass on to the local Wednesday Luncheon Club.

8.5 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Mineral Campaign Success.

It was noted that at a meeting of the West Midlands Regional Assembly on 17th March the arguments put forward by Staffordshire County Council to reduce the proportion of the West Midlands sand and gravel prevailed with a reduction from 65% to 55%, which equates to an annual 1 million tonne reduction.

8.6 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – subject: Parish Assembly Update.

Details of the results of the Parish Assembly consultation on reasons for poor attendance were received and noted.

8.7 County Councillor W. Day – subject: Invite to County Councillor Mike Maryon to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss Highway issues.

The following response from County Councillor Mike Maryon was noted.

Since becoming portfolio holder for highways, as well as for the environment I have, as you can probably imagine, received many such invitations. However, with around 220 Parishes and Urban wards in the County, you will appreciate that it is impossible for me to accept these invitations,

otherwise every night of the 260 week day evenings available per year would be filled without me being able to carry out work in my own Division, with my Parish Councils and community groups.

In recent months Staffordshire Highways has introduced some innovative new approaches to managing the highways operation and this has allowed a number of staff to be redeployed to focus on community liaison. However, increasing the numbers of officers dedicated to community liaison is only part of the solution. As long as the many hundreds of local wish lists continue to flow through to officers in a fairly ad hoc and unstructured way, with the expectation of early action, then the service will never be able to meet demand.

Therefore as you know our new administration, is striving to establish close working relationships in which the community liaison officers work with local County Members and with Parishes and other representatives where appropriate, to look at local issues, decide what the priorities should be

and then translate these into forward work programmes that are capable of being delivered within available resources. These programmes would be periodically updated as new issues arise and delivery would be monitored as part of the Staffordshire Highways performance management system.

We have already demonstrated our commitment to improving the maintenance of the highways network. Firstly, by ploughing another £30m into highway maintenance over the next three years and secondly by working closely with the local community through you, the local county councillor, to ensure that maintenance focuses on local neighbourhood needs as well as our statutory duties and also of course introducing Neighbourhood Highway Teams to get to the root of the local clean up and maintenance issues that make the County look shabby in places.

Out on the campaign trail we found that highways and potholes was a hot topic, but linked to this and equally, if not more important, was the issue of school gate road safety. Our manifesto promise was to introduce more 20mph safety zones especially around schools and communities with particular safety needs.

many. That's the message we received loud and clear.

This is why within a few months of taking office we introduced a trial of 20mph zones at eight schools, one in each district. It proved to be very popular with parents and Cabinet have announced a cast iron commitment to introducing 20mph controls at many schools across the county.

If it would help, I can ask an officer from the community liaison team to attend your Parish meeting to discuss local issues. If you would like to do this then please contact Mary Anne Raftery and she will make the arrangements.

RESOLVED:

- **To again extend an invitation to Staffordshire County Council Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery to attend a meeting to discuss local issues.**

- 8.8 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Playbuilder funding.

It was noted that unfortunately Forsbrook Parish Council has not been successful in acquiring additional playbuilder funding for play equipment.

- 8.9 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Gating Order for Public Footpath No. 12.

Members of Council agreed not to register any concerns regarding the above proposal, providing all residents affected have been fully consulted.

- 8.10 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – subject: Moorlands Together Action Day (Environment Minutes page 5 agenda item 5.1.2 refers).

A copy of the above letter setting out the new working policy with regard to the above was distributed to all members.

- 8.8 To receive and note general correspondence and to agree action as required.

From:

Subject:

Email Exchanges:

Andy Boys
Jim McConalogue

Stephen Beck, Clerk to Fulford Parish Council
Terry Knight,
Qstar
Faye Lambert, Community Rail Partnership
Officer

Communities Mean Business Grants.
Help with petition signatures for noise monitoring issues on the A50 to allow W. Cash to present to Parliament.

Asking for signatures to support above action.
Asking for signatures to support above action.
Deterrent camera repairs.

Press release on improvements at Blythe Bridge Railway Station.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton asked Councillor Mrs. N. Stanier to pass on the Council's thanks to Graham Stanier for all his recent hard work. She said the Station, with all the recent improvements was looking great.

SCC (Maryanne Raftery)
SCC (David Greatbatch)

Additional copies of Area Survey.
Reminder for new grit bin at Stratford Close,

SCC (Paul Rochfort)	Forsbrook. Clapper bridge repairs.	Page 18
SCC (Hugh Lufton)	Completed consultation on the Staffordshire Freight Strategy.	
SMDC	Links to meetings, agendas etc.	
SMDC	Reports on fly tipping, dog fouling, litter and damaged or missing street nameplates.	
SCC (Clarence)	Reports re: potholes at various locations.	
Staffordshire Parish Council's Association	Various issues: New admin; staffing arrangements; weekly updates; S3SN Ebulletins; meetings; top 50 Green Leaders competition; rural advocate report; allotments guide; regional planning; deterrent camera; purdah prior to elections; clerk's day; latest info on the handover from WRA to the Leaders Board; link bulletin;	
Staffordshire Parish Council's Association	Governance & Accountability for Local Councils (Note: This Practitioners Guide for 2010 has been downloaded in hard copy with copy also stored on the Parish Council's Computer).	
Community Council of Staffordshire	Consultation on local health and social care services. (Note: Representative willing to attend Parish Council meeting).	
NALC	Local Council Review now on line free of charge to subscribers.	
Owl Messaging Service	Car crime in Forsbrook and Caverswall.	

9. PLANNING.

9.1 Planning Application:

- 00200/FUL – The Limes, Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge – detached bungalow.
- 00158/FUL – St. Peters Church, Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge – single storey side extension.
- 00254/OUT – 51 East Bank Ride, Forsbrook – detached dwelling (outline).
- 00258/OUT – 00258/OUT – Land adjacent to 11 Cypress Grove, Blythe Bridge – two semi detached dwellings (outline).
- 00280/FUL – Bramdean, Cheadle Road, Forsbrook – first floor front, side and rear extensions.

RESOLVED:

- **00200/FUL to raise the same concerns as with previous application 01095/FUL – over development as planning permission has already been granted for the conversion of a coach house, insufficient parking for three dwellings, poor entry/exit, privacy of adjacent neighbours.**
(Note: Staffordshire Moorlands District Council refused planning application 01095/FUL because it failed to fully comply with the amenity standards as set out within Appendix 3 'Space About Dwellings').
- **00158/FUL to raise no concerns providing every care is taken in respect of interments and memorials within the churchyard.**

- **00254/OUT – to raise concern as the proposed dwelling fails to fully comply with amenity standards as set out within Appendix 3 ‘Space About Dwellings’.**

Page 19

- **00258/OUT – to register the same concerns as with the previous planning application for this site – inadequate private amenity space, over development of plot and site lies within a flood plain.**
- **00280/FUL – to raise no concerns providing the scale and design are in keeping and the proposals have no adverse effect on the privacy of adjacent neighbours.**

9.2 Planning Approvals:

There were no planning approvals to note.

9.3 Planning Refusal:

There were no planning refusals to note.

9.4 Planning issues.

There were no planning issues to discuss.

10. CEMETERY:

10.1 Cemetery Report.

Chairman of the Cemetery Committee Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham said there were no issues to report.

10.2 Cemetery Committee Meeting of 7th April 2010.

RESOLVED:

- To approve the recommendations of the Cemetery Committee as minutes pages 1 and 2.

10.3 Cemetery Issues.

No cemetery issues were raised.

11. ENVIRONMENT:

11.1 Environment Report.

Chairman of the Environment Committee Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that a Gating Order for the rear of the properties in Church Terrace has been approved, following complaints regarding anti social behaviour. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council has consulted with all residents and has asked the Parish Council if they have any views on the proposals. If the Parish Council raises no concerns there will be a further consultation with residents. The intention is for the gates to be permanently locked with residents being provided with a key.

RESOLVED:

- **To raise no objections to the proposed Gating Order.**

11.2 Environment Committee Meeting of 7th April 2010.

Councillor P. Jones referred to the above minutes – Page 4 agenda item 4 and said that he felt the Parish Council should not have to pay for the scrubland because it was already community land. He reminded members that residents had raised the finances to provide a village hall through many fund raising activities.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton said that if the Parish Council took over the scrubland behind the Village Hall/Medical Centre it could be greatly improved and if financial help was available through Communities Mean Business grants, a scheme could be put together to possibly include an extension to the changing rooms, bmx track etc.

It was **unanimously agreed** to see if the scheme envisaged met the criteria for funding through the Communities Mean Business Grants Scheme.

RESOLVED:

- To approve the recommendations of the Environment Committee as minutes pages 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Members **agreed** that it was appropriate to ask Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Planning Department to serve a 215 notice on the owners of The Smithfield Hotel (Environment Minutes dated 7th April 2010 minutes page 5 agenda 5.1.7 refers).

11.3 Environment Issues.

Issue	Action
Surface of pavements breaking up within the Parish.	Report to 'Clarence' as and when identified.
A50 – flooding.	Already reported to 'Clarence'.
Drain blocked opposite 14 Chestnut Avenue, Blythe Bridge.	Report to 'Clarence'.
Blythe Bridge Post Office – their car park and adjacent footway breaking up.	Already reported to 'Clarence'.
Travis Perkins – untidy triangular piece of land in their ownership. Environment minutes of 7 th April – page 5 agenda item 5.1.6.	Write to Head Office of Travis Perkins.
Cars obstructing pavement access adjacent to The Duke of Wellington.	Report to Staffordshire Police.
Footpath 4a – Cheadle Road – missing 'No Cycles' sign.	Report to 'Clarence'.

12. PARISH PLAN:

RESOLVED:

- To approve the recommendations of the Parish Plan Working Group as minutes page 7.

13. FINANCE:

13.1 Bank balance.

It was noted that the bank balance as at 31st March 2010 was:

Community Direct Account	27735.72
14 Day Account	42706.26
Outstanding debits	(1106.15)
Total	69335.83

13.2 April 2010 accounts.

The following cheques were submitted for approval:

Cheque No.	Supplier	Net	VAT	Gross
401951	Town and Country Services	1054.00	184.44	1238.44
401952	J. G. Fenn Limited	56.23	9.84	66.07
401953	S.M.D.C.	512.00	89.60	601.60
401954	SPCA	20.00		20.00
401955	Mr. D. W. Shaw	60.00		60.00
401956	SPCA	596.00		596.00
401957	NALC	105.00		105.00
401958	Community Council of Staffs.	22.00		22.00
401959	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	39.00		39.00
401960	Christine J. Snape	878.95		878.95
DD	Eon	38.09	1.91	40.00
Total		3381.27	285.79	3667.06

RESOLVED:

- To approve payment of April 2010 accounts.

14. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 12th May 2010 commencing at 7.30pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.50pm.

Clerk to the Council.

Chairman.