

## FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2012 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs. G. Burton (Chairman),  
Councillor J. W. Burgess,  
Councillor J. W. Cornwall,  
Councillor Miss S. Farr,  
Councillor Mrs. C. R. Hopley,  
Councillor F. J. Hopley,  
Councillor P. Jones,  
Councillor Miss J. P. Morris,  
Councillor A. J. Mould  
Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham,  
Councillor Mrs. N. A. Stanier,  
Councillor A. E. Wilson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor W. Day,  
Mrs. C. J. Snape (Clerk),  
Members of the public (7),  
Press (1).

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor B. Yates.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Item	Member declaring interest	Nature of interest
SCC Rights of Way Issues  Forsbrook Primary School William Amory School	Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham	Personal – Daughter employed by SCC in the Rights of Way Department. Personal – employee.  Personal – school governor.
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A. J. Mould	Personal – volunteer at Foxfield Railway.
Planning Issues	Councillor F. J. Hopley Note: Councillor F. J. Hopley left Council Chambers whilst planning related issues were being discussed.	Personal – member of Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Planning Committee.
SCC Highway Issues  Tesco	Councillor P. Jones	Personal – SCC Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery personal friend. Personal – employee of Tesco.

## **Standing Orders were suspended.**

### **3. OPEN SESSION.**

#### 3.1 Residents Issues.

##### 3.1.1 Recreation Ground/Jubilee Gardens.

Two residents from Blythe Bridge attended the meeting to congratulate the Parish Council on the excellent work they are doing to improve the scrubland adjacent to the recreation ground but said they were very disappointed that newly erected fencing had been vandalised. They also raised the issue of discarded litter and broken bottles, the latter of which was causing injury to dogs.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton said that the anti social behaviour and criminal damage has been reported to the police, who are aware of some of the troublemakers who will be targeted and police patrols in the area are being stepped up. She also said that the Parish Council pay for a weekly litter collection.

##### 3.1.2 Foxfield Light Railway Society – Variation to a Premises Licence.

Four residents from Forsbrook spoke on behalf of many residents regarding their concerns to the above proposals, as outlined under agenda item 8.8, which if granted will affect residents dramatically. They referred to problems experienced last year when a three-day rock festival was held on site. The objections they raised against this premises licence variation were on the ground of Public Nuisance, Crime and Disorder and Public Safety for the following reasons.

- Any events will probably be held in the open or in marquees so noise will travel affecting many residents.
- Unacceptable amounts of litter from visitors to the site will be discarded on rural roads.
- Foxfield Railway is situated off a country lane with no pavement, street lighting and on a bad bend and the site and infrastructure is not capable of accommodating large numbers of vehicles, especially if a marquee utilises some of the site.
- Anti Social behaviour in the area will increase due to the sale of alcohol on and off premises.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton read a letter she had received from a resident in Caverswall Road also listing similar concerns regarding the application.

She said that Council would be discussing this application later in the meeting and residents were more than welcome to remain.

#### 3.2 County Council Report.

County Councillor W. Day gave the following report:

##### Churnet Road, Forsbrook.

Patching work will be undertaken in the next 2/3 weeks and in the meantime potholes will be filled.

##### Uttoxeter Road/Cheadle Road/Stallington Road junction.

Staffordshire County Council Highway Officer David Greatbatch has been requested to bring back to the table all assessments/schemes that have previously been considered in respect of improvements at the above junction.

Crime Prevention Panel.

Representatives are required on Moorlands East Crime Prevention Panel. Meetings are held once a month on the first Tuesday but may be changed to either Thursday or Friday.

In response to highway defect concerns raised by a Councillor, County Councillor W. Day promised to get a reactive inspector to look at the road surface condition in Hillside Avenue and The Avenue, Blythe Bridge. Reports have already been logged with Staffordshire County Council Highway Defects Department.

**Standing Orders were reinstated.**

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

Crime Prevention Panel Meeting.

Councillor F. J. Hopley reported that PC Stephen Critchlow has been tasked with getting information together on crime hot spots. There are five areas where crime is bad and these areas will be targeted.

The police are raising awareness of forensic marking products such as Smartwater. This device leaves an indelible mark and can be detected by police when a light is shone on the suspect or stolen item. Parish Councils can purchase a Smartwater for £20.00.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton said that PCSO Adam Charlesworth has now been deployed to the area full time to replace PC Stephen Critchlow.

**5. TO APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF:  
Council Meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012.**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.**

6.1 Minutes dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Page 34 – agenda item 11.2 – Bookmakers, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.

It was noted that Street Litter Control Notices do not cover Bookmakers.

6.2 Minutes dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Page 25 – Agenda item 3.1 – Day Care Centres.

Copy of email from Staffordshire County Council to County Councillor W. Day on the above issues as detailed below was noted:

*“Thank you for your letter regarding concerns about day care centres.*

*Firstly I must make clear that building based care is not being ceased arbitrarily but it is a fact that during the last couple of years the options available for all sorts of day activities have increased significantly across the voluntary and commercial sector in Staffordshire. The greater choice in what is available means that very traditional day care services are becoming less popular but it does not mean that sort of service will disappear completely if people want to choose it.*

*With regards to your comments around affordability, clearly there are challenges about sustainability of social care services when faced with such a large increase in the number of older people over the next decade and the growing population living longer with more complex health challenges. That is tremendous but does, of course create financial challenges for the future.*

*Staffordshire is one of the few authorities in the UK not to be arbitrarily cutting front line social care services because we started work three years ago to make substantial savings via new management structures, vastly improved procurement practices and better use of public assets. But the demographic challenge remains immense and we are also investing heavily in intervening earlier with lighter touch support and reablement services to help people stay more independent so avoiding the need for more intensive care for longer.*

*To help achieve longer term sustainability the Partnership for Care was established after a lengthy public consultation twelve months ago. The principle is for people who are assessed as financially able, to make a contribution towards their care based on their personal circumstances. The greater use of direct payments will further develop choice in the care services available across Staffordshire and also means people who are assessed as needing care services will be supported through the payments depending on their means testing.*

*Once again, thank you for your letter and I hope this offers some reassurance that the scope and choice of services will continue to increase during the coming years rather than declining albeit with growth largely outside County Council delivered services.”*

**Agreed** to write to Helen Wainwright, Moorlands Home Link asking for clarification as to how the new funding arrangements will affect the Wednesday Luncheon Club held at Blythe Bridge Methodist Chapel.

6.3 Minutes dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Page 34 – Agenda item 11.2 – New Code of Conduct

Queries raised at the above meeting have been covered in the documents distributed to Council members with the agenda.

6.4 Minutes dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Page 34 – Agenda item 11.2 – Public toilets

Blythe Bridge High School is working closely with local police officers and it appears that the matter with regard to students congregating in the public toilets has been resolved. It was **agreed** to monitor the situation particularly as older groups, not connected with the school are gathering around the public toilets.

## 7. CLERK'S REPORT.

7.1 Agenda enclosures, correspondence outgoing and emails not detailed as separate agenda items were noted.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton referred to correspondence and email with regard to Tesco converting The Duke of Wellington into a small convenience store. She read the letter Tesco has sent to Ward Councillors (some residents have received a similar letter) and the emails from the clerk to Tesco's Corporate Affairs Manager Jonathan Simpson. For reference purposes this correspondence is appended below:

Letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> June 2012 from Tesco.

*“As a Councillor of Forsbrook Ward I am writing to you about a new Tesco Express store which we would like to build in your area, at the former Duke of Wellington pub on Uttoxeter Road.*

*This letter is to let you know about our plans and provide some information on the new store.*

*A Tesco Express is a small convenience store designed to offer customers the best in convenience foods, providing a wide range of fresh produce as well as essential items for a basket shop.*

*The site already has permission for use as a convenience store, but we do need to submit applications to the council for an extension to the ground floor, air conditioning equipment and a cash machine – as well as advertisement consent for signage. The proposals will also include enhancements to the existing elevations which will improve access.*

*Our Express stores are very much local stores for nearby residents, helping people to shop in their neighbourhoods and reducing longer trips to the supermarket, particularly for those without a car. As they are a small store, they have the added benefit of being open longer on Sundays.*

*The store will create around 20 full and part time jobs for local people. We offer industry-leading pay and benefits with an opportunity to progress within Tesco.*

*Our stores are always well staffed and we find the presence of our staff and customers often acts as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour.*

*Deliveries to the store take place between 3 and 5 times a day and normally include a small morning delivery of fresh bread and milk followed by fresh produce and other groceries. We have a large fleet of different sized delivery vehicles and use those that are the appropriate size for the store.*

*Every Express store takes part in Community activities and charity fundraising. If you have any suggestions as to which local charities or community events we could support, please let us know before the store opens and we promise to consider them.*

*The building works will be kept to a minimum and we will be able to confirm an exact date nearer the time. We only use contractors who are signed up to the considerate constructors programme.*

*If you wish to discuss any concerns or questions please email us at [property.enquiries@uk.tesco.com](mailto:property.enquiries@uk.tesco.com).”*

Emails from the Clerk to Jonathan Simpson following telephone conversation:

Dated 26<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

*“Thank you for getting back to me so quickly.*

*I am sure Forsbrook Parish Councillors will want to meet representatives from Tesco but feel this would be more appropriate once the planning application has been submitted to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and Staffordshire County Council have been consulted regarding any highway improvements that you intend to make. We will then have a clearer picture of your intentions. Will it also be possible to make this a Public open meeting to enable residents to view detailed plans and ask questions/raise concerns? Obviously if you agree to a Public meeting it will be better to have this in an evening.*

*Look forward to hearing from you.”*

Dated 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

*“Further to my email of 26<sup>th</sup> June, one question I did not ask you and which I am not clear on is has Tesco already taken legal possession of The Duke of Wellington and if not when will this be finalised.”*

It was noted that no replies have been received to the emails.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton also read emails which the clerk has written to James Armishaw of Punch Taverns, the owners of The Duke of Wellington and his reply as appended hereunder.

Email dated 15.06.12 from the clerk to James Armishaw:

*“I am the clerk to Forsbrook Parish Council and our Parish encompasses part of Blythe Bridge where The Duke of Wellington is located. There are rumours circulating in the village that Tesco has negotiated to purchase this site. Whilst I understand that there may be some confidentiality in this matter are you in a position to confirm whether or not this is true. There are several petitions circulating in the villages of Forsbrook and Blythe Bridge objecting to this and obviously if it is just a rumour the Parish Council would prefer to squash these before they escalate. SMDC Planning Department has already advised that they have received no preliminary enquiries so there is no planning application from Tesco that has been submitted”.*

Email reply dated 18.06.12 from James Armishaw:

*“The short answer is I am not sure, however I have sent a request for some more information. I will get back to you as soon as I know”.*

Tesco and Punch Taverns have both made comments in a recent press article in The Sentinel.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2012 the clerk updated County Councillor W. Day who has advised that Tesco are aware of highway concerns highlighted by Staffordshire County Council.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton and Councillor F. J. Hopley have clarified with SMDC planning department that no planning application has been submitted or preliminary planning discussions held with Tesco. There is also no record of The Duke of Wellington site being a small convenience store as stated by Tesco.

It was **agreed** to again email Jonathan Simpson asking for an update.

7.2 Dates of following 'outside' meetings were noted:

### **Staffordshire Parish Councils Association Training Courses.**

New Councillor Training Seminar.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Venue: Trentham Room, Staffordshire Place 1, Tipping Street, Stafford. ST16 2LP.

Cost: Affiliated Councils - £20.00 first delegate, £15.00 for the second and £10.00 for additional delegates from the same Council.

Chairmanship Training Seminars – Modules 1 & 2.

Module 1.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Venue: White Room, County Buildings, Martin Street, Stafford. ST16 2LR.

Cost: Affiliated Councils - £20.00 first delegate, £15.00 for the second and £10.00 for additional delegates from the same Council

Module 2.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – 7.00pm-9.00pm.

Venue: Room 3, Peel Building, St. Chads Place, Stafford. ST16 2DH.

Cost: Affiliated Councils - £20.00 first delegate, £15.00 for the second and £10.00 for additional delegates from the same Council.

Bookings to be made by email or telephone.

**Ascent Trade Fair** – 11.30am to 8.00pm on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at Churnet Room, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek – subject: flagship plans to build bespoke accommodation for older people with care needs on the former British Trimmings factory site in Leek.

7.3 The following circulation material was received and noted:

- Staffordshire 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Network E-Bulletins.
- LCR Online.
- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust E News June 2012.
- Rural Services Network Online.
- NALC – Direct Information Service Issues 786 and 787.
- Clerks & Councils Direct – July Issue.
- Staffordshire County Council – Summer Activities for Young People aged 12-19 years in Staffordshire Moorlands.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and Staffordshire Parish Councils Association – subject: New Code of Conduct and Notification by Member of a Local Authority of Pecuniary and Other Interests.

A copy of the above was distributed to members with the agenda and it was noted that members should complete the new Notification by Member of a Local Authority of Pecuniary and Other Interest so that the clerk can collate and return to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council by 28<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

### **RESOLVED:**

➤ **To accept the New Code of Conduct.**

8.2 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Temporary Road Traffic Regulation Order at Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge.

It was noted that the above order which comes into operation on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012 will prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in the length of Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge in the immediate vicinity of Stallington Road Level Crossing, unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works. Through vehicular access and pedestrian access will not be permitted. Alternative routes for traffic will be available. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 07.00 hours.

8.3 Cheadle Town Council – subject: Proposals to remove dog-fouling bins.

It was noted that Cheadle Town Council is strongly opposed to the removal of dog fouling bins throughout the district by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council achieving an annual saving of £5300 and that they are seeking support from other Councils to object to this proposal.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that she has been promised that no dog fouling bins will be removed without consultation with ward members who can liaise with Parish Councils. Forsbrook Parish Council has purchased seven dog-fouling bins and Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Hall have purchased one and careful consideration was given as to where best to site them.

Councillor P. Jones said that the saving of £5300 was insignificant taking into account the number of times Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Street Scene team will be requested to clean up dog faeces which dog owners have failed to remove.

**Agreed** to write to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council objecting to these proposals with a copy to Cheadle Town Council.

#### 8.4 Admiral Insurance – subject: Damage to cemetery wall.

It was noted that Admiral Insurance have acknowledged receipt of the two quotes provided by Forsbrook Parish Council for the repairs to the damage to the cemetery wall. It was also noted that Admiral Insurance are currently having ongoing Indemnity issues with the insured and due to this Forsbrook Parish Council have been required to complete an Assignment and Agreement form to allow them to endeavour to make recovery of the costs from their insured.

#### 8.5 Inspector Clare Riley – subject: Rural Crime Initiatives.

Details of rural crime initiatives that will be running throughout 2012 and dates of events where local officers will be out in the community talking about impact on rural crime, smartwater, crime prevention and encouraging people to register their property through immobile were noted.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that there has been an upturn in anti social behaviour and suggested inviting Inspector Clare Riley to the next Council meeting.

**Agreed** to invite Inspector Clare Riley to the next Council meeting and to arrange for Neil Carter to provide a demonstration of the Smartwater, which can be purchased by Parish Councils for £20 as opposed to £60 on the internet.

#### 8.6 Knights Solicitors llp – subject: Title Information Document.

It was noted that the land transfer of the scrubland to Forsbrook Parish Council has now been registered with the Land Registry. The original documents will be stored in the solicitor's strong room for safekeeping. The Law Society recommends that firms keep correspondence files for between two and sixteen years depending upon the contents of the files. At the end of this time, the files are destroyed confidentially unless there are particular circumstances requiring them to be kept for long periods. Forsbrook Parish Council files will be kept for 16 years and, unless Knights Solicitors receives a written request from Forsbrook Parish Council for them to be sent to us during this period, it will be assumed that we have authorised them to arrange for destruction of the files at the end of that period.



**Agreed** to request that the documents are returned to Forsbrook Parish Council so that they can be stored with other Council documents in the archives at Stafford.

- 8.7 Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – subject: Weekly Updates/NALC Briefings on various issues.

The above documents were received and noted. No questions were raised.

- 8.8 The following general correspondence was noted and appropriate action agreed.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton introduced an important Licensing Application for Foxfield Light Railway Society – the subject of which had already been raised and debated under Open Forum. The Variation to the Premises Licence is to allow for:

- Films, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performances of Dance, anything of a similar description to Live/Recorded Music, provision of facilities for making music, dancing and anything similar to be indoors and outdoors from 09.00 to 00.30 Monday to Thursday and 09.00 to 02.00 on Friday to Sundays.
- Sale of Alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 09.00 to 00.30 Monday to Thursdays and 09.00 to 02.00 on Friday to Sundays.
- Opening Hours to the public to be from 08.00 to 01.00 Monday to Thursdays and 09.00 to 02.30 on Friday to Sundays.

**Agreed** to register strong objections to the proposals. For information purposes a copy of the letter sent to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Licensing Department is appended hereunder:

*"I have been instructed by members of Forsbrook Parish Council to register concerns regarding the above proposals for the following reasons:*

1. ***Sale of alcohol for consumption both on and off the premises from 09.00 to 00.30 Monday to Thursdays and 09.00 to 02.00 on Friday to Sundays.***

*Foxfield Light Railway Society, is at the moment a family tourist attraction with charitable status and was formed to renovate steam locomotives and provide trips along a restored railway track. The sale of alcohol during this lengthy period (17 hours Friday, Saturday and Sunday) will certainly attract anti social behaviour, particularly as they will be selling alcohol for consumption on and off the premises. Residents will have to endure groups of people leaving the site on foot or in vehicles in the early hours of the morning, who have been drinking for long periods of time. It will also encourage groups, some underage, to attempt to purchase alcohol when other premises are shut.*

2. ***Films, Live Music, Recorded Music, Performances of Dance, anything of a similar description to Live/Recorded Music, provision of facilities for making music, dancing and anything similar to be indoors and outdoors from 09.00-00.30 Monday to Thursdays and 09.00 to 02.00 on Friday to Sundays.***

*Foxfield Light Railway Society is located on the boundary of Forsbrook and Caverswall and because of the close proximity to residential property in Forsbrook and Blythe Bridge the noise affects our residents to a much greater extent than Caverswall. Last year when a music festival took place, under a temporary licence, the noise was so loud, as well as disturbing residents in Blythe Bridge, Forsbrook and Caverswall it could be clearly heard by residents living as far away as Draycott and Dilhorne. The language from the groups and attendees was totally unacceptable and the police had to be called several times over the three-day festival. The music went on from early in the day until 03.00am. Forsbrook Parish Council received many complaints and could not contact anyone of authority at Foxfield to deal with the concerns. It appears that the management team at Foxfield merely hire out their facilities so have no direct control over the events when they*

are taking place. Enclosed herewith is copy of letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011 that was sent to

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Rachel Duffin and also copy of letter that was sent to the Chairman of Foxfield Railway Mr. Ian Rutherford after the above event.

**3. Access.**

*Foxfield Light Railway is located on a narrow country lane, very near to a bad bend. There is no public transport to the site, no footway and no street lighting in close proximity. To encourage more visitors to this site whether by car or on foot would be a step in the wrong direction and pedestrian/vehicle conflict would be severely compromised.*

**4. Litter**

*In a recent Parish Plan survey undertaken by Forsbrook Parish Council, environment was highlighted as being very important to residents. The amount of refuse left behind in nearby country lanes when events such as those proposed take place will obviously have a detrimental effect on rural life, not to mention the cost in Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Street Scene team being called on to undertake litter collections.*

*Members of Forsbrook Parish Council believe that the current temporary licences that Foxfield operate within at the moment are sufficient and hope that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Licensing Officers will support us in refusing the Variation to a Premises Licence.”*

**General:**

None

**Email Exchanges:**

James Armishaw, Punch Taverns

Jonathan Simpson, Tesco

Councillors

County Councillor W. Day

Victoria Ellis, SMDC

Rob Steele, SCC

Press

Press

Faye Lambert, Community Rail Officer

Daryl Wright

Blythe Bridge High School

Mark Brian, Senior Football Team

Cerda Planning Co. UK

Staffordshire Police

Staffordshire Police

Owl Online Watch

Staffordshire County Council

County Councillor W. Day

Staffordshire County Council

**Subject:**

Proposals for Tesco convenience store on the Duke of Wellington site.

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Information on Tesco proposals.

Information on Tesco proposals.

Thank you – support with Community Action Day.

Thank you – support in clearing overgrowth from Tater Lane to Stuart Avenue.

Press release – Community Action Day.

Press release – Station supporters.

Future work at Blythe Bridge Station.

Thanks for allowing use of recreation facilities and introductory reduced fee.

Public Toilets.

Fine/No longer wish to use facilities.

Proposed redevelopment plans for the Wedgwood Estate, Barlaston – Consultation event at the Wedgwood Museum on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – 2.30pm – 7.30pm.

Warning after distraction burglaries.

Update on anti social behaviour in the Parish.

Crime incidents.

A521 Cheadle Road – proposals to reduce speed.

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Highway defect issues:

Overgrown hedge – Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge;

Road surface condition – Churnet Road, Forsbrook;

Blocked culvert – Draycott Old Road, Forsbrook.

**Note: All correspondence/documents are available to view on the evening of the Council Meeting or by prior arrangement with the clerk.**

## 9. PLANNING.

### 9.1 Planning Applications:

There were no planning applications before Council for the period in question.

### 9.2 Planning Approvals:

The following planning approvals were noted:

00355/FUL – 11 New Close Avenue, Forsbrook – proposed garage at rear.

00407/FUL – 11 Cedar Avenue, Blythe Bridge – proposed demolition of existing garage and rear conservatory and construction of new side and rear single storey extension.

### 9.3 Planning Refusals:

The following planning refusal was noted:

00325/FUL – The Furlongs, Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge – erection of 2 no. detached dwellings.

*Reasons: The application site lies within the Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Development Boundary, and whilst there is no objection in principle to residential development on this site, other material planning considerations must be satisfied. Whilst the design of each of the two proposed new dwellings are generally acceptable in their own right it is considered that they are not appropriate for this particular location/plot and result in a proposed layout which would have an adverse amenity impact upon the occupants of a neighbouring dwelling known as Hadleigh and also result in a poor amenity standard and poor interrelationship between the proposed dwellings and the existing Furlongs dwelling. The application is therefore contrary to Saved policies B13 and Appendix 3 'Space About Dwellings' of the Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan, Saved policy D2 of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Structure Plan, policy DC1 of the Core Strategy (Revised Submission Document December 2011) and the National Planning Policy Framework including Chapter 7 'Requiring Good Design.'*

### 9.4 Planning Issues.

No planning issues were raised.

## 10. CEMETERY:

### 10.1 Cemetery Report.

Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee reported that there were only a couple of more burial plots in the current cemetery field and JBM Memorials were measuring and providing marker lines for internments in the new cemetery field.

She also reported that the clerk was arranging to order two parking posts to control the movement of vehicles in the new cemetery field.

## 10.2 Cemetery Issues.

The clerk confirmed that the new cemetery field had not been consecrated by the Diocese but that each burial plot is consecrated by the church minister when interments take place.

## 11. ENVIRONMENT:

### 11.1 Environment Report.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton (Chairman of the Environment Committee) gave the following report.

Improvements to scrubland – recently erected fencing.

Following recent damage where fencing has been vandalised and used to make a den, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust has suggested only replacing the fencing immediately behind the Medical Centre. They have also suggested that instead of two picnic tables/benches Council consider installing benches only and for these to be set apart from one another so as not to encourage groups of teenagers.

**Agreed.**

Football facilities.

Email from Daryl Wright (Ladies Football Team) had been received following Council's confirmation that they can use the facilities:

*"Fantastic news and thank you very much for the gesture it's very kind of the parish council. We are delighted that we can play at the pitch. The ladies are really excited at the thought of playing there for this season. Once again please pass my thanks to everyone on the parish council and most importantly yourself for the help and generosity on behalf of everyone at Lightwood Ladies."*

Both senior men's football teams have paid the £50 fine imposed (minutes dated 18<sup>th</sup> June – Page 34 – agenda item 11.1 refers) but Forsbrook Senior Football team have advised that they no longer wish to use the facilities because they cannot get enough team players.

**Agreed** to advertise the facilities.

### 11.2 Environment Issues.

Issue	Action
Overgrown hedge – Cheadle Road from Portland Drive to Forsbrook Cemetery.	Report to Staffordshire County Council Highway Defects.
Overgrown hedge – footpath 5b.	Report to Staffordshire County Council Rights of Way Department.
Parking in restricted area adjacent to The Bakeshop, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge.	Councillor Mrs. G. Burton said she would again contact Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Enforcement Office. Councillor P. Jones said that the Enforcement Officers have been in Blythe Bridge and issued fixed penalty tickets.
New fence erected by Travis Perkins, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge to	Noted.

protect their stock.	
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Parking spaces – opposite The Late Shop.	It was noted that a request has been made for these to be removed.
Sunken kerbstones adjacent to Lloyds Newsagents, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.	Report to Staffordshire County Council Highway Defects.
Sale of cars on the grassed area on the approach to the Tesco roundabout, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.	Fulford Parish Council are liaising with County Councillor Ian Parry to resolve the matter.
Dangerous parking adjacent to the new build properties next to Blythe Bridge Post Office.	Report to local police officers.
Pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the railway crossings in Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge where there is no footway.	Under the Safer Routes to School Scheme there were proposals to improve pedestrian access but these will not now be implemented as the scheme has been shelved.
Police cover in Staffordshire Moorlands whilst the Olympics are taking place.	It was not known how this would affect our area in view of the fact that police forces have been asked to help with security at the various Olympic sites.

## 12. FINANCE:

### 12.1 Bank balance..

It was noted that the bank balance as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012 was:

Community Direct Account	<b>106602.35</b>
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### 12.2 July 2012 accounts.

Cheque No.	Supplier	Net	VAT	Gross
402194	Town & Country Services	1229.00	245.80	1474.80
402195	SMDC	320.00	64.00	384.00
402196	Premier 1 (UK) Ltd.	437.50	87.50	525.00
402197	Ultra Secure Limited	179.42	35.89	215.31
402198	Quality Office Supplies	50.36	10.07	60.43
402199	B.B. & Forsbrook Village Hall	126.25		126.25
402200	Christine J. Snape	894.35		894.35
402201	Bonsers Nottingham Limited	918.00	183.60	1101.60
DD	Eon	32.58	0.42	33.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>4187.46</b>	<b>627.28</b>	<b>4814.74</b>

### RESOLVED:

- **To approve payment of July 2012 accounts.**

### 12.3 Income and Expenditure Accounts for three-month period ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Members received a copy of the above financial information. No queries were raised.

The meeting concluded at 9.15am.

**Clerk to the Council**

**Chairman**