

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH AUGUST 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 P. Jones,
Councillor A. J. Mould
Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham,
Councillor Mrs. N. A. Stanier,
Councillor A. E. Wilson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Sgt. Lorraine Bowman,
PCSO Daniel Peake,
County Councillor W. Day,
Mrs. C. J. Snape (Clerk),
Members of the public (6),
Press (2).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs. C. R. Hopley, Councillor Miss J. P. Morris, Councillor F. J. Hopley and Councillor B. Yates.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Item	Member declaring interest	Nature of interest
SCC Rights of Way Issues	Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham	Personal – Daughter employed by SCC in the Rights of Way Department.
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A. J. Mould	Personal – volunteer at Foxfield Railway.
SCC Highway Issues Tesco	Councillor P. Jones	Personal – SCC Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery personal friend. Personal – employee of Tesco.

3. OPEN SESSION.

Standing Orders were suspended.

3.1 Guest Speakers – Sergeant. Lorraine Bowman and PCSO Daniel Peake.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton welcomed Sergeant. Lorraine Bowman and PCSO Daniel Peake.

Sergeant Bowman thanked Council for inviting her to the meeting. She advised that this was her last day in her current post and Sergeant. Glyn Parker would be taking over from 21st August 2012. She gave the following report:

Staffordshire is one of the safest places to live. There is a 98% chance of not being a victim. Comparing crime statistics for April to June 2012 against the same period in 2011 there has been 1500 fewer crimes - theft of and from motor vehicles and burglary has dropped 2.2%, violent crime has dropped 5.6% and 91.2% of people have been satisfied with how anti social behaviour complaints have been dealt with.

With regard to staffing, PC Stephen Critchlow has left the area to work in the Offender Management Unit. The unit not only responds to crime but also looks at how they can stop crime occurring and try to address offender behaviour. He will continue to work with offenders in the area but will not be in uniform. Staffing levels for the Parish are PC Neil Lawton, PCSO Daniel Peake and PCSO Adam Charlesworth – all full time. There is a special constable team of four who are very keen on dealing with anti social behaviour. Special constables are on duty until 3.00am and work every Friday evening on foot and in patrol cars. The new sergeant will head the team of special constables.

PCSO Daniel Peak updated Council on local issues.

Police surgeries are held once a month, the next being scheduled for Saturday 15th September. He said he would look at holding some surgeries during weekdays to give all residents the opportunity to attend.

With regard to motorbikes, there are probably around 8/9 17-year-old youth who own bikes and potentially could cause problems. Eight Section 59 warnings have been issued. If the offenders fail to heed the warnings they can have their bikes confiscated and the cost for retrieving them is £150.00. One motorbike was seized last week and a fixed penalty given to another offender.

There has been one fixed penalty issued for a public order offence involving an incident at Blythe Bridge youth club.

Two local youths are on Anti Social Behaviour contracts. Most parents are supportive when these contracts are issued.

The Police are still working with the Speedwatch team.

Local PCSO's are liaising with Ken Rickard to increase Neighbourhood Watch members. Ten new members have been recruited in the area recently.

The Police have been having a few complaints from parents and residents regarding parking at the entrance to the Library. Cars have been moved on a daily basis but the police do not have the power to issue fixed penalty tickets. Local officers have been in talks with Staffordshire County Council Highways Officer David Greatbatch to see if the area can be surveyed with a view to introducing yellow lines. If vehicles are causing an obstruction, fixed penalty tickets can be issued so the public need to notify the police at the time the obstruction is occurring.

Information on 'Securing your Vehicle' and 'Forensic Marking' as detailed below was distributed to members.

“Secure your vehicle.

Police are urging drivers to take simple crime prevention measures to deter would-be thieves.

Please remember to:

- ensure your vehicle is securely locked including passenger doors and sun roof and that alarms or immobilisers are switched on
- take your sat nav with you. Remember to remove the cradle and wipe away any sucker marks. Leaving the cradle in place tells the crooks that the sat nav might be in the glove box or boot
- never leave your keys in the ignition whilst warming your vehicle up in cold weather, as you pop into a shop or to use a cash machine
- park in a garage if you have one. Park under lights if possible when out and about
- remember not to leave your keys too close to your front door, to reduce the chances of thieves stealing them through the letterbox.”

Further crime prevention advice, is available from your local officers by calling 101 or by visiting www.staffordshire.police.uk

“Forensic Marking

A colourless liquid solution can be applied to your valuables, including jewellery, ornaments, electrical items and even vehicles. This is forensic marking.

The liquid solution gives your property either a chemical or DNA code depending on the product you use, which is then unique to your items. It cannot be seen by the naked eye and is incredibly difficult to remove. The solution glows under ultraviolet light, allowing the police to detect it.

Criminals are aware of forensic marking – they know that it can forensically link them to a crime, such as theft, robbery and burglary. Some forensic marking products have as high as a 100 per cent conviction rate when used as evidence in court.

Forensic marking providers Smartwater, SelectaDNA, Red Web and CrimeStoppers Property Protector, are all accredited by Secured by Design.

Secured by Design is the UK police flagship initiative supporting the principles of 'designing out crime' by using effective crime prevention and security standards for a range of applications.

Staffordshire Police does not specifically endorse any of these products. In our view, they are all equally effective.

Any individual can purchase a forensic marking kit for their home or business. However, it may be financially more cost effective to do this through a group such as a Neighbourhood Watch or by a group of residents living in the same area.”

Sergeant. Lorraine Bowman and PCSO Daniel Peake responded to questions raised by Councillors and members of the public:

Scrap Metal collectors need to have a licence, which gives them the authority to drive around and ask for scrap. County Councillor W. Day believed that there were two types of licences.

Police are aware of the recent spate of crimes in the area - vandalism to the team swing, adult exercise equipment, safety matting and fencing, drug abuse and drinking alcohol in the cemetery. Stone Police have had a few drug seizures. Police need to be kept fully up to date with all incidents so that officers can carry out detection initiatives.

Anti social behaviour reports for June were 12, July 7 and August to date 3. Two years ago for the same period there were 30 reports. In May there were 23 reports which was an increase compared to the same period in 2011.

Percentage figures of crimes solved were not available.

Police Officers cannot give fixed penalty tickets to vehicles parked on yellow lines in restricted area. This duty has now been taken over by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Enforcement Officers who should have data regarding the number of fixed penalty tickets that have been issued and this information should be available to the public on request. Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton said that she was aware that two fixed penalty tickets have been issued recently and SMDC Enforcement Officers do visit the area periodically.

Residents are not allowed to park behind the Police Station. There is an on site video suite where parking facilities need to be accessible 24/7.

Speed camera vans can and do operate in the area. Police Officers also have hand held speed guns and there has recently been a successful initiative carried out by one primary school in Staffordshire where children have issued tickets to their own parents – ‘name and shame’ with offender’s names being printed in the school newsletter. No signs need to be erected for officers to carry out speed gun initiatives as long as the police are in high visibility uniforms. County Councillor W. Day said that there does need to be signage for the camera van to operate in the area.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton thanked Sgt. Lorraine Bowman and PCSO Daniel Peake for attending the meeting and said that Council were very appreciative of the conscientious work being done by the PCSO’s in our area.

3.2 Residents Issues.

Café Yes! – Community Pop-Up Café Opens Saturday 15th September at Blythe Bridge Methodist Hall 10.00am – 4.00pm.

Residents Mel and Sue briefed Councillors on the above exciting new venture. As the Café will be run entirely by volunteers more are needed. Donations are required as well as donation streams. The Café will be serving breakfast, lunch, tea and cakes. The chef from the Swynerton Arms will be responsible for the catering. There will be no charge for the food – you just make a donation. Local musicians and artists will also be supported. A clothing stall is also proposed. All profit will stay with the local group.

Contact details for this venture are: Sue – 07917653688.
Mel – 07971943751

Councillor Mrs. N. A. Stanier offered one of her paintings to raise funds.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton wished Mel and Sue every success and asked if they could come back to a future Council meeting to give an update.

3.3 County Council Report.

County Councillor W. Day gave the following report:

Street Lighting Energy Conservation Initiative.

The clerk confirmed that she has just received by email a letter regarding street lighting operational changes from Staffordshire County Council, which unfortunately was too late to bring to this meeting but would be included on the agenda for the September meeting.

Tesco's proposals for The Duke of Wellington

Staffordshire County Council Highways will be objecting to the planning applications on highway safety grounds.

Moorlands Home Link Funding.

Following pressure from County Councillor W. Day and County Councillor M. Maryon, Staffordshire County Council has agreed to ensure that funding is in place for the next two years so that valuable services such as Home Link can continue

Introduction of parking restrictions and removal of parking bays on Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.

The Joint Working Committee will be reviewing the above in 2012/2013.

Uttoxeter Road/Cheadle Road/Stallington Road junction improvements.

Funding of £8700 to undertake this work at the same time as resurfacing has come from County Councillor W. Day's highway fund allocation.

Councillors agreed what an excellent job the team were making and how obliging the staff were.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

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

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Licensing Sub-Committee meeting – 17th August 2012 – Variation to a Premises Licence in respect of Foxfield Railway, Blythe Bridge.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that she along with Councillor C. R. Hopley, Councillor F. J. Hopley, County Councillor W. Day, the clerk and several residents had attended the above meeting and was pleased to advise that Foxfield have withdrawn their application.

5. DRAFT MINUTES OF:

Council Meeting of 16th July 2012.

RESOLVED:

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

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

Minutes dated 16th July 2012 – page 39 – agenda item 4.

Councillor P. Jones expressed an interest in serving on the Crime Prevention Panel. County Councillor W. Day said he would advise him of the date of the next meeting.

7. CLERK'S REPORT.

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

7.2 Dates of following 'outside' meetings were noted:

Staffordshire County Council's Animal Health Seminar – 12th September 2012 at 7.00pm at Dove Room, Moorlands House, Stockwell Street, Leek, ST13 6HQ. (Details of seminar displayed on Parish Council notice boards).

7.3 The following circulation material was received and noted:

- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust E News July 2012.
- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Magazine – Summer edition.
- Rural Services Network Online.
- Parish Online News – August edition.
- NALC – Direct Information Service Issues 788, 789 and 790.
- Staffordshire Police Newsletter – Local issues.
- Staffordshire Police Authority – Transition Update – August 2012.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – subject: Dog Control Orders (Dogs excluded from children's fenced in play area and cemetery in Forsbrook Parish).

The cost implications to Parish Councils wishing to extend dog control orders in their area - £150.00 for advertising/£25.00 for signage (approximate) were noted. It was also noted that the clerk has confirmed by email that Forsbrook Parish Council is still interested and is willing to meet the costs as already agreed by Council.

8.2 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council (Moorlands Together – subject: Two new reporting systems for Domestic Violence and Hate Crime).

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that The Moorlands Together Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership has recently launched 'Not in My Home', which is an anonymous reporting system for domestic violence and 'Not in My Community', which will officially be launched in September for reporting 'Hate Crime'.

'Not in my Home' www.notinmyhome.co.uk allows victims, friends, relatives and professional organisations (known as third parties) to report incidents of domestic violence securely to the police. 'Not in My Community' www.notinmycommunity.co.uk works in a similar manner and should be used to report incidents of hate crime – whether a victim, witness or third party. Information has been displayed on the Parish Council notice boards.

8.3 Moorlands Home Link – subject: Blythe Bridge Luncheon Club.

Following the report from County Councillor W. Day under agenda item 3.3 (full report available on the internet) it was also noted that as soon as more definite information with regard to funding is available Helen Wainwright from Moorlands Home Link will be updating the Parish Council.

8.4 Wicksteed Leisure Limited – subject: Annual Safety Inspection.

It was noted that the Annual Safety Inspection is now due and the cost of an accompanied Playground Inspection is £71.00 per play area.

It was **agreed** to arrange for the inspection to be undertaken by Wicksteed Leisure Limited.

8.5 Staffordshire County Council – subject: A521 Cheadle Road Improvement Works.

Details on the progress on the above was received and noted.

8.6 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Staffordshire Cares.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that Staffordshire Cares is a free service, which provides practical help, and advice for any age, health or disability related issues. There are eight Staffordshire Cares advice points across the county where people can talk to a professional advisor in person and in confidence. Contact details: www.staffordshirecares.info Telephone No. 0300 111 8010.

Information has been displayed on Parish Council notice boards.

8.7 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Green Paper launch.

It was noted that Staffordshire County Council has been working on a green paper that will radically improve quality of care and the experience of individuals receiving this.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton said that the recommendations include:

- Working with providers towards an accepted and transparent working wage for those working in the sector as well as further “professionalising” working in the Care Sector to drive up care quality.
- Taking steps to reward excellent quality, via financial and other means with a proactive zero tolerance to poor quality.
- Introducing a raft of measures for more transparent information sharing with the wider community, for e.g. publishing the details of the minority of providers who aren't achieving the expected quality standards.
- Investing in more front line quality monitoring and more targeted training and development for providers to drive up quality standards.

More information can be found on www.staffordshire.gov.uk/greenpaper. Views can also be registered on this web link. (Telephone number 01785 887843 is available for anyone wishing to talk specifically about any aspect of the green paper).

- 8.8 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Watchdog alerts.

Details of the above were received and noted.

- 8.9 Staffordshire Police – subject: Explosion in St. Peters Lane, Blythe Bridge.

Details of the above incident were received and noted.

- 8.10 Mrs. V. McCracken – subject: 90th Birthday.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton read the letter of thanks for the bouquet of flowers from Mrs. V. McCracken.

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

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

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

General:

Stoke-on-Trent City Council

NALC

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Staffordshire County Council

Staffordshire County Council

Subject:

Local Development Framework – Etruria Valley Draft Supplementary Planning Document – Public Participation. (Consultation period 20.08.12-17.09.12 – more information on www.stoke.gov.uk/ldf).

Code of Conduct – Final version.

Acknowledgement of concerns re removal of dog fouling bins.

Staff changes in Rights of Way Department – general rights of way queries to be emailed to: rightsofway@staffordshire.gov.uk

Stallington Road – diversion of vehicular traffic to enable works in the vicinity of the level crossings. The order comes into operation on Sunday 30.09.12 at 06.00 hours. It is anticipated the works will be completed by 15.00 hours on the same day.

Email Exchanges:

Tesco

Staffordshire Police

Owl Online Watch

Knights llp

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council

Faye Lambert, Community Rail Officer

County Councillor W. Day

County Councillor W. Day

Martin Evans, Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Subject:

Duke of Wellington. – requesting update. Motorcycle problems.

Motorcycle thefts/Attempted burglary.

Purchase of scrubland document storage. Signage.

Blythe Bridge Railway Station Volunteer work/contact details during holidays.

Moorlands Home Link – update on future funding.

'No through road' sign for Chapel Street.

Seating for Jubilee Gardens.

Ian Jackson, Staffordshire County Council	Update on Communities Mean Business funding work.
Carol Rodgers, SMCVS	Permission to include progress on the above in the SMCVS annual report.
Inspector Clare Riley	Attendance of Sgt. Lorraine Bowman and Neil Carter at the August Council meeting.
Staffordshire County Council (Rights of Way)	Overgrown hedges – footpath 5b.
Staffordshire County Council	Highway defect issues: Pothole – Bridgwood Road, Forsbrook; Overgrown hedges, Cheadle Road, Forsbrook and Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge; Sunken kerbstone adjacent to Lloyds Newsagents, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge; Sunken grid – adjacent to 24 Caverswall Road, Blythe Bridge; Faulty streetlight – M23 Elmwood Drive.
Martin Warrilow	Road surface – Churnet Road, Forsbrook.
Wright’s Landscapes	Repairs to cemetery wall.
Leek Town Community	Street Soccer on Blythe Bridge recreation ground.
SO Marketing	Request for quote for web site. The clerk reported that the format for the Council website – Microsoft Front Page is no longer supported by most servers. The cost of a third party doing a web site from scratch is very expensive so she said she was looking at the option of the Parish Council doing it in Microsoft Expression format and would report back.
Staffordshire Police – local division	Vandalism to team swing;
Jonathan Simpson, Tesco	Drinking in Forsbrook cemetery.
Local Press	Invite to meeting to be held on 24.08.12. Press release re meeting to be held on 24.08.12 to view Tesco’s proposals.
DT Leisure	Advice on alternatives for team swing safety surface.

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

9. PLANNING.

9.1 Planning Applications:

12/00604/FUL – Duke of Wellington, 305 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – installation of ATM.

12/00603/FUL – Duke of Wellington, 305 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – single storey rear extension, installation of plant and alterations to elevation including new entrance.

00581/FUL – 2 Dove Road, Forsbrook – extension to provide additional bedroom.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton briefed members on the planning proposals from Tesco Stores Limited for the Duke of Wellington and highlighted issues, which she was personally concerned about as detailed below:

- The siting of the ATM on the busy Uttoxeter Road/Stallington Road/Cheadle Road junction could be dangerous. Users of the ATM could impair motorist's visibility and could also cause a pedestrian/vehicle conflict.
- Noise pollution – air conditioning plant will be operating 24/7 and the noise will have an impact on residents living nearby in Church Terrace particularly at night when there is low traffic movement. Delivery vehicles will also create noise when unloading at the rear of the site.
- Highway concerns – during deliveries nine parking spaces to the right of the entrance will need to be cordoned off as will two parking spaces on the egress road to allow the delivery vehicle to enter the car park and manoeuvre on site to allow it to exit the site on to Cheadle Road. At the time of deliveries the remaining four parking spaces to the left of the entrance will either be inaccessible or if in use vehicles will be blocked in. If the delivery vehicle cannot enter site until the car park is clear it will need to wait on Uttoxeter Road next to the busy junction which will exacerbate traffic congestion. There is also a road safety concern when delivery vehicles egress the site onto Cheadle Road adjacent to a bus stop.

Information from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Planning Charter regarding planning considerations, which are relevant and which are not relevant was distributed to members.

She said that both herself and Councillor Frank Hopley have written to Mike Green, Planning Applications Manager at Staffordshire Moorlands District Council requesting that these applications be heard by the Planning Applications Committee as this will allow members of the public to attend and speak for or against the proposals.

For information purposes, detailed below is a copy of the letter Forsbrook Parish Council has forwarded to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Planning Department.

“Members of Forsbrook Parish Council have carefully considered the above two planning proposals and accompanying documents submitted by Tesco Stores Limited and have several concerns.

With regard to planning application 00604/FUL for the installation of the ATM, it is proposed to site this on a very busy crossroads and people using the ATM will obstruct clear visibility for motorists and render themselves vulnerable to pedestrian/vehicle conflict.

Planning application 00603/FUL for the erection of a single storey rear extension included several documents – Planning, Design and Access Statement, report from The Coal Authority, Transport Assessment and Noise Pollution Assessment. Taking into account all the data detailed in the Noise Pollution Assessment, we are not convinced that the noise generated from the refrigeration plant equipment 24/7 will not affect nearby residents at night when normal highway vehicle movement is minimal. There will also obviously be noise disturbance to nearby residents in Church Terrace when delivery vehicles are unloading.

Tesco Stores Limited has provided a drawing, based upon ‘Factor 9 Design site layout’, which show that access and egress for staff and customer vehicles is proposed from Uttoxeter Road with delivery vehicles accessing site from Uttoxeter Road and egressing via the existing footway crossover arrangements at Cheadle Road. It states that during delivery 11 of the 15 car parking spaces need to be cordoned off to provide space for the delivery driver to access and egress in a forward gear, turning around

within the existing car park. For this to operate, management of a number of car parking spaces is required to allow such a movement to take place and Tesco believe “this feasible given that Tesco alert any Express store of a day’s delivery schedule and deliveries are made at times when the car park is known not to be at capacity.” (Planning and Design & Access Statement – paragraph 5.25 refers). This raises several highway concerns.

- 1. Even if staff are alerted to delivery times road traffic situations can affect this.*
- 2. If delivery vehicles or customer vehicles, for whatever reason, cannot enter site this will exacerbate traffic congestion at the busy Uttoxeter Road/Stallington Road/Cheadle Road junction. In the accompanying documents Tesco has already admitted that this junction is working inefficiently during the evening peak period with maximum queues of 23 vehicles and maximum delay of just over five minutes per vehicle on the Cheadle Road arm and that the junction is forecast to continue to operate inefficiently by 2017 with maximum queues increasing to 30 vehicles and maximum delay increasing to nearly six minutes per vehicle on the Cheadle Road arm. (Transport Assessment – Page 21 – item 10.2.7.)*
- 3. If during delivery the four available car parking spaces (if not already used by staff) are not cordoned off, vehicles that are already parked will be unable to exit the car park. Nor will customers, during the delivery period have safe access to park on site. Customers will be forced to park on the already congested highway.*
- 4. Egress of delivery vehicles on to Cheadle Road will be immediately next to a bus stop and into a queue of vehicles waiting to exit on to Uttoxeter Road. There is also insufficient room for the delivery vehicles to enter the flow of traffic safely.*

Enclosed herewith is petition handed in to Forsbrook Parish Council and this is the reason why District Councillor Gill Burton and District Councillor Frank Hopley have requested that the planning applications go before the Planning Applications Committee.

County Councillor W. Day also reported at our Council meeting held on 20th August, 2012 that Staffordshire County Council Highways Department have highway concerns with regard to both of these planning applications.

We trust that in view of the County Council highway concerns these applications will be refused.”

9.2 Planning Approvals:

There were no planning approvals to note.

9.3 Planning Refusals:

There were no planning refusals to note.

9.4 Planning matters.

No planning issues were raised.

10. CEMETERY:

10.1 Cemetery Report.

Councillor Mrs. Pat Shufflebotham, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee reported that Admiral Insurance has now reimbursed the Parish Council with the cost for repairing the cemetery wall and Wright’s Landscapes have been asked to proceed with the

necessary work. She also reiterated (agenda item 3.1) that broken alcohol bottles have been discovered along the length of the stonewall inside the cemetery.

10.2 Cemetery Issues.

No cemetery issues were raised.

11. ENVIRONMENT:

11.1 Environment Report.

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

Table Top Sale

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton along with Councillor Sue Farr did a table top sale at the Rainbows Play Day held at Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Hall and raised £50. The intention was to donate the monies raised to First Responders and Rainbows. Organiser Donna Moseley waived the fee for the event and asked that the money intended for Rainbows be given to the First Responders. Thanks were expressed to everyone who donated goods to sell.

Street Soccer in Staffordshire Moorlands

Details from email from Steven Kell, Leek Town Community who was organising the event was provided to members as follows:

"I am contacting you regarding an exciting new project about to commence within the Staffordshire Moorlands. A new partnership has been formed between Leek Town FC Community and the Moorlands Together Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership. We are about to start delivering a project called Street Soccer, the main aim of this new initiative is to have an impact on the reports of anti social behaviour in various locations in the Staffordshire Moorlands and also breaking down barriers within communities by using the vehicle of the football club and the game to engage the young people in the various areas with little to do in the evenings. We are going to be holding informal football sessions for anyone who wants to be involved free of charge to the participants. This initial scheme will run for 10 weeks from Monday 20th August to week beginning Monday the 22nd October, one session every evening between 7 & 8 pm at a different location.

At the end of this block as a reward, the participants will be asked to take part in the "Street Soccer Cup" at Harrison Park and it would be a very positive thing if representatives from each communities parish council could attend, to see the impact of the initiative.

The 5 different locations identified that will benefit the most from this new community initiative are: Cheddleton, Brown Edge, Blythe Bridge, Werrington and Cheadle. The best venue for these activities are small grass areas on recreational grounds. We would not be using or need to use a football pitch that is hired out to other parties and we would not need the football goals on the proposed sites as we have portable goals for the sessions.

The five locations that have been identified as the best areas for the greatest impact are

- *Mondays – Meigh Road Playing Fields, Werrington*
- *Tuesdays – Cheddleton Recreation Ground*
- *Wednesdays - Blythe Bridge Recreation Ground*
- *Thursdays – Brown Edge Playing Fields*
- *Fridays – Tean Road Recreation Ground, Cheadle*

Data will be recorded at every session in the form of participant numbers, age and postcode to log the impact in every different area. I have attached a risk assessment and also our business insurance certificate.

The clerk has already met with Steven to finalise arrangements.

Lottery Application

Following previous discussions to seek funding for an extension to the Community Sports changing rooms for which the Parish Council has planning permission, the clerk has submitted an outline bidding proposal to the “Reaching Communities Programme”. The total cost of the project is estimated at £80000 and £50000 (maximum from this funding category) is being sought from the funding providers.

Recreation/Jubilee Gardens Progress.

The damaged fencing caused by vandals has now been replaced and two benches installed. The bmx track installation is planned for September, depending on the weather conditions. The clerk is presently dealing with the criminal damage to the team swing reported to the Police on 18th August. Estimates are being obtained for alternative safety surfacing which could be substantial. DT Leisure will be able to carry out the repair work at the same time as installing the bmx track, which will reduce costs slightly.

Litter Bin

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Environment Services has been requested by a resident to consider a litterbin along the stretch of road from Grindley Lane to Catchems Corner where there is no litterbin and litter accumulates. As there are two litterbins at the entrance to the Library/Egerton Centre, one of which is used very little SMDC have asked if they can resite one of these. Staffordshire Moorlands District Council will then monitor the situation to see if a further litterbin is required, which they will be responsible for funding. **Agreed.**

11.2 Environment Issues.

Issue	Action
Overgrown hedges around the William Amory Primary School.	Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton said she would again bring this to the attention of the School.
Bus Service.	Agreed to write and thank Wardles for the excellent service whilst the extensive road works have been taking place.
Overgrown hedge – Butchers Arms, Forsbrook.	To again report to Staffordshire County Council Highway Defects.

Request for Mail Box in Bridgwood Road, Forsbrook.	Write to Royal Mail.
Gating Order – Footpath linking Mount Road with Bridgwood Road.	To note that this was not initiated by the Parish Council.

12. FINANCE:

12.1 Bank balance.

It was noted that the bank balance as at 31st July 2012 was:

Community Direct Account	105817.90
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12.2 August 2012 accounts.

The following cheques were presented for payment.

Cheque No.	Supplier	Net	VAT	Gross
402202	Town & Country Services	1544.00	308.80	1852.80
402203	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	1175.00	235.00	1410.00
402204	Wright's Landscapes	1850.00	370.00	2220.00
402205	Getmapping plc	60.00	12.00	72.00
402206	Morgan Fire Protection	50.45	10.09	60.54
402207	S.M.D.C.	256.00	51.20	307.20
402208	Premier 1 (U.K.) Ltd	437.50	87.50	525.00
402209	Mr. D. Ingman	140.00		140.00
402210	Heath House Farm	279.00	55.80	334.80
402211	Christine J. Snape	894.35		894.35
DD	Eon	33.00		33.00
Total		6719.30	1130.39	7849.69

RESOLVED:

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

The meeting concluded at 9.30pm

Clerk to the Council

Chairman