

## **FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015 AT FOOTBALL CHANGING ROOMS**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs. G. Burton,  
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:** **Dawn Plant** (Clerk),  
Kath Giblin  
Patrick Giblin  
Gareth Bailey  
Tom Bailey

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

| <b>Item</b>              | <b>Member declaring interest</b> | <b>Nature of interest</b>  |
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| SCC Rights of Way Issues | Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham | Personal – Daughter employed by SCC in the Rights of Way Department. |
| SCC Highways Issues      | Councillor P. Jones              | Personal – SCC Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery – personal friend.  |

**3. RECREATION FEES FOR YEAR 1ST MAY 2015 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016.**

The recreation fee for senior football teams for year 2014/15 is £550 per annum.

**RECOMMENDED:**

**To increase the fees by £50 to £600 pa for each football team**

4. Representatives from Blythe Bridge Football Club and The Butchers Arms Football Club present at the meeting.

Councillor Mrs G Burton explained to Blythe Bridge FC that the recent unclean state of the changing rooms were unacceptable and it should not be left to The Butchers Arms FC representatives to clean up all the time.

It was explained that if the situation arose again there would be fines imposed.

Blythe Bridge FC have offered to re paint the walls of the changings rooms at the end of the season.

Councillor Burton went onto explain that the total fees charged for the changing rooms each year amounted to £1100 and last year the changing rooms cost the Parish Council £3919.

This money was from the public purse.

#### 5. Cheadle Transportation Study

Councillor Mrs Gill Burton asked the Councillors for their response in relation to the following questions posed as part of the Cheadle Transportation Study.

- 1) Do you consider areas within your parish are currently affected by Cheadle traffic? If so, which are the junctions/roads affected? If so when and how often?

Yes, areas within Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook are affected by Cheadle traffic.

The roads and junctions affected are –

Bythe Bridge crossroads – which includes Uttoxeter Road, Cheadle Road and Stallington Road.

Caverswall Road,

Caverswall Old Road.

The Avenue,

Bridgewood Road

It is happening 7 days a week

Between 6am – 10am

1.30pm – 7pm

- 2) Are there any traffic management solutions you think should be considered? These could be in the Cheadle study area or in your parish.

A pedestrian crossing in Forsbrook. Pedestrians are finding it difficult to cross the road due to the volume of traffic.

Traffic build up at Blythe Bridge Crossroads, urgently requires a Traffic Management solution. The preferred option being a Mini Roundabout to keep the traffic flowing as this is effective in Cheadle. Data shows that traffic at Blythe Bridge Crossroads will increase by 2020. Traffic Lights are considered not to be suitable as they will cause a build up of traffic, and drivers will then use roads on housing estates to avoid delays.

3) Any other comments?

In addition to Cheadle Traffic affecting our Parish, Alton Towers Traffic also affects the Parish.

School Traffic affects the Parish as there are two Primary Schools and Blythe Bridge High School/Sixth Form College, in the centre of Blythe Bridge. School Traffic is no longer local traffic as the schools take in Stoke-on-Trent and surrounding areas.

Accidents frequently happen on the A50 resulting in the traffic being diverted through Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook. There is then a high volume of traffic, cars and HGV's, causing congestion on Uttoxeter Road, Cheadle Road and Stallington Road.

**Clerk to the Council**

**Chairman**