

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19th JANUARY 2015 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs. G. Burton (Chairman),
Councillor J. W. Burgess,
Councillor J. W. Cornwall,
Councillor Mrs. F. J. Hopley,
Councillor Miss J. P. Morris,
Councillor A J Mould
Councillor P Jones
Councillor Mrs P Shufflebotham,
Councillor Mrs N. A. Stanier,
Councillor A. E. Wilson.
Councillor B Yates

IN ATTENDANCE:

Residents (10),
Mrs. C. J. Snape (Clerk).
Mrs D Plant
Press (1)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from County Councillor W. Day, Councillor S Farr

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Item	Member declaring interest	Nature of interest
Staffordshire County Council – William Amory Primary School.	Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton.	Personal – Chairman of Governors at the William Amory Primary School.
Staffordshire County Council - Highway Issues Tesco	Councillor P. Jones	Personal – Staffordshire County Council Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery personal friend. Personal – employee of Tesco.
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A. J. Mould	Personal – volunteer at Foxfield Railway.
Staffordshire County Council – William Amory Primary School. Staffordshire County Council – Rights of Way Issues.	Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham	Personal – Governor at the William Amory Primary School. Personal – Daughter employed by Staffordshire County Council in the Rights of Way Department.

3. OPEN SESSION.

Standing Orders were suspended.

3.1 Residents Issues.

3.1.1 Issues on Caverswall Road, Blythe Bridge

It was reported that Caverswall Road had recently flooded and then iced over with the recent cold weather. The issues were also compounded by the cars being parked close to the vets and the junction of Uttoxeter Road. When the school run is taking place the area is chaotic. Chairman Councillor Gill Burton reported that the issue is being monitored as part of an on going issue by the police.

3.1.2 Cheadle Road Forsbrook

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The cars parking outside the shops on Cheadle Road (chip shop area) are dangerous and with the new housing planned in Cheadle (in the region of 1300) the issue will be exaggerated. Chairman Councillor Mrs Gill Burton explained that as part of a wider issue with the planning she had requested a traffic survey to be carried out and we await the results.

3.1.3 Slow signs on the approach to Forsbrook from Chealde

Clerk to contact Rob Steele at Staffordshire County Council regarding the slow signs.

3.1.4 Councillors discussed how the recent works on the A50 had impacted on the traffic flow through Blythe Bridge.

3.2 County Council Report.

In the absence of County Councillor W. Day there was no report.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

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

Councillor Hopley reported that the Youth Support Group were now using the outside court at Blythe Bridge High School at rather a high charge per hour. He went on to explain that he was hoping to carry out some fund raising for another nights hire. The current cost of the gym at the school is £28 per hour.

Cllr Shufflebotham noted that may be the Parish Council could suggest that the High School be charged retrospectively for the use of The Egerton Centre. Chairman Councillor Mrs G Burton said that Mrs Gail Edwards SCC would be attending the February meeting to answer Councillors concerns regarding the library and the Egerton Centre.

5. DRAFT MINUTES OF: Council Meeting of 12 December 2014.

RESOLVED:

- To approve and sign the minutes.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

- 6.1 Hazel Walker from SMDC had explained via email that the garage erection on 1 Springfield Drive , Forsbrook was within permitted development and therefore no action was to be taken.

- 7.1 Agenda enclosures, correspondence outgoing and emails not detailed as separate agenda items were noted.
- 7.2 "Outside" meeting dates were noted together with circulation material.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE.**

- 8.1 Sir William Cash MP – subject: Asking for suggestions on ways to ease congestion through Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook
- 8.2 Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – Acknowledging the funding of £500 and asking the clerk to make contact with David Smith Community Safety Manager at SMDC to arrange what was detailed in the letter.
- 8.3 Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – subject: Weekly Updates.
- 8.4 Email regarding leaves / branches on burial plot C113 – The clerk has instructed Andrew Scott to action accordingly
- 8.5 Staffordshire County Council Library Consultation update was read to the Council by Chairman Councillor Mrs Gill Burton - The Parish Council agreed that they would await the Councils cabinet decision on 18 February, and register an expression of interest.
- 8.6 Email from Kidz to Kidz thanking the Parish for their support
- CLlr Hopley asked if we could received a breakdown of the account.

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

9. **PLANNING.**

- 9.1 Planning Applications:

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton briefed members on relevant information contained in some of the planning application documents (*as listed under each planning application and shown in italics*).

SMDC2015/008 50 Cheadle Road Forsbrook Conversion of outbuilding to residential dwelling and alterations to elevations

RESOLVED:

1. To suggest to the planning officer with concerns regarding :-
2. That the historic character of the building and wall remain the same
3. That the boundary wall remains in situ
4. Privacy issues for nearby residents are addressed
5. Bat and Bird surveys are carried out
6. Concerns over there only being two parking spaces per property.

SMD/2014/0832 – Daisy Bank Boundary Road – Variation of condition 4 on planning permission 13/00589/Ful to change the roof covering from cedar to marley smooth plain tiles

Resolved to raise no concerns

The following planning approvals were noted:-

SMDC2014/0713 – 87 Stalling Road – Two storey side extension
 SMDC2014/07732 – The Coach House, Cheadle Road – Single storey side extension
 SMDC2014/0745 – 91 Caverswall Road – Approval of reserved matters
 SMDC2014/0584 – 48 Cheadle Road Forsbrook – variation of conditions
 SMDC2014/0342 – Land at 459 Uttoxeter Road – Change of use

10. CEMETERY.

10.1 Cemetery Report.

Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee said she had no cemetery issues to report.

11. ENVIRONMENT.

11.1 Environment Report.

Andrew Scott is dealing with the issues on the play equipment that Wicksteed had reported with the play equipment.

11.1.2 The Police conducted a search of a premises in Blythe Bridge resulting in occupants being prosecuted for cultivating cannabis.

11.2 Environment Issues.

Issue	Action
Parents at William Amory using the Care and Fun Club are not paying attention to pedestrians when entering the car park. This is an accident waiting to happen	Clerk to write to William Amory and Care and Fun Club. Cerk to ask for a Police presence at school run times.
*Dog Fouling again an issue on Hillside Avenue, Dove Road, Uttoxeter Road upto and including Elmwood Drive	* Clerk to contact SMDC
Light by the Bus Stop in Forsbrook next to the hairdressers is not working	The clerk said that this has been reported and an incident reference provided.
Village Hall window had been smashed	Clerk to ask Police for an update.

12. FINANCE.

12.1 Bank balance.

It was noted that the bank balance as at 31 December 2014 was:

Co-operative Bank plc	23127.14
Unity Trust Bank	100155.43
Total	121992.96

12.2 January 2015 accounts.

The following cheques were presented for payment.

Cheque No.	Supplier	Net	VAT	Gross
402418	HM Revenue and Customs			767.61
402414	Heath House			402.00
402422	SMDC Street Cleaning			368.64
402421	Town and Country			1134
402423	Chris Snape Salary			1134
DD	EON – Changing Rooms	66.00		66.00

RESOLVED:

- **To approve payment of January 2015 accounts.**

13. STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL STANDING ORDERS.

To adopt the above amended documents.

Clerk to the Council

Chairman