

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 April 2017 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall.

Members Present

Chairman Councillor Peter Jones	Vice Chairman Councillor P Shufflebotham
Councillor Herdman	Councillor Walker
Councillor Giblin	Councillor Yates

In Attendance

Clerk to the Council Dawn Plant	
District Councillor Ward	

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors R Mancey, Cllr Bagnall, Cllr Mould, Cllr Morris, Cllr F Hopley, Cllr C Hopley, District Councillor Herdman District Councillor Flunder

2. Declarations of Interest

<u>Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature</u>
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A Mould	Volunteer at Foxfield Railway
Staffordshire County Council – William Amory Primary School	Councillor P Shufflebotham	Governor
Staffordshire County Council – Rights of Way Department	Councillor P Shufflebotham	Daughter (Dawn Plant – Clerk) us employed by SCC Rights of Way Department
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee Blythe Bridge Library Care and Fun Clun	Councillor C Hopley	Part of the management committee Management Committee Management Committee
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Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor J Morris	Part of the management committee
Blythe Bridge Village Hall	Councillor S Bagnall	Part of the management

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Committee		committee
Staffordshire County Council - Highway Issues	Councillor P Jones	Personal – Staffordshire County Council Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery Personal friend.
Tesco		Personal – employee of Tesco.
Staffordshire County Council- William Amory Primary School	Councillor I Herdman	Governor at William Amory School
SMDC Potential Site allocation		Resident adjacent to site
Butchers Arms Football Club	Councillor K Giblin	Treasurer
Family Land Ownership Caverswall Old Road	Councillor Walker	Housing Consultation sites

3	OPEN SESSION	ACTION
3.1	RESIDENTS ISSUES	
	None to report	
3.2	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT	
	None to report	
4	INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTITVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS – None to report	
5	TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINTUES FROM 20.03.17	
	Unanimously resolved to approve	
6	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
	<p>The Clerk asked the Councillors permission to replace the pedestrian barrier on the unofficial footpath adjacent to The Furlongs on Cheadle Road. The Councillors unanimously resolved to allow the clerk to purchase two pedestrian barriers at an approx. cost of £90 each.</p> <p>Cllr Walker raised concerns that he had been misquoted in the March minutes with regard to the parking spaces at the Library carpark, he went on to explain that he did not think it correct that several spaces had been cordoned off when they really did not have to be and that Library staff had been allocated a specific parking area. He asked how this was possible. The Clerk explained that she was aware that the High School had been in touch with Entrust (SCC) and that a risk assessment of the</p>	

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	area had taken place.	
8	CORRESPONDANCE	
8.1	Natwest Bank Closures Chairman Cllr Jones asked that it be noted that several people had approached him to express their concern over the recent Nat west announcement to close branches, he said he felt it was not good enough on top of the bus service being stopped.	
8.2	Knot Weed recreation ground The Clerk informed the Council that an inspection from a contractor had taken place and no Knot weed had been found, a further inspection in May / June would take place as this was the growing season.	CLERK
8.3	Street Light Chapel Street Chairman Cllr Jones read out an email from SCC regarding the light, stating that the levels of the lighting in the street had been surveyed and they met current statutory levels without this light, if the Parish Council wanted to adopt this light the work involved would be costly. Chairman Cllr Jones asked the Clerk to contact SCC and obtain the figures of acceptable lighting levels for the next meeting.	
9	PLANNING	
9.1	SMD/2017/0180 – 6 Caverswall Road – Proposed 2 Storey Side extension and single storey rear extension along with the replacement of the existing conservatory roof with concrete tiled – Object on the grounds of over development, not in keeping with the street scene and privacy of neighbours would be compromised. SMD/2017/0175 – 84 Portland Drive – Side Gable extension rear kitchen extension and rear dormer (revision SMD/2016/0533) No Objections SMD/0195 – Fir Tree Cottage – 70 Stallington Road – Proposed loft conversion and a second storey rear extension – No Objections SMD/2017/0214 – Sunningdale 3 Uttoxeter Road – Demolition of Kitchen extension and construction of new single storey rear extension to form sitting room and replacement kitchen extension – No Objections HNT/2017/0008 – 21 Crossfield Avenue, Rear Conservatory – Will extend 5.95 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling. Max height 3.2m, height to the eaves 2.80 metres – Object on the grounds that is overdevelopment due to the previous planning consents.	

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9.2	PLANNING APPROVAL / REFUSAL -																			
	NONE																			
10	CEMETERY																			
	Vice Chair Cllr Shufflebotham asked for the permission for the Clerk to begin work on an area in the cemetery which would accommodate several watering cans. The Council unanimously agreed.	CLERK																		
11	ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT																			
	<p>Chairman Cllr Jones reported that the drains had been cleared on Uttoxeter Road by Amey, however the mess they left was appalling, and that the parking was still taking place outside Gill Maidens hairdressers.</p> <p>Cllr Yates reported that the road sign on Poplar Close was still missing. Cllr Herdman reported that Public Footpath 12 Forsbrook which runs next to the Scout Hut was overgrown, the Clerk agreed to report and deal with.</p> <p>Cllr Giblin reported that Cllr Mancey had asked if the nettles at the side of the Brook in Elmwood Drive were very overgrown.</p>	CLERK																		
12	FINANCE																			
12.1	Fee Setting / Football Pitch																			
	It was unanimously agreed along with item 12.2 to defer this meeting until after the May meeting.																			
	APPROVE ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENT March / April . A year end bank reconciliation was presented to the Council.																			
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