

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 October 2018 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall.

Members Present

Chairman Councillor Jones	Vice Chairman Jeanette Morris
Cllr Elliot	Cllr Holmes
Cllr Mould	Cllr Yates
Cllr Kemp	Cllr Bagnall
Cllr Mancey	Cllr Herdman
Cllr Walker	

In Attendance

District Councillor Flunder	County Councillor Ward
Mr Frank Hopley	Member of the public 1
Clerk – Dawn Plant	

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Hughes

2. Declarations of Interest

<u>Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature</u>
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A Mould	Volunteer at Foxfield Railway
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor J Morris	Part of the management committee
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor S Bagnall	Part of the management 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.

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Staffordshire Council- William Amory Primary School	County Councillor I Herdman	Governor at William Amory School
SMDC Potential Site allocation		Resident adjacent to site
Family Land Ownership Caverswall Old Road	Councillor Walker	Housing Consultation sites and general highways issues

3.	<p>OPEN SESSION</p> <p>Mr Hopley reported to the council that the flag pole at the Library was damaged. The Clerk explained that it had been vandalised and was in hand.</p> <p>He also reported to County Councillor Ward an issue with a large pot hole outside his property in the entrance to Crossfield Avenue. This was mainly due to lorries visiting Huws Grey using the avenue as a turning circle.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes stated that there was weight restriction signs on Stallington Road.</p> <p>Mr Hopley also asked County Councillor ward to chase up the posts for the grass verge to stop people parking on it.</p> <p>A representative of Dilhorne Recreation ground was present and wanted to liase with the Clerk regarding the Great Ward remembrance events. She would contact the clerk directly.</p>	Clerk
4.	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>County Councillor Ward read his report which he would supply to the Clerk via email.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones asked County Councillor Ward to investigate the possibility of the pavements from Millbrook Gardens to Caverswall Road receiving some attention. He had fallen himself that week so had Vice Chairman Morris daughter.</p>	

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	Cllr Mould also asked him to find out if East Bank Ride were to receive any attention as the roads and pavements are in an appalling state.	
4.1	<p>INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTITVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS –</p> <p>District Councillor Flunder asked the Clerk to amend the minutes from September to include the fact that he had mentioned that the Blythe Vale access road had been extended and the planning permission granted.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones had attended the ceremony at The Potteries Museum and Art Gallery with Levison Wood Snr to unveil the tapestry. He went on to extend thanks to Levison and how he had felt honoured by Levison enthusiasm.</p>	
5	TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINTUES FROM September 2018	
	Resolved to approve.	
6	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
	Cllr Yates asked that a note be added regarding the stolen push bikes from September. The owner of the bikes was pursuing the Police as to why a prosecution was not actioned as the Police had DNA evidence.	
7	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the notice board in Forsbrook had been a victim of the weather and needed a replacement. Cllr Mancey asked if the one in Blythe Bridge could be replaced and moved to where the planters were so it was easier to see. The Clerk would provide prices for the next meeting.</p> <p>The Village Hall accounts had been passed to the Clerk should anyone wish to see them.</p>	
8	CORRESPONDANCE	
8.1	Letter from Lorraine Griffin – Spar store manager	Clerk

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	<p>Chairman Jones read out a letter from Lorraine the Store Manager Spar Forsbrook who was offering to help with voluntary labour for local projects. The Councillors would get in touch directly should they have any ideas.</p>	
9	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>SMD/2018/0568 – 112 Five Oaks, Caverswall Road.</p> <p>Councillor Herdman expressed concerns that the area around the house was now getting very crowded.</p> <p>The Councillors unanimously agreed to object on the ground of over development.</p>	
11	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones asked if in the May meeting we could re elect a Chair of the Cemetery Committee.</p>	
12	<p>Environment</p> <p>Cllr Holmes reported he had removed the fence on Jubilee Gardens. Cllr Bagnall reported she had planted more plants on the wall in Blythe Bridge.</p> <p>Cllr Yates asked if the bin by the doctors surgery could be moves, however Cllr Mancey suggested that the bin in the children's compound be moved to the bench area. The Clerk will action</p>	
12.1	<p>Recreation Ground and Changing rooms</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones addressed the councillors regarding the recent anti social behaviour on the recreation ground and asked if they thought it would be a good idea to resurrect the idea of an extension on the changing rooms. The Police had suggested that they would be interest in using a room on the recreation ground and at present the only people who benefit from the building are the football teams. It would be a good idea to have a community facility owned by the Parish Council.</p>	

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	<p>The Councillors unanimously agreed to ask the Clerk to obtain a quote and plans for the works required and report back over the next few meetings.</p>	
13	<p>FINANCE Bank reconciliation was presented along with the bank balance and approval of monthly payments – Unanimously agreed to approve.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.35pm</p>	