

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2022 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

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| Chairman Herdman | Vice Chairman Yates |
| Cllr Felin | Cllr McCready |
| Cllr Holmes | |
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In Attendance

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| County Cllr Ward | District Cllr Flunder |
| PCSO Staples | MOP x 2 |

1. Apologies for Absence

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| Cllr White, Cllr Byatt |
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2. & 3 Declarations of Interest & Register of Interests

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Member</u> | <u>Nature</u> |
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| Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee | Councillor J Felin | Part of the management committee |
| Planning | Cllr Holmes | Member of SMDC Planning Committee |
| SMDC | Cllr Herdman | Resident adjacent to local plan site |

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| 4.. | Minutes Unanimously agreed to approve the minutes from July 2022 as a true record. Spelling mistake McCready |
| 5. | Residents issues Cllr Flunder stayed in the room but did not comment. Emma Yates and Claire Weston attended the meeting and a report was prepared by the residents and presented to the Council. Discussed the Solar Farm next to Highfield Farm in Checkley Parish. They had concerns over the consultation and lack of reports and information regarding the application. The development is 25 metres from the boundary of their property. The development will change the use of the land forever to industrial land. There had not been any glint and glare assessment for the residents and the A50. The panels were not particularly efficient. They asked for support by a Parish Councillor to speak at the Planning Committee. |

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| | PCSO Staples reported that it had been quiet. He asked the public to be aware of heating oil thefts. |
| 6 | <p>County and District Reports</p> <p>Cllr Ward had forwarded his County report and the Clerk had forwarded it round. The Speeding in Forsbrook was discussed and Cllr Ward had chased the results of the traffic survey, he would forward the details once it had happened.</p> <p>The Clerk explained the situation with the road past the cemetery and he had received several requests for staggered speed limits within his division and he was supporting all of them, statistically the road past the cemetery was the safest of all the roads requested.</p> <p>CCTV – Cllr Ward informed the Council that after some prolonged investigations the camera in Forsbrook was subject to an insurance claim. SMDC would pay for the replacement camera and the Clerk would get three quotes and the Parish would be the data controller.</p> <p>A consultant had done a risk based appraisal and the CCTV budget from SMDC had been spent in Leek, Biddulph, Cheadle.</p> <p>Cllr Flunder gave his report regarding the new investment Zone which has been accepted for Blythe Vale.</p> |
| 7. | <p>September and October Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) September accounts – to note the payments b) October accounts – for approval c) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site) – unanimously agreed to accept d) YTD figures and budget scrutiny, preparing for interim budget in November, the impact arising from the Police House project. The Clerk asked the Councillors to take a copy of the draft budget and it would be discussed in the November meeting. e) To report that the external audit is complete (12 August) and no matters for report f) Information arising from the interim Audit - none |
| 8 | <p>Clerks report</p> <p>To note the Clerks uplift in salary scale point due to her completion of CiLCA in line with her contract</p> <p>Remembrance Day – All under control back to the normal parade. St Johns Ambulance the first aid.</p> <p>S106 – Tender runs until 31 October, Cllr McCready asked for the name QE2 Sports ground to be adopted, this would be discussed once the works were done.</p> |
| 9 | Correspondence – received via email |
| 10. | Update on the Police House project and the discussions from the working party regarding the contracts. |

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| | The Radar survey quotes had been received, awaiting for Andrew Stokes to approve. Pressure was mounting from the PCC Office about exchange dates. The Clerk would liaise with them and clarify that it was not the Parish purchasing it. |
| 11 | . Memorial Bench policy – To receive the policy prepared by the Clerk and discuss and adopt. Noted |
| 12 | To discuss and decide a proposal by the current Chairman for a yearly resolution for the Chairman to act in an emergency or situation that requires an immediate decision, which if not taken would be detrimental to the Council and its residents. Chairman proposed the above and it was unanimously decided |
| 13 | CCTV discussions for Recreation Ground and Parish owned land and to receive an update from County Cllr Ward (Portfolio holder for CCTV at SMDC) Discussed in County Cllr reports. |
| 14 | . To receive the prices for the new bins for the cemetery and decide the service level required. FOR RATIFICATION ONLY Noted |
| 15 | To discuss and decide to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge from NALC and SLCC. Unanimously agreed |
| 17 | . To discuss and decide on the annual Parish insurance renewal – Previously agreed via email for minuting purposes. Noted |
| | Trains and reduced services at Blythe Bridge station. Cllr McCready – First Bus have now reduced their service and the earliest bus is 7:15 am with 8:05am arriving in Hanley. He expressed concerns about the reduction in the services. The trains were also reduced service. |
| 18 | PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER SMD/2022/0518 APPLICANT NAME Mr & Mrs Card LOCATION 22 Clematis Avenue Blythe Bridge No Objections APPLICATION NUMBER SMD/2022/0212 APPLICANT NAME Liz Taperek LOCATION 213 Uttoxeter Road Blythe Bridge PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT Two storey front and single storey rear extensions. |

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| | No Objections. |
| 19 | Cemetery Cllr McCready thanked the handyman for his work. |
| 20 | Environment Cllr McCready – Asked the Clerk to chase the EA about the brook at Elmwood. Cllr McCready – Puddle at Chandai Cottage. Cllr McCready – Premier is closed what is happening with it? Cllr Holmes – Caverswall Old Road pavements are in a state. |
| 21 | Councillor Updates |
| | None |

The meeting closed at 8:40pm