

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 June 2023 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

Chairman Herdman	Vice Chairman Yates
Cllr Felin	Cllr Holmes
Cllr Reid	Cllr Bostock
Cllr Durose	Cllr McCready
Cllr White	

In Attendance

Dawn Plant – Clerk	
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1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Byatt, County Cllr Ward	
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2 & 3 Declarations of Interest & Register of Interests

<u>Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature</u>
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

4.	To consider for accuracy and to approve the minutes of the meeting May 2023 Unanimously agreed to approve. Para 10 certificate. Page one McCready Cllr Yates asked – for an update on the portable toilet.- nothing to report
5.	Residents issues No residents present. Cllr Holmes reported that residents would like a slide and a bigger swing at the recreation ground. The pavement to the cemetery is narrowing again.
5a	Handyman updates The Clerk read the handyman updates out.

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6	County and District Reports Cllr Holmes – still settling into new roles and welcome meetings. SMDC were researching the possibility of the defibs being controlled centrally. Cllr Holmes had spoken to Mark Trillo regarding the CCTV report. Cllr reported that the SPCA now had a new Chief Exec and a new Health and Wellbeing officer. Cllr Durose – Cherry Trees at Adamthwaite Drive were taken down by the Housing Association because of rot.
7.	June Accounts a) May Accounts for approval Cllr Felin and Cllr Holmes checked and approved the accounts. b) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site) – unanimously agreed to accept
8	Clerks report
9	Update on the Police House project – To review the amended plan and make a decision, to review the now increased interest charges and solicitors fees. Solicitors fees – likely to be £2000 Unanimously agreed to accept the updated Solicitors fees. The Councillors discussed the revised plans and did not see a problem with the plans.
10.	Campaign to prevent a permanent reduced rail service between Crewe and Derby. An email had been circulated around to the Councillors, the Clerk had responded to the initial email. The hourly service from the train station has been lost, Cllr McCready said that it was easy to get Derby from the Blythe, however if you are travelling to Stoke you cannot get there before 9am. The Clerk would email East Coast mainline and express our dissatisfaction.
11	To review quotes for extra litter bins on the recreation ground The Clerk read out the quotes and the Council, unanimously agreed to order two bins from Broxap. One for the gym equipment, one for the pump track.
12	To receive and decide on a S137 grant application Cllr White declared an interest. Sorooptimist International to restart a new group in North Staffs. Unanimously agreed to donate £100
13	Planning

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	SMD/2023/0245	192 Trent Villa, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge	Proposed two storey side extension and single rear extension.
	Cllr Holmes – did not take place in the discussion. No objection.		
14	Cemetery Tap has been mended. Seeds that were left for people to take home had been a success. The commonwealth war grave plaque had been put on the war.		
15	Environment Cllr Holmes asked if the Council would allow a festival on the Parish land – The Councillors said to ask them to speak to the Clerk. Cllr White – Concerns over the Cadent works and the impact on the roads. Cllr Bostock – Echoing the problems with the closure and the speed of the vehicles. The Clerk will speak to Cadent and ask if they can put some pressure on the speed partnership due to the speed of the traffic now the cars aren't parked. Clerk to speak to Roads Policing unit to ask for a visit. Cllr McCready – Single string lights round the trees at the library. Lights to stay up permanently. Clerk to get a quote for the brackets for trees. Clerk to ask Bob and Jon to the September meeting. Cllr McCready – Leslie's path is unpassable with weeds and brambles. Cllr Durose – Footpath through Calveray Farm is broken.		
16	Recreation Ground		
16a	Confidential session due to the commercially sensitive information To receive and review the two quotes for the height barrier and bow top fencing and gates for the changing rooms carpark Cllr Durose declared an interest. Quote 1 = 10119.60 Quote 2 = 8640.00 Both local companies within a 10 mile radius of the Parish. Cllr White proposes Quote 2 and Cllr Holmes seconded Unanimous minus Cllr Durose as he declared an interest.		
16b	To discuss the football pitch and changing rooms facilities for the 2023/24 season. A discussion took place about the costs of running the pitch. Cllr White – proposed that we revisit the facility in the season of 2024/25 with an emphasis to junior teams.		
17	Items for the next agenda Christmas 2023 Remembrance Day 2023		

Meeting closed 8:50