

# FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15th January 2024 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

## **Members Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

Dawn Plant – Clerk	
Jason – Funky Fillerz (left after public participation)	

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Durose	
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### **2 & 3 Declarations of Interest & Register of Interests**

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

<b>4.</b>	<p><b>To consider for accuracy and to approve the minutes of the meeting December 2023</b></p> <p>Unanimously agreed to approve after the following amendments.</p> <p>The date needs to be amended</p> <p>Section 7 – Saturdays surgery were not attended by members of the public.</p> <p>Cllr McCready asked for updates on the following.</p> <p>Call in for Birch Grove planning application. – Cllr Holmes had not heard anything.</p> <p>Item 13 – Clerk to chase the contractor for report.</p> <p>Page 4 – to chase Arne regarding the brook at SMDC</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Residents issues.</b>

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	<p>Dog mess – is increasing again, Clerk will ask for the Dog Warden to visit Chapel Street, and Hillside, Beverley.</p> <p>Cllr Bostock also reported dog mess from Tesco express and the Village Hall.</p> <p>Jason from Funky Fillerz was present to discuss the Parish Councils plans for a commemorative event on the recreation ground and Christmas 2024. He is going to prepare a quote and specification for the D Day commemorative event and Christmas and revert back to the Clerk.</p> <p>Cllr White – asked about organising a litter picking event when the weather is better. Clerk to clarify with litter picker at SMDC to see if he can litter pick that area.</p> <p>Clerk to have a look at the land at Swan Passage and the encroachment onto the footpath.</p>																														
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	<p>Clerk to email the Police to ask them to check the cemetery periodically.</p> <p>Brook at Forsbrook has a tree from neighbouring property obstructing the flow.</p>
7	<p><b>County and District Reports</b></p> <p>Cllr Ward, Staffordshire County Council have recommended as a 4.99 % increase in their part of the precept.</p> <p>72 % of the precept goes on looked after children and adult social care.</p> <p>SMDC – December meeting the new administration had ordered through a 44 % increase in member allowances.</p> <p>Cllr White – was there any plans at SCC to bring in any 20mph limits, Cllr Ward said it was highly unlikely.</p> <p>Cllr White – any plans to have a street lights off between 12 midnight and 5am. Cllr Ward said that the lights are already staggered dimmed at 8pm and 12 midnight.</p> <p>Chairman Herdman asked Cllr Ward if the traffic surveys had taken place, Cllr Ward explained that they still had not taken place.</p> <p>Cllr Ward – Would ask at community committee regarding the CCTV for the village.</p> <p>Cllr MCreedy – asked if the flooding towards Caverswall had been attended, Cllr Ward had witnessed it being attended to by Staffs County Council.</p>
8.	<p><b>January Accounts</b></p> <p>a) January Accounts for approval Cllr Felin and Cllr Holmes checked and approved the accounts.</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site) – unanimously agreed to accept</p> <p>c) To set the precept for the year 2024/2025</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the increase versus the budget and the plans for the Parish in the following year with events and the cemetery.</p> <p>It was proposed by Cllr White for the Parish Council precept to be set at £140,000 and seconded by Cllr Felin. Unanimous decision.</p>
9	<p><b>Clerks report</b></p> <p>Checkley Cricket Club had asked to use the recreation ground for their junior third team. Clerk to speak to Checkley and have a site visit around the recreation ground being used for cricket for their junior team. Proposal by Cllr Reid Seconded Cllr Yates and unanimous to allow Checkley Cricket Club to use the recreation ground. Checkley Cricket Club would cover the mowing costs and pay for the facility.</p> <p><b>Football pitch – decision if to rent out for the 2024/25 season</b></p> <p>Unable to do it due to the cricket taking place.</p>
10	<p><b>Events working party updates</b></p>

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	TOR accepted Minutes had been circulated via email. Plans for a summer event with D Day commemorative on 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 Three Day Christmas event for Christmas. Starting 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024. Cllr McCready outlined the plans. Next Events meetings date – 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 7pm Martin has spoken to a number of businesses regarding sponsorships.		
11.	<b>Update on the Police House projects</b> Nothing to report		
12.	<b>Football pitch – decision if to rent out for the 2024/25 season</b> <b>Discussed in Clerks report</b>		
13	<b>Track at recreation ground –</b> Clerk would be seeing the contractor this week.		
14	<b>To agree a representative for parish together meetings</b> Cllr Bostock Cllr White Chairman Herdman		
15	Planning		
	Application Number	Address	Description
	SMD/2023/0398	321 325 Late Shop Uttoxeter Road Blythe Bridge	2 Storey additions to existing building for the creation of 6 self contained flats and first floor and loft space.  CONCERNS OVER HIGHWAY SAFETY AND EGRESS OF CARS ADJACENT TO THE SCHOOL  ENSURE THAT THE PRIVACY OF RESIDENTS AT THE REAR IS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.
	SMD/2023/0245	192 Trent Villa Uttoxeter Road Blythe Bridge	Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

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			No comments
	SMD/2023/0655	Agricultural Building Boundary Road Boundary	Proposed erection of two dwelling houses
			No comments
	SMD/2023/0593	St Modwen Homes Blythe Bridge Phase 2A Land South West of Levison Street Blythe Bridge	Full planning application for residential development comprising 14 dwellings (Use Class C3), access and internal road for vehicle, footpaths and cycle linkages, parking, landscaping, ecological habitats and associated infrastructure and earthworks  Objection. Forsbrook parish Council feels disappointed with St Modwen and how they it necessary to replace a small surviving Greenfield site with 14 more dwellings within such a Major Residential Development when provision of Greenfield areas within a large Residential Development are desirable to provide a necessary change of outlook, an environmentally friendly aspect and an essential place of respite for the neighbourhood.
	SMD/2024/0008	Charisma Cottage Tater Lane Blythe Bridge	Two storey side extension No COMMENTS

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<b>16</b> <b>16a</b>	<b>Cemetery</b> To receive a quote for the extension to the cemetery path and decide if to order the work. Proposal for the quote to be accepted proposed by Cllr Felin, Seconded by Cllr Yates.
<b>17</b>	<b>Environment</b> Cllr Yates – Why do we pay for the road lights in Green Lane, when the road is unadopted. Could the Clerk investigate. Cllr Yates – Sign on Cheadle Road that was demolished, has been reported but nothing happened Cllr Yates – Pot holes on the entrance to the cemetery Cllr Yates – Missing flashing lights outside Forsbrook primary and William Amory Cllr McCready – Tater Lane, barriers across the Highway Cllr McCready – Pot Holes – Caverswall Old Road Cllr Bostock – Entrance to Blythe Vale large pot hole. Chairman Herdman – Uttoxeter Road opposite Portland school large pot holes
<b>18</b>	<b>Items for the next agenda</b>

Meeting closed 9:15pm