

## **FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Mrs. G. Burton (Chairman),  
Councillor Miss S. Farr,  
Councillor S. P. Fox,  
Councillor P. Jones,  
Councillor A. J. Mould,  
Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham,  
Councillor Mrs. N. A. Stanier,  
Councillor B. Yates

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs. C. J. Snape (Clerk),  
Members of the public (1),  
Press Officer.

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Apologies were received from County Councillor W. Day, Councillor Mrs. S. M. Edwards, Councillor Mrs. S. A. Harrison, Councillor J. W. Burgess, Councillor Rev. B. L. Whittaker and Councillor A. Wilson.

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Member declaring interest</b>	<b>Nature of interest</b>
SCC Rights of Way Issues	Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham	Personal – Daughter employed by SCC in the Rights of Way Department.
SCC Highway Issues	Councillor P. Jones	Personal – SCC Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery – personal friend.
Agenda item 8.2	Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton	Personal – Member of SMDC Cabinet.

**Standing Orders were suspended.**

#### **3. OPEN SESSION.**

##### **3.1 Residents Issues.**

Residents raised no issues.

### 3.2. County Council Report.

In the absence of County Councillor W. Day there was no report.

**Standing Orders were reinstated.**

### 4. INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING 'OUTSIDE' MEETINGS'.

Councillor A. J. Mould reported that the minutes from the recent Parish Assembly meeting, which he had attended were in the correspondence file.

### 5. TO APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES OF: Council Meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

**RESOLVED:**

➤ **To approve and sign the minutes as a correct record.**

### 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

**Minutes dated 20.12.10 – page 126 agenda item 9.4 – 38 Dilhorne Road, Forsbrook.**

It was noted that Julie Howard from SMDC Enforcement Department has spoken to the occupant of the above, who has assured her that the caravan is parked in the field adjacent to his property on a temporary basis, whilst work is undertaken on the chimney of the property and the caravan should be resited within the next few weeks.

**Minutes dated 17.01.11 – page 135 – agenda item 3.1 – Butchers Arms.**

Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham reported that The Butchers Arms has held another open day to try and attract a new tenant.

**Minutes dated 17.01.11 – page 136 – agenda item 3.2 – Highway Issues.**

The following response from SCC Highways Officer David Greatbatch was received and noted:

*“Please find attached a further copy of the reply to your letter of 25 October and I can only apologise if you did not receive this when it was originally sent early in November. As you will note much of the queries you raise in your e-mail below are answered within the body of my reply as attached. However for clarity I will confirm the following.*

***Uttoxeter Road/Cheadle Road/Stallington Road junction***

*This location was discussed during Councillor Day’s Divisional Highway Programme (DHP) meeting and it was confirmed by Colin Nash (Project Engineer for the scheme) that more detail would be given to Councillor Day in around 6 to 8 weeks (after the date of the DHP meeting of 14 January i.e. during March). The works are programmed to take place in the 2011/2012 financial year.*

***Forsbrook pedestrian crossing***

*During the DHP meeting, this issue was discussed during which it was confirmed that the results of a recent survey determined that the criteria had not been met for a signalised crossing to be installed. The situation would be monitored with a view to carrying out a further survey sometime in the future if it was considered that the numbers of pedestrians crossing in this location had increased.*

***Cheadle Road pedestrian crossing (close to Forsbrook Primary School entrance)***

*This proposal requires the development of The Furlongs to take place. A highway condition to be discharged by the developer is for the provision of a footway in Cheadle Road across the frontage of the development. Once the footway has been constructed it will allow the installation of a pedestrian crossing to take place, although currently the money to finance the crossing is not available following the central government spending review and the crossing proposal has been deferred.*

***Caverswall Old Road traffic calming***

*This proposal has been deferred as a consequence of the central government spending review.*

***Zebra crossing, Uttoxeter Road (adjacent to Travis Perkins)***

*This proposal is proceeding and programmed for installation next financial year (probably in the first quarter, but no later than in the second quarter).*

***Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge***

*Measures to protect pedestrians using the footway at the junction of Grindley Lane with Uttoxeter Road are programmed to be installed next month (March 2011). The works include for the installation of pedestrian guard railing and bollards. Also, there is a proposal to install waiting restrictions and "H" bar markings at the junction and, following the satisfactory conclusion of the statutory consultation procedure, it is programmed for installation during the first quarter of next financial year.*

***Removal of the parking bays opposite the Co-operative Store on Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge***

*This is being investigated as part of the proposed improvements at Blythe Bridge crossroads.*

***Lavender Avenue***

*Having now met with the legal team to discuss this matter I will be writing a report which will be submitted to Councillor Day for discussion and approval prior to the end of this month.*

*Thank you for your comments in respect to drainage and highway conditions.*

*Subsequent to the above reply being sent I will arrange to meet with Councillor Day to complete the Divisional Highway Programme (DHP) prioritising process and I wish to confirm that the issues the Parish Council have raised previously are listed within the DHP paperwork. To clarify and repeat the confirmation within the attached letter these are as follows:*

- Improved signage at Forsbrook cemetery*
- Bollards on the footway adjacent to the Spar in Forsbrook*

*I am unaware of any other issues which have been raised and are not within the DHP as confirmed above or in the letter attached.*

*I trust the above is of assistance."*

Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham expressed disappointment with the Safer Routes to School intended work. She said that the main benefits seemed to be centred around Springcroft Primary School with no benefits to improving school safety for children attending schools in Forsbrook Parish.

**Minutes dated 17.01.11 – page 142 – agenda item 11.1 – Dog Control Orders.**

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that Staffordshire Moorlands District Council will be writing to Town and Parish Councils to see if they are interested in becoming a Dog Control area.

**7. CLERK'S REPORT.**

- 7.1 To receive and note – agenda enclosures, correspondence outgoing and emails not detailed as separate agenda items.

7.2 To receive dates of 'outside' meetings as follows:

Staffordshire County Council – Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton has been invited to attend a meeting to discuss the future of the Egerton Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 4.30pm.

7.3 To receive the following circulation material:

- Rural Service Network Newsletters.
- Staffordshire 3<sup>rd</sup> Section Network E-Bulletins.
- North Staffordshire Line (Crewe-Stoke-Derby) Newsletter.
- Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Archive Service Newsletter – Winter 2010/2011.
- NALC Direct Information Service – Issue 750, 751 and 752.
- Link Staffordshire Volume 2 Issue 3.

## 8. CORRESPONDENCE:

8.1 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – subject: Staffordshire Moorlands Local Development Framework – Consultation on Revisions to Core Strategy/Consultation on Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options.

It was noted that consultation on the above begins on 14<sup>th</sup> February and any comments need to be made by 4.45pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. The Core Strategy Revisions Consultation Documents and questionnaire can be obtained from the One Stop Shops at Leek, Biddulph and Cheadle and the District Council's website at [www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/corestrategy](http://www.staffsmoorlands.gov.uk/corestrategy).

A new online consultation portal means that comments can be made on documents quickly and easily via the Internet. The online consultation portal has a number of key benefits including: Personal details can be instantly updated, such as change of contact details; time can be saved in viewing, making comments on documents and viewing comments others have made via the system; there is an opportunity to receive instant updates on new consultations and consultation themes; and the system saves paper and therefore has environmental and resource benefits. The online consultation portal can be accessed using the website link: <http://staffsmoorlands-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal>.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton provided Councillors with additional information on the above:

Consultation on Revisions to Core Strategy.

The current consultation is seeking views mainly in relation to a proposed reduction in the overall housing requirements for the District. At this stage no changes have been made to the Core Strategy and this consultation deals only with new issues regarding changes to the overall housing requirement for Staffordshire Moorlands and specific policies and does not cover issues regarding the broad locations for future development or other policy matters which have been addressed through previous consultations.

Consultation on Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options.

The Council is required to identify sites for permanent and transit pitches to meet the assessed needs of gypsies and travellers in its Local Development Framework. In order to provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to engage early on in the process of identifying sites, the District Council is seeking views on the approach which the Council should take to identifying sites. The 'Gypsy and Traveller Issues and Options Consultation Document' provides information on the issues and sets out a number of alternative options for identifying sites – it does not at this stage identify any specific

sites. It poses a number of questions and provides an opportunity for sites to be suggested.

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**To note:** Since the Council meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011 a letter has been received from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council which reads:

*“Further to my recent communication with you inviting responses to the above document, I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to a minor factual inconsistency evident in the text.*

*Paragraphs 3.2, 5.11 and 5.13 explain that there is presently only one gypsy caravan site in the District which is authorised. The location of this is referred to as both “southern Boundary” and “Dilhorne”. For clarification this authorised site is located at Boundary Road, Boundary (Planning ref: 78/06033). This is unrelated to another site in the Dilhorne area (at Windycote Lane) currently the subject of a planning appeal against refusal for the stationing of caravans and other vehicles for travellers (Planning ref: 10/00338/FUL).*

*I trust this has clarified matters. If you have any responses I would remind you that these need to be received by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011.”*

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton asked Councillors to get back to the clerk within the next seven days if they wished to comment on the consultation documents.

## 8.2 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – subject: Moorlands Together Action Days.

It was noted that if Forsbrook Parish Council wishes to be considered for another Action Day the following information must be provided:

- Identify a project (or number of smaller projects) in our area that benefits the local community, e.g. land that needs cleaning, basic gardening work, conservation work, groundwork, painting and decorating or other community based problems that needs resolving. There needs to be enough work to keep a team of workers fully occupied for a half or whole day.
- Provide a local contact that the District Council can liaise with about the arrangements for the action day.
- Provide access to somewhere with shelter, tea making, toilet and hand washing facilities.
- Promote the action day in our area.
- Commit to drumming-up local support and trying to involve as many local members of the community/community groups as possible in the activities on the day.

If too many areas are suggested then the District Council will prioritise on the basis of need and will submit a suggested timetable to the Portfolio Holder for Communities for approval.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton advised that previous community action days were extremely successful. Bus shelters, signs and litter bins were cleaned, graffiti removed, litter collected and spring bulbs planted. The Community Pay Back Team are always willing to help. She asked Councillors if they wanted to do something similar or identify a particular project. Work such as clearing overgrown areas and tidying up car parks can also be undertaken.

Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham said that Mr. Gordon Adams has volunteered his services during community action days but advised that students are not normally able to take part because they are not allowed out of school grounds.

### 8.3 Staffordshire Police – subject: Fixed Penalty Notices.

It was noted that Inspector Neil Sherratt is no longer the Cheadle Neighbourhood Policing Inspector.

Inspector Morris is the temporary replacement.

The following response to Council's letter of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 was noted:

*"I am writing to you in connection with your letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011 concerning issues raised by the local community of inappropriate parking on footpaths in your parish area.*

*I have spoken with our Central Ticket Office and they have confirmed that no fixed penalty notices have been issued by local officers for offences of obstruction in your area over recent months. There are several reasons why this may be the case, officers who come across vehicles parked with wheels parked on the footpath have to make a professional judgement as to whether such parking constitutes an obstruction of the footpath. When making their decision officers will judge whether free passage by pedestrians on the footpath can be afforded. If, in their opinion, there is free passage then naturally no further action would follow. If they feel free passage is obstructed then they may deal with the matter by offering verbal advice to the owner of the vehicle. Officers may also attach an advisory notice to the vehicle or they may indeed choose to issue a fixed penalty notice in appropriate cases.*

*Clearly individual officers exercise their use of discretion in dealing with such matters. That said I would expect my officers to take proportionate action in cases where obstruction offences occur.*

*I will be ensuring that local officers are aware of your concerns and that they pay attention to parking issues in your local area."*

Councillor P. Jones reported that there was still a problem with vehicles parking adjacent to The Methodist Chapel on Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge. The clerk was requested to notify Inspector N. Morris.

### 8.4 Mrs. P. L. Walton, 39 Dilhorne Road, Forsbrook – subject: Dog Fouling adjacent to The Roebuck Public House.

It was noted that the above resident has complained to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council regarding the above. The District Council advised the complainant that they would send someone out to cleanse the area and the service number provided was 2436664.

It was **agreed** to write to Mrs. Walton thanking her for reporting the problem and explaining the joint initiatives between Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and Forsbrook Parish Council in tackling dog fouling in the area.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton reported that she has included this area on the list of hot spot locations along with:

**Forsbrook Area:**

Bridgwood Road,

Chapel Street,

Dove Road,

Hillside Avenue.

**Blythe Bridge Area:**

Uttoxeter Road – various locations between Elmwood Drive and Blythe Bridge Railway Station.

Uttoxeter Road – John Rice Garage to Tater Lane.

The Avenue,

Recreation Ground.

**Footpaths:**

5a -Jasmine Close to Blythe Bridge Railway Station.

Uttoxeter Road to Brook Close.

Uttoxeter Road to Elmwood Drive,

- 8.5 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Community Paths Initiative Bids for 2011/2012.

Details of the above funding opportunities were received and noted.

- 8.6 Staffordshire Moorlands Community & Voluntary Services – subject: The Big Society.

It was noted that SMCVS would be pleased to give a free presentation to Council about The Big Society and what it might mean for the community and Parish Council.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton advised that part of the presentation would encourage Parish Councils to formulate a Parish or Neighbourhood Plan. It was **agreed** to wait until more information was available on The Big Society before considering inviting SMCVS to give a presentation.

- 8.7 Cropper Grounds Maintenance Limited – subject: Ground Maintenance work in Forsbrook Parish.

Quotation for annual maintenance work was received and noted. As the ground maintenance precept has already been set for 2011/2012 it was agreed to keep details on record for future reference.

- 8.8 Eon Central Networks – subject: Suggested items which residents should consider keeping in case of a power cut.

Sample pack provided to the Parish Council, which contains:

- An analogue corded telephone (as digital cordless phones will not work during a power cut)
- A torch with batteries
- A wind-up mobile phone charger
- A battery operated radio
- A foil blanket
- A reusable hand warmer

- 8.9 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – subject: Parish Assembly Meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

Minutes and presentations from the above meeting were received and noted.

It was also noted that at the next Parish Assembly meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011, James Bailey, Head of Strategic Management, Staffordshire County Council Highways Department will be attending to represent County Councillor Mike Maryon. Highway issues/questions that are concerning Towns and Parishes should be forwarded by 1st

The clerk was requested to list the following issues:

1. Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge/Forsbrook – unacceptable road surface for this busy ‘A’ Road.
2. Throughout the Parish – unacceptable pavement and road surfaces.
3. Throughout the Parish – unsatisfactory pavement resurfacing work.
4. Throughout the Parish – blocked drains.
5. Throughout the Parish – collapsed drains.
6. Junction of Stallington Road/Uttoxeter Road (adjacent to the Bake Shop) – flooding.
7. Caverswall Old Road, Forsbrook (adjacent to Heath House Farm Nursery) – flooding due to blocked drains.
8. Throughout the Parish – potholes – many so deep that they are dangerous.
9. Grass verge in the ownership of Staffordshire County Council (adjacent to Tesco Roundabout) cars that are for sale trespassing on SCC land, destroying the grassed area and causing a danger to motorists/pedestrians. Action needs to be taken to prohibit this.
10. Throughout the Parish – Highway Defect Reports – when SCC Highways Team takes no action, issues are reported repeatedly wasting SCC and Parish Council time. (Please refer to all incidents that have been reported and investigate ways of providing update). The CRM system used by Staffordshire Moorlands District Council works well because you get feedback.

8.10 Staffordshire Parish Councils Association – subject: Information and weekly updates.

To receive the above documents. (Note: Documents can be viewed prior to the Council Meeting and copies provided to interested members).

8.11 To receive and note general correspondence and to agree action as required.

**Email Exchanges:**

Ken Booth, Canada  
SCC – Margy Woodhead

**Subject:**

Memorial approval.  
Clarification on funding of directional sign for Blythe Bridge Children’s Centre.

Faye Lambert, Community Rail Partnership Officer

Community Involvement Day – provisional - 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Qstar

Flashcam – recharging of battery instructions.

SMCVS

Update on Communities Mean Business funding application.

SCC

Update on Communities Mean Business funding application.

(Note: There will be significant cuts across the whole Leader programme which could be quite drastic. Clerk to contact SCC in March for update).

Councillor Gareth Jones

Parish Plan details.

Sentinel, Cheadle and Tean Times, Post and Times

Press release on precept.

Owl Online Service

Watchdog alerts etc.



SCC (Rights of Way Dept)	Safety issues with regard to footpath 12 – Draycott Old Road, Forsbrook.
SCC (Rob Steele)	Insurance responsibilities for planters – Blythe Mount Park.
Bob Ellis, Blythe Mount Park	Copy of the above email from Rob Steele.
SCC Highway Defects Department	Reports on the following: Pavement surfaces – adjacent to The Chemist/Post Office, Blythe Bridge and The Spar, Forsbrook; Blocked drains opposite The Oaks, Cheadle Road, Forsbrook and junction of Uttoxeter Road/Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge. (Request for all drains in the area to be cleaned; Pot holes – railway crossing, Blythe Bridge, bus lay-by adjacent to B.B. High School, Crossfield Avenue/Jasmine Close, Bridgwood Road.
SMDC	Links to District Council meetings.
SMDC (CRM Reports)	Flytipping – The Deep Pan Pizza Man, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge; Vermin – Rear of The Deep Pan Pizza Man, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge; Bus Shelter repairs and painting (SMDC owned); Dog Fouling; Missing litterbins; Litter behind bus shelters.

**Note: All correspondence/documents are made available to view on the evening of Council Meetings.**

## 9. PLANNING.

### 9.1 Planning Applications:

01041/FUL – Mount Pleasant Small Holding, Cheadle Road, Forsbrook – stable block consisting of 4 stables.

00028/FUL – The Kindergarten at The Meadows, 222 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – change of use from Nursery to 2 Semi Detached dwellings with single storey extensions to form garages and first floor extension.

01135/FUL – Roshni Restaurant, 19 Cheadle Road, Forsbrook – installation of a stainless steel extractor fan duct on an existing flat roof kitchen extension encased in timber framing. (Retrospective).

00065/FUL – Former Smithfield Hotel, 229 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – temporary security fencing for a period of up to two years. (Retrospective).

00090/FUL – Spar, 13 Cheadle Road, Forsbrook – Installation of new cladding to external walls. New shop front installation including new automatic sliding doors, glazing and security shutters, replacement timber fencing. Minor internal alterations, installation of ATM machine.

**RESOLVED:**

- **To respond to the above planning applications as follows:**
  - 010041/FUL – to raise no concerns providing the stable block is acceptable by design and scale in this green belt location and taking into account all the previous extensions/new builds the site is not overdeveloped.**
  - 00028/FUL – to raise no concerns and to mention that feedback from residents is very positive with regard to this current proposal.**
  - 01135/FUL – to question whether the applicant has addressed the reasons for the original refusal with regard to excessive odours and to register concern with regard to the enclosing of the extractor fan in timber, as this could pose a fire hazard.**
  - 00065/FUL – to raise no concerns as the fencing is only temporary.**
  - 00100/FUL – to raise no concerns providing there is no adverse effect on the privacy of adjacent neighbours.**
  - 00090/FUL – to raise no concerns but to request the planning officer, should approval be granted, to set a condition that the shutters by design and colour are in keeping with this village location.**

9.2 Planning Approvals:

The following planning approvals were noted:

01046/FUL – Mount Pleasant Farm, Cheadle Road, Boundary – portal framed agricultural building.

01119/FUL – The Recreation Ground, Mount Road, Blythe Bridge – proposed front extension to existing changing rooms. (Copy of full planning approval circulated to members).

9.3 Planning Refusals:

The following planning refusal was noted:

01077/FUL – the Coach House, The Limes, Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge – detached double garage.

*Reasons: “The proposal represents a form of development that is considered to be an over development of the plot, in a backland location that does not respect the character and form and of its surroundings. It would further adversely affect the amenity that the occupiers of The Coach House could reasonably expect to enjoy by way of loss of light, overbearing effects with respect to principal windows and the amenity area. As such the proposal is considered to be contrary to the requirements of Saved Policies B13 and H4, in addition to Appendix 3 of the Adopted Staffordshire Moorlands Local Plan and national planning guidance in the form of PPS.1 and PPS.3.”*

9.4 Planning matters.

No planning matters were raised.

**10. CEMETERY:**

10.1 Cemetery Report.

Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee reported that whilst she was deputising during the clerk's holiday she received a telephone enquiry from a resident asking if he could pre purchase a burial plot in Forsbrook Parish Cemetery and had advised him that this was not possible.

10.2 Cemetery Issues.

No cemetery issues were raised.

**11. ENVIRONMENT:**

11.1 Environment Report.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton (Chairman of the Environment Committee) gave the following reports:

**Dog Fouling.**

In the acknowledgement from SMDC Community Safety Manager David Smith regarding the dog fouling hot spot areas he has asked if the Parish Council will be able to provide some volunteers to hand out cards in the areas that are causing concern. **Agreed.** Dog signs and banner can be used during this initiative should the Parish Council wish to designate specific areas for the placing of the publicity. Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton emphasised the importance of continuing to report dog fouling and providing SMDC with details of description of dog, owner and time of incidents.

**Introduction of parking fees on Blythe Bridge Station Car Park.**

East Midlands Trains is planning to introduce car park charges of £2 per day at all their stations from April 2011, which will be managed via pay and display machines. Carol Orchard, Revenue and Protection Manager at East Midlands Trains will be writing to the Parish Council. Revenue will be used for further enhancement of Stations.

It was hope that this additional cost to rail users would not deter them from using the service and it was **agreed** to write to Carol Orchard suggesting that a rebate for regular rail users be considered.

**Royal Wedding – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2011.**

It was **agreed** to host a 'Best Dressed Window' competition for the above event with a first prize of £50 and runner up prize of £25.

## 11.2 Extension to the Changing Rooms, Blythe Bridge Recreation Ground.

Councillors approved the specification provided by architect John Payne and agreed the required £1m public liability insurance cover.

It was **agreed** to insert an advert for ‘expressions of interest’ for the extension to the changing rooms and also for boundary fencing in the local Cheadle and Tean Times week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011.

## 11.3 Environment Issues.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Action</b>
Brook – adjacent to Butcher Arms, Forsbrook – debris build up.	Report to The Environment Agency.
Uttoxeter Road/A50 – flooding.	Report again to the Highway Defects Team.
Uttoxeter Road/Stallington Road – flooding.	Report again to the Highway Defects Team.
Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – adjacent to Tony’s Fish and Chip Shop – flooding.	Report to the Highway Defects Team.
Uttoxeter Road/Cheadle Road junction – sunken grid.	Report again to the Highway Defects Team.
Uttoxeter Road from the footpath linking Elmwood Drive for approximately 20 yards in the Blythe Bridge direction – pavement breaking up.	Report to the Highway Defects Team.
The Avenue (near to junction with Uttoxeter Road) – road sinking.	Report to the Highway Defects Team.
Forsbrook/Blythe Bridge – watering of flower planters.	Still waiting to hear if Heath House Farm can undertake this service, which SMDC can no longer provide.
Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – outside Doctor Kulkarni’s Medical Centre – parking.	It was noted that there was a notice displayed in the surgery requesting patients to park considerately. It was agreed that if the cars were parked correctly there was no action that could be taken. If cars were causing an obstruction it was a matter for the police.
Recycling of waste.	Clerk to clarify with SMDC if the condition for disposing of waste, as detailed a few years ago still applies.
Security Lighting – Changing Rooms	To tilt the security light facing the car park in order to limit the light shining into homes adjacent to the car park.

**12. FINANCE:**

## 12.1 Bank Balance

It was noted that the bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 was:

Community Direct Account	32769.09
14 Day Account	57753.31
Outstanding credits	475.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>90997.40</b>

## 12.2 February 2011 accounts.

The following accounts were submitted for payment:

<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Net</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
402042	Town and Country	850.00	170.00	1020.00
402043	J. G. Fenn	50.68	10.13	60.81
402044	Christine J. Snape	878.95		878.95
DD	Eon	40.00		40.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>1819.63</b>	<b>180.13</b>	<b>1999.76</b>

**RESOLVED:**

- **To approve payment of February 2011 accounts.**

The meeting concluded at 9.20pm.

**Clerk to the Council**

**Chairman.**