

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2014 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mrs. G. Burton (Chairman),
Councillor J. W. Burgess,
Councillor J. W. Cornwall,
Councillor Miss S. Farr,
Councillor Mrs. C. R. Hopley,
Councillor F. J. Hopley,
Councillor Miss J. P. Morris,
Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham,
Councillor Mrs N. A. Stanier,
Councillor A. E. Wilson,
Councillor B. Yates.

IN ATTENDANCE: Inspector Ian Hancock,
PCSO Jonathan Staples,
Residents (17),
Mrs. C. J. Snape (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from County Councillor W. Day, Councillor P. Jones and Councillor A. J. Mould.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Item	Member declaring interest	Nature of interest
Staffordshire County Council – William Amory Primary School. Planning application SMD/2014/0562 – 20 Draycott Old Road, Forsbrook.	Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton.	Personal – Chairman of Governors at the William Amory Primary School. Personal – Applicants have been neighbours and Mrs. Marion Wade was a Parish Councillor.
Staffordshire County Council – William Amory Primary School. Staffordshire County Council – Rights of Way Issues.	Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham	Personal – Governor at the William Amory Primary School. Personal – Daughter employed by Staffordshire County Council in the Rights of Way Department.

3. OPEN SESSION.

Standing Orders were suspended.

3.1 Inspector Ian Hancock and PCSO Jonathan Staples – Police Issues.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton welcomed Inspector Ian Hancock and PCSO Jonathan Staples to the meeting.

Inspector Hancock addressed members of Council and provided details of his policing career to-date. He said that he has been Staffordshire Moorlands Local Policing Team Commander since late July 2014.

He continued by providing relevant details with regard to policing in Staffordshire Moorlands. The local policing team cover 300 square miles across 42 Parishes. One of the biggest issues highlighted by residents is the need to provide visibility and to listen to their concerns. There are 67 Police Officers. The local policing team is not performing badly with 2.2% less crime and anti social behaviour down by 10%.

Inspector Ian Hancock responded to questions (shown in italics) raised by Councillors and residents.

101 Call Centre delay when trying to report damage to Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Hall gate entrance post.

There are a number of issues at the moment with the 101 call centre. There were originally two centres – Hanley and Stafford. These have been combined and there is now only one call centre based at Stafford. The 101 call centre targets are not being met and there is a recruiting programme for more staff together with a programme of internal work improvement. PCSO Jonathan Staples said that he would take details of the damage caused and take appropriate action.

Fire Arms – Air Rifles.

There is very little restriction with regard to owners of air rifles but anyone using one inappropriately can be reported to the police. Any changes would need to be legislated in Parliament.

Lack of Police Constables.

In Staffordshire Moorlands there are 67 Police Officers split between five 24/7 shifts working out of three sites each managed by a Sergeant. I have inherited officers that are on restricted duties. It is my intention to look at officer numbers in the New Year and how best to manage them. I want officers to deliver a quality service. I also need to assess where best to deploy officers. We know the local criminal fraternity but there is a travelling criminality coming into the Moorlands. New technology costs money but a brilliant piece of kit is an ANPR – automatic number plate recognition. I am presently in conversation with Staffordshire Moorlands Lead Officer Gail Edwards with regard to attracting funding for an ANPR system and we are hoping to tap into money from Alton Towers. I would like this system up and running within twelve months.

Powers of PCSO's.

PCSO's have civil powers of arrest and can detain. They do not have the same powers as Police Officers. PCSO's were recruited to deal with anti social behaviour and a review is presently underway to look at working hours.

Anti Social Behaviour could increase if Police Officers are not visible.

There is presently a recruitment drive. Twenty Officers have been transferred from other areas and three more will be transferred in the New Year. Some officers who are on restricted duties will probably not return to normal duties. Staffordshire Moorlands is one of the safest places to live in the country. Government has simplified how anti social behaviour is dealt with. The Police can now put dispersal orders on certain areas and not necessarily for anti social behaviour so let us look at this new legislation in detail. Statistics show that residents who have contacted the police are very satisfied with the service.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton thanked Inspector Ian Hancock and PCSO Jonathan Staples for attending the meeting.

3.2 Residents Issues

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton responded to the questions raised by residents as follows:

**3.2.1 Cheadle Road and Draycott Old Road, Forsbrook:
Speed of vehicles;
Parking on pavement and also yellow lines.**

Speed monitoring is regularly carried out on Cheadle Road. Local police officers do deal with vehicles causing an obstruction and Staffordshire Moorlands Enforcement officers are responsible for dealing with motorist who park on yellow lines. Both these partners will be notified of the concerns raised. The Butchers Arms did receive planning permission for the garden beds so no action can be taken to get the front car park reinstated.

3.2.2 Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Site Allocations.

Forsbrook Parish Council has provided Staffordshire Moorlands District Council with information on each of the site allocation proposals. The District is having to do a lot of work so the public consultation has been put back. No decisions have been made on which sites will go forward. The need to provide more houses was a government directive and if Staffordshire Moorlands District Council does not put forward sufficient sites the Planning Inspector will make the decision. Details of the public consultation will be widely advertised. As part of Staffordshire Moorlands proposals for housing site allocations a traffic survey will be carried out.

3.2.3 Increase in dog fouling following the removal of dog fouling bins/poop scoop bags.

Members of Forsbrook Parish Council were opposed to the removal of the dog fouling bins but the cost to take over this service was prohibitive. The supply of poop scoop bags come within the remit of Environmental Health and they have been asked what provisions there are for dog owners to have access to free poop scoop bags.

3.2.4 Mobile Traffic Monitoring Vehicle.

Staffordshire Moorlands do not have this type of vehicle.

3.2.5 Caverswall Road/Caverswall Old Road, Forsbrook – blocked gulleys.

Staffordshire County Council has raised a work sheet to clear the gulleys.

3.2.6 Litter/Vandalism on Recreation Ground.

Local Police Officers and Staffordshire Moorlands District Council Street Cleansing department will be advised.

3.2.7 Micro Pub, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.

The planning application from Peakstone Brewery will be discussed under agenda item 9.1. If approval is granted the proposals will still need to go before the licensing committee. The issues on which concerns can be raised are referred to under agenda item 9.1.

3.2.8 Forsbrook Parish Cemetery – dangerous to exit.

Forsbrook Parish Council has previously discussed with Staffordshire County Council the provision of a 'concealed entrance' sign and visibility mirrors. Unfortunately, Staffordshire County Council will not implement these traffic improvements.

3.3 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.

Health and Safety Overview Committee Meeting.

Councillor F. J. Hopley reported that he had recently attended the above where hearing aid provision for all deaf, irrespective of the severity was highlighted. He said that there was a protest meeting on the 5th November in Newcastle and urged everyone to attend.

5. DRAFT MINUTES OF: Council Meeting of 15th September, 2014.

RESOLVED:

- **To approve and sign the minutes.**

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES.

6.1 Minutes dated 15th September 2014 – page 73 – agenda item 3.1.1 and Minutes dated 18th August 2014 – page 63 – agenda item 3.3.7 – subject: line marking of football pitch.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton proposed that Forsbrook Parish Council do not cover the cost of the line marking. She reminded Council of the current running costs for the football pitch and changing rooms as follows:

Estimate of breakdown costs for Blythe Bridge football pitch and changing rooms.

Repositioning of goal posts	(Additional cost in 2014 at request of football team).	85.00
Reseeding football pitch goal mouths		120.00
Water Rates - annual		100.00
Grass cutting of recreation ground including the grassed area adjacent to The Butchers Arms	£115.00 every two weeks.	1840.00
Grass cutting around changing rooms.	- £18 per cut every two weeks.	288.00
Cleaning materials	(approximate)	75.00
Electricity	£66.00 per month - adjusted each year to cover exact usage	792.00
Fire extinguishers check	(extra for repairs/replacement parts).	56.10
Insurance	- £2100 annually (Changing rooms the biggest asset).	500.00
PAT testing	- carried out every three years. (last invoice - £188.25)	63.00
Total Annual Running Costs.		3919.10

Excluding any maintenance costs to the building.
 Excluding improvement work to shower facilities at a cost of £2590.00
 Excluding cost of marking the football pitch £100.00

Income 2014/2015	0
Income 2013/2014 2 senior teams at £550.00 each	1100.00

It was **agreed** for the football teams to cover the cost of the marking of the football pitch.

6.2 Minutes dated 15th September 2014 – page 74 – agenda item 3.2 – Caverswall Road – 30 mile signage.

It was noted that tiger's teeth road markings do not comply with current legislation. The two options available are:

- (1) 30 mile signage on the street light on the junction with Caverswall Old Road and 30mile stencilling on Caverswall Road.
- or
- (2) 30 mile signage on the street light on the junction with Caverswall Old Road with additional wording Blythe Bridge and stencilling on Caverswall Road.

It was **agreed** to ask Staffordshire County Council to implement Option 2.

7. CLERK'S REPORT.

- 7.1 Agenda enclosures, correspondence outgoing and emails not detailed as separate agenda items were noted.
- 7.2 Meetings.

The following meeting dates were noted:

- Staffordshire Wildlife – Saturday 25th October-Sunday 2nd November 2014 – 'Wild and Scary Trail' at Westport Lake Visitor Centre, Westport Lake Road, Longport, ST6 4RZ. Cost: £1.00 per trail.
- Forsbrook Primary School – Tuesday 4th November 2014 – Firework Display. Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham issued complimentary tickets to members.

- 7.3 The following circulation material was received and noted:

- Rural Services Network Online (Note: Newsletters available on: <http://www.rsonline.org.uk/news>).
- Staffordshire Wildlife Trust – E-News.
- Staffordshire Moorlands Parish Assembly Newsletter – Issue 5.
- Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – Countryside walks and events – Autumn/Winter 2014/15.
- North Staffordshire Community Rail Partnership Progress Report 2013/14.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

- 8.1 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Youth Services.

It was noted that open-access youth services run by the County Council will cease by 31st December 2014. More information on the dates of changes will be available through the relevant District Commission Lead Officers. For Staffordshire Moorlands this will be Gail Edwards.

It was **agreed** to invite Gail Edwards to the next Council meeting to discuss the above and also the library consultation results. The clerk was also asked to remind Mrs. Edwards about the information requested with regard to whether Blythe Bridge High School has contributed to the running/maintenance costs of the Egerton Centre.

- 8.2 Owl Online Watch – subject: Crime Incidents/Alerts.

Details of the above were noted.

- 8.3 Staffordshire County Council – subject: Watchdog Alerts.

Details of the latest Scams/Warnings in the area were noted.

- 8.4 Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – subject: Weekly Updates.

The above documents were noted.

- 8.5 The following general correspondence was noted and any action agreed.

General:

Douglas Macmillan Hospice

Community Council of Staffordshire
Sir William Cash MP

Email Exchanges:

County Councillor W. Day/Rob Steele
County Councillor W. Day
SCC – Rob Steele

Subject:

Thank you for the donation towards new beds for the in patient unit.

Best Kept Village Competition.
Traffic related issues.

Subject:

Churnet Road – water issue.
Site meeting request.
Response to various highway issues.

Police
Resident – Manifold Road, Forsbrook
Ian Herdman

Astan Renewable

Wendy Keeble, Blythe Bridge High School
Inspector Ian Hancock
Marie Walker
SMDC
Leek Signs
John and Lorraine Stevenson
Marion Wade

John Kaye
PCSO Adam Charlesworth

Anti social behaviour hot spots.
Site allocation proposals.
Speeding problems in Caverswall Road and
Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge.
Confirmation of order for improvements to the
changing rooms shower system.
Attending future meetings.
Attendance at October Council meeting.
Historical photograph.
Removal of dog fouling bins.
Order for signs.
Remembrance Parade – Band confirmation.
Site allocations and planning application for 20
Draycott Old Road, Forsbrook.
Removal of dog fouling bins/free bags.
Blythe Bridge Police post.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton referred to two items of correspondence, which had been received after the agenda had been distributed.

(1) Sir William Cash MP – letter read to members as follows:

*“It is good news that County Councillor Bill Day for Forsbrook and Blythe Bridge was able to present a report to you on proposals for highway changes to Uttoxeter Road and Cheadle Road in Blythe Bridge in September – and I wondered if Forsbrook Parish Council had considered those proposals at this stage.
Separately, I understand there have in recent weeks been several issues on speeding in and around Cheadle and I am writing to the Parish Council to ask if you have the full speed monitor results which have been collected for Caverswall Old Road, Dilhorne Road and Cheadle Road, Forsbrook.”*

The clerk was instructed to respond and for reference purposes the letter as detailed below was sent to Sir William Cash MP:

“Thank you for your letter dated 15th October 2014.

Enclosed are minutes from Forsbrook Parish Council meetings, which refer to the issues you have raised.

Traffic Restriction Proposals:

Minutes dated 16th June 2014 – page 33 and 34 – agenda item 3.3. As you will see Council approved the highway changes. These changes are presently out for consultation and also attached are copies of the exact proposals.

Speeding Issues:

Minutes dated 21st July – page 46 – agenda item 6.1. Details the results of the speed monitoring tests are listed.

Minutes dated 18th August – page 59 - agenda item 3.1. PCSO Jonathan Staples responds to a question raised by Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham regarding the accepted speed tolerance set by government.

Minutes dated 18th August – page 68 – agenda item 8.2. You may find this item interesting as it refers to disruptive parking outside schools. which causes major congestion and safety concerns.

Could we also ask for your support on two further issues – Site Allocation Proposals (Minutes dated 21st July – page 48 – agenda item 8.1.) Staffordshire Moorlands District Council is presently considering site allocation options. Members of Forsbrook Parish Council feel that sufficient land can be identified without compromising green belt, special landscape area, building on ground susceptible to flooding or extending the development boundary. In the past you have supported us with regard to the protection of green belt/special landscape area.

and

Staffordshire County Council's intentions for Blythe Bridge library to be run by volunteers (Minutes dated 16th June – page 38 – agenda item 11.1.2. and minutes dated 18th August – page 60 – agenda item 3.2.) Members of Council feel that Blythe Bridge library should be upgraded to the category of a core library. Out of all the proposed core libraries there is only one that out performs Blythe Bridge library as giving best value financially. Whilst the consultation has finished Cabinet have yet to

make a decision. There has recently appeared in The Sentinel a letter referring to the County's proposals which reads:

"Think twice on library proposal

Following much debate involving Councillor Lawrence's proposals for 24 local libraries being transferred to local volunteers, I was interested to hear that the culture secretary Ed Vaizey is considering holding a public inquiry into Sheffield City Council's decision to transfer half of the city's libraries into local voluntary groups.

The Culture Secretary is questioning if the council was going to meet its legal obligation to provide a comprehensive and efficient service.

Perhaps Councillor Lawrence needs to address this issue before he rushes into something that could result in a legal challenge by the people affected by the changes to our service that he is proposing".

As you know we are a very large village with an aging population and whilst we accept that libraries need to change do feel that Staffordshire County Council should seriously consider all our concerns.

If you require any further information on any of the above or indeed any other issues please do not hesitate to contact me".

- (2) PCSO Adam Charlesworth – content of email detailed below:

"After speaking to our estates department, I can confirm that it is our intention to relocate our Police Post with some of our local partners and that the post will not close and will remain open in its current location until we can find a suitable place to relocate in the village.

This will mean that there will be no change in policing presence for Blythe Bridge, even after the relocation, and we will still be fully available to the public to contact us in our new location. As it stands, the current Police Post is still open, and will be for the foreseeable future and is used by myself and other local officers. "

It was **agreed** to pass this information on to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council as a possible suitable site for housing for inclusion in the Site Allocation proposals.

Note: All correspondence/documents were available to view on the evening of the Council Meeting or by prior arrangement with the clerk.

9. PLANNING.

9.1 Planning Applications:

SMD/2014/0518 – 246 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – change of use from A1 (shop) to A4 (drinking establishment).

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton briefed members on relevant information contained in the supporting statement as follows:

"The proposals seek to convert the existing ground floor, open plan retail area of a vacant shop formerly used as a small pound shop to a micropub. The micropub will be small scale aimed at a maximum of up to approximately 20-30 customers and will serve real ale from our own Microbrewery, Peakstones Rock Brewing Co. Ltd. based in Alton Staffordshire as well as from other local microbreweries, with a choice of real ciders and perries, wine and soft drinks. The only food served will be bar snacks ie crisps, peanuts, pork scratchings, cheese and biscuits. There will be no jukebox, music, television, fruit machines or other forms of entertainment.

The alarming rate of closures of local pubs is well reported in the media and Blythe Bridge itself has lost two recently. The majority if not all of these premises come with open A4 consent which could be used without need for planning permission and many occupy locations within areas which could be considered much more residential in character. We have no aspirations to open such a large scale standard pub. Our aspirations are to provide a venue to serve quality real ale to the growing number of real ale enthusiasts from the local community and surrounding areas.

There is no current plan to alter any external features of the property. Fascia signage will be limited with no illumination.

The proposed use is by its scale and nature, proposed to be a small scale offering an alternative leisure venue for local residents and real ale enthusiasts.

With regards to noise and disturbance to local residents this part of Blythe Bridge includes convenient stores, takeaways and betting shop and as such is distinctly mixed used in character. It is also a busy main road. Whilst the area is distinctly mixed in use, drink use is limited in the area since the closure of the Duke of Wellington public house.

With regard to noise internally within the building, there is to be no music or similar activities likely to result in excessive noise with the use itself of very limited scale and limited hours of opening.

The site is located on a busy main road where parking is restricted, it is close to a bus stop and is within walking distance of the railway station which provides excellent access to public transport links. There shouldn't be a large increase of traffic or parking due to the nature and scale of the building and association with alcohol related activities.

Any non-residential use has potential to conflict with the amenity of the surrounding residential area. The property subject of this application is however within an area of very mixed use and located on a busy main road. The scale of use is however deliberately small and low key. Being restricted by floor space to approximately 20-30 customers, any potential impacts are arguably limited with no reasonable prospect of extension or intensity of use in the future. Securing use of vacant premises can only be considered to make a positive contribution to both the vitality and viability of the local area."

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton said that the planning application stated that there will be one full time employee and two part time employees and the hours of opening will be 12.00 to 10.00 pm Monday to Saturday and 12.00 to 4.00pm Sundays and bank holidays.

She went on to advise that the comments that are relevant to planning applications are as follows:

- siting, design and external appearance, including the size, shape and proportion of a building and its appropriateness to the locality;
- the effect of the proposal upon neighbouring property, i.e. loss of amenity or privacy;
- the appropriateness of the use of the building or land in the location.
- the effect on the landscape or setting of Listed Buildings or Conservation Areas;
- the provision of landscaping and protection of trees and natural features;
- site stability or flooding liability and drainage, highway safety, means of access and parking.

RESOLVED:

- **To raise concerns on appropriateness of the use of the building in this location, highway safety and means of access and parking.**

SMD/2014/0562 – 20 Draycott Old Road, Forsbrook – demolition of existing garage and store buildings and replacement with a chalet bungalow.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton invited Mrs. Marion Wade who lives in Forsbrook Hall Farm adjacent to 20 Draycott Old Road to speak:

Mrs. Marion Wade said that at the present time there are five Grade 11 listed buildings in Forsbrook – Callowhill Farmhouse, Casheath Farmhouse, Field Farmhouse, Forsbrook Hall Farmhouse and Stonehouse Cottage. The list is small compared to the number of properties now in this catchment area. The application to build a chalet bungalow in very close proximity to Forsbrook Hall would have a profound effect. The proposed property will be at a significantly higher level than Forsbrook Hall, varying from 2' 6" to 3' higher, thus raising the height of the building by this amount. With the demolition of the garage, the building line is being brought forward by nine or ten feet, again of great influence on Forsbrook Hall. The light would be considerably reduced to the lounge, which is already dark due to the low ceilings, wood beams and wooden panelling. This would also affect the bedroom above. The outlook would be compromised by a very close and large modern building. She said she also seriously questioned where all the vehicles would go. Assuming the original house will go to a family member there are already a Plants bus, a people carrier, a very large caravan, a tractor and a trailer. There will also be the vehicles of the people living in number 20 Draycott Old Road. There is a huge wooden building housing the caravan and two smaller buildings and I fear more structures will appear.

She extended an invitation to the Parish Council to view the effect this proposal will have on Forsbrook Hall Farm.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton read the Design and Access Statement which accompanied the planning application as follows:

"The Proposal

Comprises the demolition of an existing garage and storage building and replacement with a two bedroom chalet resident.

Design Issues

The proposal is to demolish the existing brick and tile garage/storage building together with timber and sheeted roofed store shed and erect a replacement chalet style bungalow with two bedrooms, galley kitchen, bathroom, lounge and orangery to provide a compact dwelling with an attic guest bedroom and small hobbies room within the loft space.

The proposals together with the adopted design path were originally forwarded to SMDC as a pre-application enquiry and the configuration of the design was amended several times to satisfy the issues raised by the conservation and highways agencies in order to reach an acceptable solution prior to the formal planning application.

Particular thought has been given, under the guidance of the planning and conservation officer to the design and configuration of the proposal in order that the proposed building, which is of a traditional design and will be constructed using traditional materials and fenestration will empathise with the listed building and barn situation next door to the proposed dwelling.

Access and Car Parking

The existing access onto the site will be retained and modified in line with the County highways requirements together with a shared parking area and reversal for four cars (two spaces for the existing three bedroomed semi and two spaces for the proposed two bedroomed bungalow).

Landscaping

There will be a small amenity area and garden to the rear of the proposed bungalow with access off a shared driveway between the proposed dwelling and No. 20.

The existing stone wall, front access and parking areas will be modified as per the details of the planning and highway requirements as agreed.

Disabled compliance

All relevant compliance with Document M will be incorporated to comply with Building Regulations and Fire Officers recommendations."

RESOLVED:

- **To raise the following concerns:**
 - (1) **The adjacent property is Forsbrook Hall Farm, which is a Grade 11 listed building dating back to 1672. Any new build so close to this important historical building will have an unacceptable visual impact not only on the property but also the street scene.**
 - (2) **The site will be over developed with the addition of the proposed new build.**
 - (3) **The privacy of the residents in Forsbrook Hall Farm will be compromised.**
 - (4) **A forward extension of 4.0m will affect the setting of Forsbrook Hall Farm.**
 - (5) **There will be insufficient off road parking to allow vehicles to enter and leave in a forward gear as two parking spaces, at least, is envisaged for the existing property and the new build. The planning officer will also have noted on his recent site visit that there are several commercial vehicles on site and the safe movement on entering and exiting the site will be compromised.**

SMD/2014/0584 – 48 Cheadle Road, Forsbrook – Variation of condition 4 of application 10/00059/FUL – reinstatement of Sunday opening hours 07.00 to 12.00.

RESOLVED:

- **To raise no concerns.**

9.2 Planning Approvals:

There were no planning approvals to note.

9.4 Planning Refusals:

There were no planning refusals to note.

9.5 Planning matters.

No planning related issues were raised.

10. CEMETERY:

10.1 Cemetery Report.

Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham, Chairman of the Cemetery Committee said she had no issues to report but asked all members for their support on Remembrance Sunday. Councillor J. W. Burgess tendered his apologies as he has a prior engagement.

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 report:

Team Swing - Repairs have now been carried out.

Dog Control Orders - The signs for the cemetery and children's fenced in play area have been received and will be displayed shortly.

11.2 Environment Issues.

Issue	Action
Cheadle Road, Forsbrook – signage 'road narrows, oncoming vehicles' – obscured by tree growth.	Report to Staffordshire County Council Highway Defects Department.
Car parking issues – Butchers Arms and Dilhorne Road, Forsbrook.	Needs to be reported to Staffordshire Police at the time of the incidents.
Cheadle Road, Blythe Bridge – overgrown hedge.	Report to Staffordshire County Council Highway Defects Department if work not already carried out.
Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – potholes on footway.	Report to Staffordshire County Council Highway Defects Department.
Cheadle Road and Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – parents causing congestion when dropping off and collecting children from school.	It was noted that these areas of concern have already been reported to Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis.
Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – large heavy goods vehicles destroying grass verge.	To raise this issue with Staffordshire County Council Officer Rob Steele and County Councillor W. Day at the forthcoming site meeting. Response from Highway Officer: <i>If vehicles are using the highway correctly and the firm operating within their planning approval there is nothing that can be done.</i>
Draycott Old Road – potholes.	Report to Staffordshire County Council Highway Defects Department.
Blythe Bridge Station fund raising initiative by Councillor Mrs. N. A. Stanier's granddaughter Becky at Derby Station by way of selling cakes. Amount raised £37.00	Agreed to write a letter of thanks to Becky.
Footpath linking Mount Road to Brook Close, Forsbrook.	It was noted that anti social behaviour issues have now been resolved by the local PCSO's.

12. FINANCE:

12.1 Bank balance.

It was noted that the bank balance as at 30th September was:

Co-operative Bank plc	37553.54
Unity Trust Bank	100098.66
Total	137652.20

12.2 October 2014 accounts.

The following cheques were presented for payment.

Cheque No.	Supplier	Net	VAT	Gross
402375	Arch	50.00		50.00
402376	Cancelled			
402377	Moorlands Home Link	100.00		100.00
402378	Blythe Bridge Scout Group	50.00		50.00
402379	Cheadle Animal Welfare	100.00		100.00
402380	Cheadle C.A.B.	150.00		150.00
402381	Community Council of Staffordshire	50.00		50.00
402382	CPRE	50.00		50.00
402383	Donna Louise Trust	100.00		100.00
402384	Douglas Macmillan	100.00		100.00
402385	Longton Central Hall Band	250.00		250.00
402386	Marie Curie Cancer Care	100.00		100.00
402387	Mencap	100.00		100.00
402388	Cancelled			
402389	Red Cross	100.00		100.00
402390	Royal British Legion	100.00		100.00
402391	Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreaths)	66.50		66.50
402392	Samaritan's	100.00		100.00
402393	Second Forsbrook Guides	50.00		50.00
402394	St. John Ambulance	100.00		100.00
402395	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	50.00		50.00
402396	Victim Support	50.00		50.00
402397	Women's Royal Voluntary Service	100.00		100.00
402398	Werrington Young Persons Support Group	100.00		100.00
402399	Savana	100.00		100.00
402400	Fulford & District Community First Responders	100.00		100.00
402401	Premier 1 (U.K.) Ltd	875.00	175.00	1050.00
402402	Playdale Playgrounds Ltd	737.48	147.50	884.98
402403	Town & Country Services	1054.00	210.80	1264.80
402404	Christine J. Snape	1027.20		1027.20
402405	Leek Signs & Graphics Ltd	220.00	44.00	264.00
DD	Eon	66.00		66.00
DD	Eon	(1.64)	1.64	
Total		6194.54	578.94	6773.48

RESOLVED:

- To approve payment of October 2014 accounts.

13. PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE:

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton asked members to consider allowing her the use of the Council office facilities when she relocates to Cheddleton in the forthcoming weeks. She said that she has taken advice from Staffordshire Parish Councils Association and is entitled to remain as a Parish Councillor on Forsbrook Parish Council for the current four years terms of office and the same entitlement applies to the District Council. She continued by saying that she will be in Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook daily and would like, with the agreement of Council, to share the Parish Council Office with the clerk thus enabling an office base to enable the writing of reports, dealing with enquiries and face to face meetings with resident's away from their homes, at a rent decided by members and commencing from today as the relocation is imminent.

Chairman Councillor Mrs. G. Burton left the room and handed the meeting over to Vice Chairman Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham.

After debate a vote was taken as to whether or not to allow the Chairman of Forsbrook Parish Council the use of the registered Council Office at a peppercorn rent of £1.00 per annum – five members were in favour, four members were against and there was one abstention. **The motion was therefore carried with the arrangements to commence immediately.**

The meeting concluded at 9.55 pm

Clerk to the Council

Chairman