

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2016 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL. 7.30 PM

Members Present:- Cllr A E Wilson
Cllr K Giblin
Cllr R Mancey
Cllr B Yates
Cllr A Mould
Cllr P Jones
Cllr P Shufflebotham
Cllr J Cornwall
Cllr I Herdman
Cllr J Morris
Cllr C Hopley
Cllr P Walker
Chairman Councillor F Hopley

In Attendance Dawn Plant – Clerk
Residents – 4
County Councillor W Day
District Councillor K Flunder

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
NONE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item	Member declaring interest	Nature of interest
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A. J. Mould	Volunteer at Foxfield Railway.
Staffordshire County Council – William Amory Primary School. Staffordshire County Council – Rights of Way Issues.	Councillor Mrs. P. Shufflebotham	Governor at the William Amory Primary School. Daughter employed by Staffordshire County Council in the Rights of Way Department.
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor Mrs C Hopley	Part of the management committee.
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor Ms J Morris	Part of the management committee.
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor Mr A E Wilson	Part of the management committee.
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Chairman Councillor Mr F Hopley	Part of the management committee.
Staffordshire County Council – William Amory Primary School.	Councillor Mr I Herdman	Personal – Governor at the William Amory Primary School

Butchers Arms Football Club	Councillor Mrs K Giblin	Treasurer p195
SMDC Potential Site options	Councillor I Herdman	Resident adjacent to potential sites.

Staffordshire County Council - Highway Issues	Councillor P. Jones	Personal – Staffordshire County Council Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery personal friend.
Tesco		Personal – employee of Tesco.

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SESSION

3.1 Residents Issues

Pavements on Uttoxeter Road in a bad state and also the pot hole on the bypass adjacent to Chandai cottage were reported.

3.2 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Councillor W Day updated the Parish Council on the recent flooding issue on Draycott Old Road, he went onto to say that the issue was in Draycott Parish. SCC had spoken to the landowner who was going to attend to his ditches which would alleviate the problem in future.

He went onto say the meeting regarding the Huws Gray depot was successful and he waiting to hear back from David Greatbatch at SCC with regard to further contact with the company and suggestions on a remedy.

Cllr Morris asked County Councillor Day if he could ensure that SCC gritted Uttoxeter Road in bad weather as it had not been done in the recent spell of snow.

3.3 INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINGS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR K FLUNDER

Chairman Councillor Frank Hopley thanked everyone for their involvement in the meeting regarding the Huw Gray timber yard and said he awaited the answers from SCC.

District Councillor Flunder explained that the number of houses for the housing consultation had risen because of a rise nationally. It would see the SMDC area having to accommodate an extra 400 houses. This was in line with national policy where the government have stated that the extra number of houses will keep the economy growing.

He went onto say also that he had postponed the dates for the district council surgery and would advise of the new dates in the near future.

Councillor Flunder also stated that he, Cllr Herdman and Wilkinson had earmarked £750 towards the Parish Council fete in the summer. Cllr Wilkinson had also donated a sum of money to the Thursday Club.

4. APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES FROM 21 December 2015

Resolved to approve

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

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Newsletter 18.01.16 – Cllr Shufflebotham provided the Clerk with a list of suggested topics for the newsletter, and Cllr Mancey said she would email a list over.

Carnival 18.01.16 – A date was set for the Fete of 18.06.16.
It was agreed that the Parish Council would meet at 6.15 at the March meeting (21.03.16) to discuss the fete in more detail

6. CLERKS REPORT
RECEIVED

6.1 Speed watch update – Clerk explained that there would be a training date of 26.03.16 at the changing rooms 10am – 12 noon

6.2 McCafee and PC Insurance – Resolves to renew

7. CORRESPONDANCE

7.1 New tree Preservation order - Noted

7.2 Quote for signs on the recreation ground

Unanimously agreed to purchase six signs for the recreation ground and The Butchers Arms field

7.3 Letter from Cheadle Town Council regarding a joint presentation for local resident

Unanimously agreed to donate £50 and the Clerk will liaise with Cheadle Town Council. The resident concerned has had to leave the ambulance service after a long service without any recognition from his employers.

7.4 Tim Peake Rocket Seeds

The Councillors asked the Clerk to liaise with Helen Bickerton at Blythe Bridge library so that all Schools could participate.

7.5 Clean for the Queen

Clerk to liaise with SMDC to organise a clean-up community day

7.6 The Queens 90th Birthday and Beacons

Councillors agreed unanimously not to participate in a beacon lighting on the grounds of health and safety

8. PLANNING.

8.1 Planning Applications:

SMD/2015/0824 Mr R King – 86 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – First Floor side extension built on back pillars, demolition of single storey rear extension and erection of new single storey extension. Resubmission on advice of SMDC

Resolved – Parish Council Support this application

9.2 Planning matters.

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9.3 Planning Refusals / Approval

9. CEMETERY

10.1 Cemetery Report

Councillor Shufflebotham reported that there were two dead conifers in the cemetery that needed removing and asked the clerk to arrange for the Lengthsman to remove. She also asked the Clerk to investigate the possibility of having a French drain installed in the new cemetery field. The Clerk will speak to a few contractors to arrange quotes.

11 ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Herdman reported that the Culverts on Blythe Bridge Road are blocked – Clerk to report to SCC

Cllr Jones – Lorries are speeding into the village from Cheadle

Cllr Wilson – Stated there seemed to be a lot of illegal parking in the village

Cllr Yates – There was a large pot hole at the entrance to the Cooperative Store – Clerk to report to SCC, and also a car was completely parked on the pavement on The Avenue.

He went on to say that First Buses were churning the grass verge up opposite Chandai Cottage

Cllr Mould – The Street light on the hair salon in Chapel Street was out – Clerk to report

Cllr Jones – Pot hole on the level crossing

Cllr Walker raised the speed of the cars on the Roebuck bend again , Cllr Day stated that hopefully the community speed watch may have an impact on this issue.

12 FINANCE

Cheque Number	Amount	To Whom	details
402565	87.60	DFI	Changing room door repair
402563	1008.77	D Plant	Clerk salary and expenses
402564	20.00	SPCA	Training
402566	642.00	Town and Country	Lengthsman

12.1 To receive bank balances as at 30 January 2016

12.2 To approve accounts of January/February 2016

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The Clerk asked for permission to change the address details and signatories on the Unity Trust Account – Unanimously agreed

The meeting closed at 8.45pm