

# FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 18 JANUARY 2016 AT BLYTHE BRIDGE AND FORSBROOK VILLAGE HALL. 7.30 PM

Members Present:- Chairman Councillor Mr F Hopley  
 Councillor Shufflebotham  
 Councillor Cornwall  
 Councillor Herdman  
 Councillor C Hopley  
 Councillor A E Wilson  
 Councillor Mancey  
 Councillor Giblin  
 Councillor Yates  
 Councillor Mould

In Attendance Dawn Plant – Clerk  
 Residents – 3  
 County Councillor William Day  
 District Councillor K Flunder  
 PCSO Staples and PC

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
 Councillors Morris, Jones, Walker.

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
SMDC Potential Site options	Councillor I Herdman	Resident adjacent to potential sites.

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## OPEN SESSION

### 3.1 Residents Issues

PCSO Adam Charlesworth addressed the meeting with the annual police and crime figures for the parish:-

2014 90 reports of Antisocial Behaviour  
2015 55 reports of Antisocial behaviour

2014 150 reports of crime  
2014 144 reports of crime.

January 2015 – A cannabis factory on Uttoxeter Road was closed down.

February 2015 – An anti social behaviour order had been issued for a local teenager which had impacted on the anti social behaviour in the area in a really positive way.

May 2015 – A drugs warrant was executed on Uttoxeter Road and a quantity of class A and B drugs were found, and 3 uninsured vehicles had been taken off the road.

September 2015 – Following on from the spate of vehicle crime 8 arrests had taken place and were being dealt with by the CPS.

He went on to explain that all the figures are on line

Police Officer also explained that there had been a robbery at The Co-op recently and a knife had been pulled on a member of staff, the Police know who these individuals are and are looking for them at present. The main crime within in the Parish is shop lifting and they were aware that gangs do travel in from the city to carry out the crime in local shops.

Cllr Cornwall expressed concerns that when he frequented The Co-op they were very short staffed and he felt this contributed to crime happening.

Cllr Yates asked the Police if anything could be done about the parking around The William Amory School at School run time.

PCSO Charlesworth explained that parking issues were now dealt with by Staffordshire County Council and the wardens only tend to work 9 until 5 so outside of hours was an issue.

Cllr Yates also mentioned the speeding vehicles from Cheadle to Forsbrook in particular on the bend by The Roebuck. The Police are aware of the culprit.

The Chairman thanked the Police for their hard work and they left the meeting.

A member of the public asked if The Parish Council knew of any updates about the Chiropodist opening on Wesley Street. No one had an answer however pointed her in the direction of SMDC.

### 3.2 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

County Cllr W Day spoke with two members of the public regarding the flooding on Draycott Lane.

A discussion took place and it was agreed that the field where the ditch is broken is in Forsbrook Parish. County Cllr Day had inspected the issue with a highways officer and was awaiting a decision from SCC regarding the installation of extra gully's. He went on to explain that if the flooding was being caused by a landowners faulty or damaged drain SCC had the power to enter the land and do the work and re charge it back to the landowner.

County Cllr W Day explained that Chairman Cllr Mr F Hopley had requested a meeting with himself and a highways officer regarding the issue with large heavy goods vehicles using Stallington Lane to deliver to Huws Gray timber yard.

Chairman Cllr Mr F Hopley circulated a selection of photographs where at times upto 3 HGV were parked in the road and Blythe View waiting to deliver.

County Cllr W Day will provide the Clerk with a selection of dates for a meeting.

Cllr Yates asked County Cllr W Day if anything had been done about the appalling state of the pavements from Elmwood Drive towards the railway station on Uttoxeter Road. County Cllr W Day explained he had reported them and was awaiting a response.

Cllr Mould also asked if the pavements on East Bank Ride could be looked at, he felt that they had never been touched.

The Clerk suggested that a date is set for a walk around the village to look at all issues that come under County Cllr W Day remit.

County Cllr W Day also stated he would speak to D Greatbatch at SCC regarding the parking issues.

#### 4. INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINGS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLOR K FLUNDER

District Councillor K Flunder addressed the meeting and explained that himself and District Councillor Herdman planned to have surgeries with the village on the following dates:-

Feb 6<sup>th</sup> at the Village Hall at the same times as the Police surgery, and March 9<sup>th</sup> at The Library. More information will follow to allow publication on the webs site and notice boards.

Cllr Shufflebotham asked why District Councillor Wilkinson would not be present and why she had not made an effort to attend any Parish Council meetings in 5 years.

Cllr Flunder explained he could not speak for District Councillor Wilkinson however he would mention it to her.

Cllr Shufflebotham went on to say that the people who voted for her needed to be aware that she had not been to 1 parish council meeting since being voted for.

District Councillor Flunder explained that he and Cllr Herdman had £500 available to support local causes, and they would both like to donate £300 each towards the upcoming carnival/summer fete that the Parish Council were to discuss later.

Chairman Cllr F Hopley asked if the same amount of money would be coming from District Cllr Wilkinson.

5. APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES FROM 21 December 2015

RESOLVED to approve

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

**December meeting – Car parking at Blythe Bridge Station – response from Faye Lambert**

Chairman Cllr F Hopley read an email from Faye Lambert regarding the issue of parking on Caverswall Road. The email explained that if we had concerns over people parking in the road instead of using the station carpark we would need to contact Rachel Newburn Johnson at Network rail.

Resolved – Clerk to contact her and ask what can be done.

7. CLERKS REPORT  
RECEIVED

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

Clerk explained the fruit trees were now planted at the cemetery and asked for permission to purchase 4 more to finish the area – Resolved

8. CORRESPONDANCE

8.1 Thank you letter from Mrs L Taylor for the flowers

Noted

8.2 EON fixed price deal ends in April

Resolved that the clerk will look around for a better deal and report back.

8.2 Douglas Macmillan talk

Resolved that the clerk will suggest some dates to Douglas Macmillan and publicise the talk on the web site and notice boards

8.4 Email from Jayne Davies regarding the state of the pavements on East Bank Ride

Noted as already discussed under County Councillor report

8.5 Email from Diane Winfield regarding the flooding on Draycot Lane

Noted as already discussed under County Councillor report

8.6 SPCA Executive Vacancies

All the Councillors were asked if they wished to be considered. Chairman Councillor F Hopley asked if he could be considered.  
Resolved – The Clerk to inform SPCA

8.7 SMDC Precept requirement forms

The Clerk explained that following on from the budget which was signed off in December, we now needed to complete the precept forms for SMDC.

It was resolved unanimously that no increase to be put forward on the precept and that it would remain at £43,000 with a band D figure of £25.73

8.8 Flooding on Draycott Old Road

Noted as already discussed under County Councillor report

9. PLANNING.

9.1 Planning Applications:

SMD/2015/0799 Heath House Farm, Caverswall Old Road, Forsbrook – Conversion of part of ground floor and 1<sup>st</sup> floor of existing stable / storage building to two holiday let apartments and alterations to elevations including a dormer window.

County Cllr Mould expressed concern regarding over development which was echoed by Cllr Shufflebotham. Resolved The Clerk will convey this message.

SMD/2015/0764                      Mr and Mrs Forrester 20 Draycott Old Road, Forsbrook –  
Demolition of existing garage and store buildings and replacement with a chalet  
bungalow (resubmission of SMD/2014/0562)

Cllr Mould asked why the original application had been refused and what had changed with this application.

Resolved – The Clerk to ask SMDC

SMD/2015/0810                      Mr and Mrs S Wright Stanley Field, 45 Caverswall Road,  
Blythe Bridge – Proposed single storey front extension to lounge

Resolved – No objections

9.2 Planning matters.

9.3 Planning Refusals / Approval

## 10. CEMETERY

### 10.1 Cemetery Report

Cllr Shufflebotham reported that the fruit trees were now planted and thanked the clerk for her efforts.

### 10.2 Email from Mrs Henney regarding an issue at the cemetery

County Cllr P Shufflebotham explained the Clerk had received an email from a concerned member of the public regarding the area of cremated remains in the cemetery and that the area was not very pleasant.

A discussion ensued and it was resolved that the clerk obtains quotes and reports regarding the trees adjacent to the wall and report back.

## 11 ENVIRONMENT

Cllr Herdman reported that the culvert adjacent to Foxfield was blocked

Cllr Wilson noted that he witnessed a lorry was attempting to turn in the junction of Uttoxeter Road and Cheadle Road

Cllr Giblin reported that there was still a large amount of dog mess on the recreation ground.

Cllr Mould reported that the western power which was parking adjacent to Beverly drive was an accident waiting to happen.

### 11.1 Environment Report.

Cllr Mancey stated there was nothing to report

### 11.2 Newsletter ideas / suggestions

The Clerk asked if Councillors could bring to the next meeting any ideas / reports they wanted to include in the newsletter, and also a few lines about themselves which she can publish on the web site.

### 11.3 Carnival

Chairman Cllr f Hopley stated that a carnival was a big job and he felt that a committee would need to be formed.

Councillor Herdman said he felt that the committee should be The Parish Council.

Councillor Shufflebotham asked if we could start with a small fete and grow it each year and learn from it year on year.

It was resolved that The Clerk would investigate the issue with regard to insurance etc and report back next meeting.

## 12 FINANCE

Cheque Number	Amount	To Whom	details
402561	1914.00	Town and Country	Lengthsman duties
402559	1124.02	Dawn Plant	Clerks salary and expenses
402560	28.00	Cllr Shufflebotham	Clerks Christmas gift

12.1 To receive bank balances as at 30 December 2015

12.2 To approve accounts of December/ January 2015

The meeting closed at 8.50pm