

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 July 2016 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall.

Members Present

Chairman Councillor P Jones	Cllr C Hopley
Cllr Shufflebotham (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Herdman
Cllr Giblin	Cllr Wilson
Cllr Yates	Cllr Walker
Cllr Mould	Cllr Mancey
Cllr Cornwall	Cllr Morris
Cllr F Hopley	

In Attendance

Dawn Plant (Clerk)
1 member of the public
County Councillor W Day
District Councillors Flunder and Walker

1. **Apologies for Absence**

None

2. **Declarations of Interest**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature</u>
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A Mould	Volunteer at Foxfield Railway
Staffordshire County Council – William Amory Primary School	Councillor P Shufflebotham	Governor
Staffordshire County Council – Rights of Way Department	Councillor P Shufflebotham	Daughter (Dawn Plant – Clerk) us employed by SCC Rights of Way Department
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor C Hopley	Part of the management committee
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor F Hopley	Part of the management committee
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor J Morris	Part of the management committee
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor A E Wilson	Part of the management committee
Staffordshire County	Councillor P Jones	Personal – Staffordshire

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Council - Highway Issues		County Council Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery Personal friend.
Tesco		Personal – employee of Tesco.
Staffordshire County Council- William Amory Primary School	Councillor I Herdman	Governor at William Amory School
SMDC Potential Site allocation		Resident adjacent to site
Butchers Arms Football Club	Councillor K Giblin	Treasurer
For this meeting only	Chairman Cllr P Jones	Planning application at 13 Springfield Drive

3	OPEN SESSION
3.1	Nothing to report from members of the public
3.2	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>County Councillor Day explained that he has a meeting on Thursday 21 July with James Bailey from SCC and Amey to discuss the ongoing issues with the roads. In particular the time that pot holes are taking to repair and the quality of the repairs.</p> <p>Cllr Shufflebotham asked if Councillor Day could raise the issue of the state of the roads and pavements on East Bank Ride. She went on to say that she was unsure what the reasoning behind the recent resurfacing of Tator Lane was. It is a single car lane with a few properties and is also a dead end.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones asked Councillor Day if he had any knowledge of the weight restriction application for Stallington Road which had been requested by County Cllr Parry.</p> <p>Councillor Hopley said that this had been an ongoing issue for a number of years and there used to be a weight restriction on the road however when questioned the County Council did not have any records of it.</p> <p>Chairman Councillor Jones asked the Clerk to contact Fulford Parish</p>

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	<p>Council and investigate the issue and report back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Cornwall asked if the gulleys were ever going to be cleaned, Cllr Day stated that they are done on a problem basis now and the gully's were not all routinely cleaned.</p>
4	<p>INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTITIVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINGS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</p> <p>District Councillors Flunder and Herdman had attended the recent SMDC scrutiny meeting and the comments made by Forsbrook Parish Council regarding the Housing Consultation had been noted at that meeting along with the 1400 strong signature petition from Forsbrook Parish Council. The general feeling that the amount of responses from residents was impressive.</p> <p>He continued to say that The Housing Act slightly changes some of the legislation around the housing consultation and once the policy makers at SMDC had chance to write appropriate policies we would know more. This has inevitably delayed the consultation a little.</p> <p>Cllr Hopley asked if District Councillor Herdman could put forward a motion at the District Council to speak against the dangers of fracking. Councillor Herdman said he would look into it and Cllr Hopley offered to help him with the motion should he need it.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones and Cllr Mould had attended the Parish Assembly and stated that it was the same story that County Councillor Day is saying in that there is less money.</p> <p>He went on to say that SMDC were looking to save £10K by not sending planning applications out.</p>
5	<p>TO APPROVE DRAFT MINUTES 20.06.16</p> <p>Resolved – to approve</p>
6	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Chairman Cllr thanked the Clerk for arranging for the Planter to be pushed of the edge of the pavement on the Spa carpark</p>

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7	<p>CLERKS REPORT</p> <p>Goal posts – The Clerk explained that the Youth Team had purchased roll on goals and she was awaiting the invoice so she could reimburse the. She is in the process of obtaining quotes for the adult goals.</p> <p>The Clerk asked if she could obtain quotes for the following play equipment.</p> <p>A trampoline level with the ground</p> <p>Work to increase the height of the BMX track</p> <p>A set of chin up bars</p> <p>Cllr Herdman asked the clerk to obtain quotes for a modular BMX track.</p> <p>She also went on to say that she had recently bid for some free crockery through Steelite community scheme. Cllr Shufflebotham has been and picked the goods up and asked Cllr Morris if they could be stored in the village hall and share them between the village hall and the Parish Council. Cllr Morris agreed.</p>
8	CORRESPONDANCE
8.1	<p>Bus service reduction</p> <p>Chairman Councillor P Jones said the recent reduction in the 2.30pm bus on a Saturday was hitting the village. It now meant that after 2.30 on a Friday there was no bus service to Hanley until Monday. He also went on to say that the bus arrives into Hanley at five minutes before the land bus leaves Hanley.</p> <p>Cllr Morris said that what was the point in the County Council issuing free bus passes if there were no buses to use it on.</p> <p>County Councillor Day said that the Bus company is a private entity and if it was not profitable then there was little that SCC could do. He stated he would ask questions but was not hopeful.</p>
8.2	<p>Space scheme</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>The Clerk stated that Leek Town FC were going to be providing free football sessions on the recreation ground again and once the dates</p>

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	were finalised she will advertise.
9	PLANNING
	<p>HNT/2016/0025 – Holly Edge Farm, Quabbs Lane – single storey rear Orangery extending 4m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling 2.7m max height and 3.7m height to eaves –</p> <p>Resolved to comment that the privacy of adjoining neighbours is not compromised and that it is in keeping with the area.</p> <p>SMDC/2016/0714 – Land at Calverhay Farm, Uttoxeter Road, Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved (except access and layout) for the demolition of existing redundant buildings and erection of 4 detached houses.</p> <p>Resolved – To unanimously support this application. It was stated by all Councillors that this could surely not be refused seeing as the site had been earmarked as a traveller site by SMDC.</p>
9.2 PLANNING APPROVAL REFUSAL	<p>HNT/2016/0023 – 13 Springfield Drive, Forsbrook – Erection of a single storey rear kitchen/garden room extension with pitched roof to replace existing conservatory. Proposed extension 5m beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling, 4m max height and 2.5 m height to eaves.</p> <p>Cllr Peter Jones expressed a pecuniary interest.</p> <p>APPROVED</p>
10	CEMETERY
	Cllr Shufflebotham told the Council that there was now fruit on the trees.
11	ENVIRONMENT
11.1	ENVIRONMENT REPORT
	<p>Cllr Mould asked the Clerk to ask the Wine Cellars to remove the A frame from in front of the Planters</p> <p>Cllr Yates asked the Clerk to report the Black Car racing down</p>

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	<p>Uttoxeter Road on a regular basis</p> <p>Cllr Morris will supply the Clerk with the contractors name for Millbrook Gardens so she can ask them to cut the hedges.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones asked the Clerk to arrange for the Bottles / Cans on the edge of the field by the Butchers Arms to be cleared and to inform the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Shufflebotham asked if the Councillor would consider not having an August meeting as most people were on holiday. A vote was taken and a unanimous decision to not have an August meeting was agreed</p>
12	<p>PARISH FETE UPDATE</p> <p>Cllr Shufflebotham asked if the Parish Council would consider donating money for a marquee for the next years fete.</p> <p>Cllr C Hopley will provide a quotation for a marquee and once received the Clerk will obtain two more and the Parish Council will discuss at the next meeting.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to adopt the standing orders and financial orders from the Parish Council for the Parish Fete committee.</p> <p>Cllr Giblin explained that an appointment with Barclay had been arranged on Wednesday 20th July to open a bank account.</p>
13	<p>FINANCE</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
13.1	<p>BANK BALANCES FOR JULY 2016</p> <p>BANK REC FOR JULY</p> <p>Noted</p>
13.2	<p>APPROVAL OF JUNE ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS</p> <p>402595 – P Jones Chairman Allowance £250</p> <p>402596 – Garden Care – Plant Watering £500</p> <p>402597 – Town and Country Lengthsman Service - £1888.80</p> <p>402598 – Dawn Plant – Clerk Salary and expenses - £1112.76</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 8.55</p>

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