

# FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 Feb 2018 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall.

## Members Present

Cllr Mancey	Cllr Walker
Cllr Yates	Cllr Mould
Chairman Cllr Jones	Cllr Morris
Cllr Bagnall	Cllr Herdman

## In Attendance

District Cllr Flunder	PCSO Staples
Hattie - reporter	Members of the Public 4

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ward, Cllr Hughes
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### 2. Declarations of Interest

<u>Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature</u>
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A Mould	Volunteer at Foxfield Railway
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor J Morris	Part of the management committee
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor S Bagnall	Part of the management committee
Staffordshire County Council - Highway Issues	Councillor P Jones	Personal – Staffordshire 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

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<b>SMDC Potential Site allocation</b>		<b>Resident adjacent to site</b>
<b>Family Land Ownership Caverswall Old Road</b>	<b>Councillor Walker</b>	<b>Housing Consultation sites</b>

<b>3</b>	<b>OPEN SESSION</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	<p><b>RESIDENTS ISSUES</b></p> <p>A number of residents attended and expressed their concerns with regard to the state of Caverswall Road, the surface is badly pot holed, the water running down the road from Foxfield Carpark and the parking issues at the bottom.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained that County Cllr Ward was dealing with the issues on the road and had used his money available from SCC to commission a report on the state of the drains under the road. He was also looking into the possibility of double yellow lines at the bottom of the road to stop people parking. The Parish Council were more than willing to fund the double yellow lines as to instigate them was a legal order and a costly business.</p> <p>The Parish Council have constantly mentioned this to both County Councillors past and present he explained that it was something that was discussed at every meeting.</p> <p>He went onto to explain that the Parish had contacted Network Rail and asked if parking charges could be stopped on the car park but they were not fourth coming.</p> <p>A member of the public questioned the Parish Council as to the reason why a Neighbourhood Plan was being produced when SMDC were producing a Local Plan. Chairman Cllr Jones explained that this would give Forsbrook control over future development in the Parish and it could only be viewed as a positive thing. The funding had come from central government.</p>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>3.2</b>	<p><b>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</b></p> <p>IN Cllr Ross Wards absences the Clerk read the following report:- February 2019 Pothole Report</p>	

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Over the last 4 weeks there have been 1,094 potholes fixed and 1,322 new ones reported across Staffordshire. The focus has been shifted somewhat to gritting but as the weather improves the focus should move back to repairs.  
An extra £5m has been approved for the ongoing repairs of potholes to help further reduce the current backlog.

Locally....

Reports	Total	12/02/2018	05/02/2018	29/01/2018	22/01/2018
Werrington	12	8			4
Caverswall	4			3	1
Cellarhead	2	1	1		
<b>Blythe Bridge</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Dilhorne	2		2		
<b>Forsbrook</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>
Total	31	9	8	5	9
Repairs					
Werrington	6	3			3
Caverswall	0				
Cellarhead	2	1	1		
<b>Blythe Bridge</b>	<b>6</b>		<b>5</b>		<b>1</b>
Dilhorne	0				
<b>Forsbrook</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>1</b>		<b>2</b>
Total	17	4	7	0	6

Over the Caverswall Division there have been 31 repairs and 16 new reports and in Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook there have been 11 repairs and 9 new reports  
FYI After much chasing somewhere between March 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, Severn Trent Water are finally due to repair the service crossing failures on Caverswall Road. This will unfortunately mean a temporary road crossing and I have asked if SCC could co-ordinate any further repairs to the carriageway over this window of opportunity.

### County Council Tax

I'm afraid that your County Council element of your Council Tax is set to rise by 5.95% this year.

3% of this is ringfenced for Social Care as designated from the Government down to County.

The remaining 2.95% covers the current inflationary cost of around 3.1%.

Whilst this remains a greater increase than we would have liked it's worth noting that Staffordshire County Council still has the third lowest County precept in the Country.

### January 2019

Apologies for slightly sporadic engagement over previous 6 months particularly the last 3 months but personal circumstances have taken priority on a number of

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	<p>occasions and will realistically continue to do so for the foreseeable future – please bear with me</p> <p>I will endeavour to forward a monthly report to all PC in my ward including Caverswall, Dilhorne, Forsbrook and Werrington in case I am unable to attend any meetings.</p> <p>All quiet on the County front in general.</p> <p>First meeting in mid-February</p> <p>As previously mentioned 31,000 potholes last year up from 20,000</p> <p>Fears that NHS England would withhold 9.6m were finally allayed after Alan White (Deputy Leader met with Dept of Health officials</p> <p>We have applied to be the first County to trial full business rate retention pilot scheme and awaiting decision – considered a good option due Parish, District, County and Unitary levels of Local Government.</p> <p>Still facing a black hole of £12.5m in 18/19 and £35.7m in 19/20– more difficult decisions to be made but we are currently lobbying MPs and Parliament to continue transition grant £3m, review of Social Care funding in summer and to support full bus rate retention</p> <p>Community fund applications – payments are imminent but new system was implemented and had to be shut down over Christmas introducing delays</p> <p>Today Healthy Staffordshire met for the first time this year where we were updated on the impact of the budget cuts to sexual health clinics and advise. So far no variation form national trends but needs further analysis over the next 24 months to monitor impact. All sexual diseases cases down except for chlamydia and teenage pregnancies continue the down ward trend expect in Newcastle under Lyme</p> <p>Consultation on future of libraries to begin next week but we will be unaffected as Werrington and Blythe libraries already run by volunteers</p> <p>The fight goes on with Leek Hospital with further meetings scheduled for later this month</p>	
4	<p><b>INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTITVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS –</b></p> <p><b>PCSO Staples explained to the meeting that there had not been a stabbing at Blythe Bridge High School and this was merely a rumour.</b></p> <p><b>The village remained very quiet, however there had been a spate of antique post box thefts in neighbouring areas so asked people to be vigilant.</b></p> <p><b>District Cllr Flunder explained that there may be a grant from SCC which Cllr Ward could access to use towards the issue with parking at Caverswall Road and that he would mention it to him.</b></p>	

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	<p>The fight for Leek and Cheadle hospital continued.</p> <p>He and Cllr Herdman has attended a meeting with Dai Lerner from SMDC with regard to the Blythe Vale housing site and had asked for better footway links to the village.</p> <p>The local plan (draft) had been passed at SMDC on Tuesday.</p>	
5	<p><b>TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINTUES FROM January 2018</b></p> <p>Unanimously agreed to pass</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained his gratitude to all the people who had recently attended Cllr Shufflebothams funeral, he said it was a testament to what a fantastic person she was.</p>	
6	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</b></p> <p>Clerk has spoken to the butchers about the barrier on the carpark</p> <p>Emailed SCC about the lines at Gill Maiden – she will email again</p> <p>Eon have written to the Clerk and the Councillors unanimously agreed to sign another two year price deal with them.</p> <p>The GDPR debate continues and SCC have now contacted the Council to ask if they would like to register and interest in a service level agreement for support with GDPR. The Clerk has done so and will report back at the next meeting. The Clerk will undertake a gap analysis of the Councils records.</p>	
8	<p><b>CORRESPONDANCE</b></p>	
8.1	<p><b>Red Brick Café Gates</b></p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained that he had authorised the Clerk to split the cost of the new locks on the gates three ways with the owners of the Red Brick Café and The Police. The Clerk has reiterated to the Red Brick Café that this in no way infers a maintenance liability on the Council and this is a one off gesture of goodwill payment.</p>	Clerk
8.2	<p><b>Changing room showers quotes</b></p>	

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8.3	<p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained that three quotes had been received (as per financial standing orders) they were:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Warners</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£8,768.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>RIG</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,890</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MEB Total Ltd</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£47,453</td> </tr> </table> <p>The Councillors asked where each company were from and it was decided to use Warners Plumbing as he was more local to the Parish (Caverswall) and they felt that he would be available if assistance was needed.</p> <p>Cllr Mancey declared an interest and did not vote as she knows Warners Plumbers.</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to transfer £10,000 from Unity Trust reserve account to the Cooperative Bank to cover this expense and that of the playground replacements.</p> <p>Highways matters including Caverswall Road and Draycott Old Road</p> <p>Discussed in the open session</p>	Warners	£8,768.08	RIG	£7,890	MEB Total Ltd	£47,453	
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10	<b>PLANNING</b>							
10.1	<p><b>SMDC / 2018/0064 – 5 Dove Road removal of planning condition</b></p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to comment on the application with the following :- The ensure that the water from this work does not effect neighbouring properties.</p>							
11	<b>CEMETERY</b>							
	<p><b>Bench in the cemetery</b></p> <p>The Clerk explained that the bench for Cllr Shufflebotham had been installed and she asked the Cllrs what wording was required on the bench. It was agreed as follows:-</p> <p>In loving memory of friend and Cllr Pat Shufflebotham</p>	CLERK						
12	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>							

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	<p>Cllr Mancey asked the Clerk to approach SMDC to ask if more trees could be planted on the green space next to Elmwood Drive Chairman Cllr Jones said he had seen so much Dog mess in the Parish</p> <p>Cllr Mould asked the Clerk to report the pavements on Eastbank Ride</p> <p>Cllr Yates asked the Clerk to report the pavements on Uttoxeter Road</p> <p>Cllr Mould asked the Clerk to obtain a quote for a new litter bin in the village.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones introduced Janet Kemp to the meeting, she had attended to see if she was interested in becoming a Councillor by Co-option.</p> <p>She said she would be honoured. Cllr Mancey nominated her and Cllr Yates seconded.</p> <p>The Clerk will complete the necessary paperwork.</p>	CLERK																								
13	<p><b>FINANCE</b> Bank reconciliation was presented along with the bank balance and approval of monthly payments – Unanimously agreed to approve.</p>																									
13.1	<p>Approve monthly account</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Dawn Plant</td> <td style="width: 40%;">Clerk Salary</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">983.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Telephone</td> <td style="text-align: right;">49.57</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">89.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morgan Fire</td> <td>Changing room extinguishers</td> <td style="text-align: right;">54.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staffs County Council</td> <td>Clerk Pension</td> <td style="text-align: right;">350.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs A Richardson</td> <td>Red Brick Café gate locks</td> <td style="text-align: right;">475</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town and Country</td> <td>Lengthsman</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1166.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Dawn Plant	Clerk Salary	983.51		Telephone	49.57		Expenses	89.99	Morgan Fire	Changing room extinguishers	54.94	Staffs County Council	Clerk Pension	350.50	Mrs A Richardson	Red Brick Café gate locks	475	Town and Country	Lengthsman	1166.40				
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