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

Members Present

Chairman Cllr Peter Jones	Vice Chairman J Morris
Cllr Mould	Cllr Yates
Cllr Walker	Cllr Kemp
Cllr Mancey	Cllr Hughes
Cllr Herdman	Cllr Bagnall

In Attendance

District Cllr Flunder	County Cllr Ward (part)
Hattie – Press	Cllr Roberts (Caverswall Parish Council)
Dawn Plant – Clerk	

1. Apologies for Absence

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2. Declarations of Interest

Item	Member	Nature
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.

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Staffordshire Council- William Amory Primary School SMDC Potential Site allocation	County Councillor I Herdman Resident adjacent to site	Governor at William Amory School Resident adjacent to site
Family Land Ownership Caverswall Old Road	Councillor Walker	Housing Consultation sites and general highways issues

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3.2	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT																																																																	
	<p>February/March 2019</p> <p>Pothole Report</p> <p>Over the last 9 weeks there have been 1,930 potholes fixed and 2,175 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.</p> <p>An extra £5m has been approved for the ongoing repairs of potholes to help further reduce the current backlog.</p> <p>Locally...</p>																																																																	
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	Total	27	2	7	1	0	0	4		7	0	6
	<p>Over the Caverswall Division there have been 36 repairs and 27 new reports and in Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook there have been 11 repairs and 11 new reports.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Healthy Staffordshire A strategic review of All Age Disability provision has begun. This is approx. £120m of our total budget. The last review was conducted 5 years ago. In the initial consultation meeting I recommended much earlier engagement at primary school (trained teachers) to recognise potential mental health issues and address them as soon as possible, to intervene at earlier stages of mental health issues and not wait until crisis teams have to be engaged and to look at technological advances in enablement apparatus etc to improve the quality of life and independence of individuals. Stop asking what your disability is and instead ask what you are able to do and what do you need help with.</p> <p>Audits and Standards Audits and Standards looked at Preparedness for Cyber attacks, the most recent audit of SCC accounts which got the highest grade which is Generally Complies. No formal complaints against any current County Councillor</p> <p>Following on from a discussion Cllr Ward advised he was using his community budget to address the issues with the drains and surface water drainage on Caverswall Road.</p>											
4	<p>INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTITVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINGS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS –</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained he had recently attended the Parish Assembly with Cllr Mould.</p>											

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	<p>He went onto to report:-</p> <p>That the meeting was very poorly attended. It was surprising that 30% of the population in SMDC area was above the national average for poverty.</p> <p>10% of the 858 planning applications make it to a planning committee with the rest being delegated decisions.</p> <p>There was a 20K pot for the moorlands for the end of WW1 commemorations. Cheadle, Leek and Biddulph would get 1K each and the rest will be divided between the remaining Parishes. Chairman Cllr Jones said that this was a real bone of contention at the Parish Assembly and he failed to see how the Towns receiving 1K funding were any different from the rest of the Parishes as each parish/ Town were doing the same celebrations.</p>	
5	TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINTUES FROM January 2018	
	Unanimously resolved to agree	
6	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
	<p>None to report</p> <p>Clerks Report (to include items to late for the agenda)</p> <p>The new contract for Eon for the changing rooms electric had been received</p> <p>Mr Giblin from The Butchers Arms Football Team had emailed asking for a reduction in the rent for the season due to the showers being unavailable.</p> <p>Cllr Mancey declared an interest.</p> <p>Cllr Herdman stated he felt that we should not reduce the rent as we spend a considerable amount of money on the pitch and we were much cheaper than any other facilities and if the team were not happy then they should seek other facilities.</p>	

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	<p>Chairman Cllr Jones went on to say that the repairs to the showers were a considerable amount of money and this was being done for their benefit. A vote was taken and all voted to not allow a reduction in rent.</p> <p>The Clerk had made a formal complaint with Unity Trust on there recent decision to suspend the Parish Council saving accounts because of inactivity. The Chairman and Cllr Mould had recently had to sign a letter to transfer the entire contents of the account into the Cooperative Bank as Unity Trust had closed out account without notice. The Clerk will investigate other accounts to transfer the money to and report back.</p>	
8	CORRESPONDANCE	
8.1	<p>Newsletter The Newsletter is coming along nicely and will be ready over the next month.</p>	Clerk
8.2	<p>Sgt Egerton Memorial</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones read out a letter from Levison Wood Snr thanking all for the contribution to the day and the memorial. The Parish Council now take full ownership and management of the memorial.</p>	
8.3	<p>Draycott Community Website</p> <p>An issue on the Friends of Draycott web site was discussed. The publisher of the website and posted about the recent death of Cllr Shufflebotham and questioned the process by which Forsbrook parish Council had advertised the vacancy. Chairman Cllr Jones informed the meeting that the Clerk had met all statutory guidelines for advertising the post.</p> <p>The Council had sought legal advice from SCC and they were checking the website over and also advising us on issues of vexatious complaints for future reference.</p> <p>Cllr Mould asked that the person involved be dealt with in the strongest possible manner should this happen again.</p>	

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8.4	<p>8.4 SMDC Local Plan if not covered in item 4</p> <p>The Plan is ready for adoption mid April.</p>	
8.5	<p>Social Media and permissions</p> <p>Cllr Mancey had expressed a wish to update the Parish fete Facebook page.</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the Council have a Social media policy and all posts should adhere to this.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to let Cllr Mancey update the page.</p>	
8.6	<p>LGPS Rates</p> <p>Noted</p>	
10	<p>PLANNING</p>	
10.1	<p>SMDC / 2018/00076 – 21 Trent Road Single storey extension to the rear and the side of the property</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to object that this is over development.</p> <p>SMDC/2018/0125 4 Lavender Avenue – Cert of lawfulness</p> <p>Unanimously agreed that this is not an issue and to make no comment.</p> <p>SBC18/28104 Proposed vehicle access to ME Hairdressers grindley lane</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained that he had been approached by a resident on Grindley Lane regarding this application. The Cllrs inspected the application and unanimously agreed to object on the grounds of Highway. Commenting that this new egress would put strain on an already busy junction and conflict with children going to and coming from School</p>	

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11	CEMETERY	
	Nothing to report	CLERK
12	ENVIRONMENT	
	<p>Cllr Morris – The rubbish at the side of the A50 near to Draycott Roundabout</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones – The dog fouling is terrible, there are dog poo bags are hanging from the trees. The Clerk will contact SMDC and discuss the matter and ask if we can have some signs sprayed onto the pavement.</p> <p>Cllr Mancey – asked if we could have more litter bins- Clerk will contact SCC and SMDC regarding costs and logistics.</p> <p>Cllr Mould – A pot hole has opened up on the corner of Beverley Crescent and Chapel Street</p> <p>Cllr Yates – Could we ask for a weight restriction on Uttoxeter Road as the size of the vehicles coming through was getting bigger and faster</p> <p>Cllr Mould – Walchesters are using Dilhorne Road again and should not be using this as access to their facility.</p> <p>Cllr Yates – The breads deliveires were again being scheduled for school times at the Coop</p> <p>Cllr Walker – Would like to see slow signs on Cheadle Road</p> <p>Cllr Herdman asked if something could be done about the corner of the junction at Heath House Farm, he had seen several people nearly damaging their cars. Cllr Walker explained that the land was in the ownership of his family.</p> <p>Cllr Herdman asked if the Parish could thank County Cllr Ward for all his help and effort on getting Caverswall Road sorted, and also to all the volunteers for their efforts with the litter pick.</p>	CLERK

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	<p>Cllr Bagnall asked if she would plant flowers by the library wall – all agreed that this was a good idea.</p>																												
<p>13</p> <p>13.1</p>	<p>FINANCE Bank reconciliation was presented along with the bank balance and approval of monthly payments – Unanimously agreed to approve.</p> <p>Approve monthly account</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;"></td> <td style="width: 40%;">Expenses</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">117.6</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Dawn Plant</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">983.51</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">Phone bill</td> <td style="text-align: right;">47.82</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">TPC</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Pest Control</td> <td style="text-align: right;">120</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">PAYE</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">1093.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Staffordshire Pensions</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">350.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Quality Office Supplies</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Litter picking supplies</td> <td style="text-align: right;">166.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Town and Country</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Lengthsman</td> <td style="text-align: right;">792</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Blythe Bridge Village Hall</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Hall Hire for meetings</td> <td style="text-align: right;">207</td> </tr> </table> <p>The meeting closed at 9pm</p>		Expenses	117.6	Dawn Plant	Salary	983.51		Phone bill	47.82	TPC	Pest Control	120	PAYE		1093.97	Staffordshire Pensions		350.5	Quality Office Supplies	Litter picking supplies	166.31	Town and Country	Lengthsman	792	Blythe Bridge Village Hall	Hall Hire for meetings	207	
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