

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 December 2019 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall.

Members Present

Chairman Councillor Peter Jones	Cllr Mould
Cllr Yates	Cllr Knight
Cllr Felin	Cllr Bryant
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Herdman
Cllr Bridge	Cllr Morris

In Attendance

Cheadle and Tean Times	Mr McCreedy
Clerk to the Council Dawn Plant	
District Councillor Flunder	

1. Apologies for Absence

<u>Cllr Darrant</u>

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.

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Staffordshire Council- Primary School	County William Amory	Councillor I Herdman	Governor at William Amory School
SMDC allocation	Potential Site		Resident adjacent to site

	OPEN SESSION	ACTION
	RESIDENTS ISSUES	
	<p>Cllr Knight asked if anything could be done about the lack of street lighting on the public footpath between the station and Jasmine Close. The Clerk would investigate the costs etc.</p> <p>Mr Mcreeedy asked the Councillors if a better display of lights could be arranged for next Christmas. The Clerk would liaise with Sian the Clerk at Checkley as they numerous reports and risk assessments which may be of assistance.</p>	
	COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT	
	<p>Chairman Jones had emailed County Councillor Ward regarding the lack of action to replace the white lines outside Gill Maidens hairdressers in Blythe Bridge. He was very disappointed that he had not received a response from Cllr Ward.</p>	
4	<p>INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTITVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</p> <p>Councillor Herdman reported the surgery had been quiet with just one report of Scraggs coaches using the Avenue as a cut through – The Clerk would contact Scraggs.</p> <p>Councillor Flunder updated the progress of the community asset bid for t he former police post. He was trying to arrange a meeting between all interested parties to try and secure a community asset for Blythe Bridge.</p> <p>Chairman Jones expressed concerns regarding Aspire Housing being part of the bid and stated he would vote against any type of housing being placed on the site.</p>	

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5	TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINTUES FROM November 2019	
	Unanimously agreed to approve.	
6	MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES	
	<p>Cllr Yates asked if the Police had responded regarding their lack of presence at the Remembrance Day Parade. The Clerk explained that Sgt Bland had stated he would attend the meeting but had not arrived.</p> <p>The Clerk would continue to pursue the matter.</p>	CLERK
8	CORRESPONDANCE	
8.1	<p>Planning Permission for Changing Rooms and provision of Green Belt Statement.</p> <p>The Clerk advised that SMDC had now asked for Council for a Green Belt statement as part of the planning application for the changing rooms. Chairman Jones asked why this was not required previously when the planning permission was approved.</p> <p>Following on from a discussion the Councillors asked the Clerk to contact the Architect to provide the internal plans for the building and they would consider internal alterations to the building to achieve an office and meeting space.</p>	CLERK
8.2	<p>Public Toilets</p> <p>Cllr Holmes updated the Councillors and explained that at present SMDC had no money to update the toilets and the situation was ongoing.</p> <p>CCTV was still a work in progress and more facts and figures would be available by next meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk asked for figures on the expected level of contribution from the Parish Council before anything was agreed at SMDC</p>	
8.3	<p>CO-OPTION</p> <p>The Councillors had received via email prior to the meeting a coption application from Mr McCreedy. The Councillors unanimously agreed to</p>	

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	co-opt Mr McCreedy to the Council and the Clerk would provide the acceptance of office forms to be signed at the next meeting.	
9	PLANNING	
9.1	<p>Cllr Herdman declared an interest in SMDC/2019/0711 as he had been contact by a resident close to the site</p> <p>Cllrs Flunder and Holmes left the room</p> <p>SMDC/2019/0692 – Longslow Villas, Caverswall Road – Conversion of existing garage into part of the dwelling and construction of a single storey side extension to provide new garage space.</p> <p>The Councillors felt that this had not changed from the previously application and still constituted over development and would therefore object.</p> <p>SMDC/2019/0711- Kingfishers, Blithe View – Proposed residential development of 4 dwellings.</p> <p>The Councillors were concerned that these properties would be in the flood plain. The owner of this particular part of the river was very remiss at ensuring that is was kept clear of debris in the past and did not want development on the flood plain affecting other residents, they therefore wanted to object.</p>	CLERK
9.2	PLANNING APPROVAL / REFUSAL -	
	NONE	
10	CEMETERY	
	<p>Cllr Herdman asked if the top gate of the Cemetery could be used as an entrance to alleviate the risk of the bad bend on the other entrance.</p> <p>Chairman Jones explained that SCC had previously told the Parish Council no but asked the Clerk if she could ask again.</p>	CLERK
11	ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT	

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	<p>Cllr Holmes suggested that the Council look at the possibility of providing gateway signs to slow the traffic in the village. The Clerk would investigate the cost and the siting of these.</p> <p>Chairman Jones expressed concern over the parking in Forsbrook Village which was now causing Health and Safety problems. The Spar shop had again started to use a large wagon for deliveries.</p> <p>Cllr Herdman asked the Clerk to contact William Amory regarding the parking on Stallington Lane.</p>	CLERK																								
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	<p>APPROVE ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENT December</p> <p>The bank reconcillation was presented to the Council.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Barlaston Methodist Church</td> <td>£500</td> <td>Instruments for Remembrance Day</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staffordshire Pensions</td> <td>£398.41</td> <td>Clerk Pension</td> </tr> <tr> <td>St Peters Church</td> <td>£200 replaces previous cheque</td> <td>Christians against poverty</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dawn Plant</td> <td>£1234.32</td> <td>Clerks salary and expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staffs Pensions</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Town and Country</td> <td>£1494</td> <td>Lengthsman Serrvices</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MW Gardening</td> <td>£60</td> <td>Handyman services</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AED Donate</td> <td>£525</td> <td>Defib cabinet</td> </tr> </table>	Barlaston Methodist Church	£500	Instruments for Remembrance Day	Staffordshire Pensions	£398.41	Clerk Pension	St Peters Church	£200 replaces previous cheque	Christians against poverty	Dawn Plant	£1234.32	Clerks salary and expenses	Staffs Pensions			Town and Country	£1494	Lengthsman Serrvices	MW Gardening	£60	Handyman services	AED Donate	£525	Defib cabinet	
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13	<p>To Receive the recommendations from the financial & general purposes committee for the annual budget for 2020/2021 It was unanimously agreed to accept the budget. Earmarked reserves would be as follows:-</p> <p>£40K for cemetery £30K for future changing room projects</p>																									
	<p>To Receive the recommendations from the financial & general purposes committee for the precept for 2020/2021</p> <p>It was recommended that the Precept is raised by 5% to take into account the extra recreational activities the Parish would like to provide.</p>																									

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	This would be 5% of 43K and represented approximately a £2.50 increase per household in the Parish This was unanimously agreed.	
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