

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 January 2020 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall.

Members Present

Chairman Councillor Peter Jones	Cllr Cllr Darrant
Cllr Yates	Cllr Felin
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Herdman
Cllr Mould	Cllr Bridge
Cllr Knight	Cllr Bryan
Cllr McCreedy	

In Attendance

Clerk to the Council Dawn Plant	District Cllr Flunder
Cheadle and Tean Times	County Councillor Ward

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Herdman, Cllr Holmes

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
Staffordshire County Council - Highway Issues	Councillor P Jones	Personal – Staffordshire County Council Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery Personal friend.
Tesco		Personal – employee of Tesco.
Planning	Cllr Holmes	Member of SMDC Planning Committee
SMDC	Cllr Herdman	Resident adjacent to local plan site

2.	OPEN SESSION	ACTION
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2.1	RESIDENTS ISSUES	
	No residents present.	
3.	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>Not surprisingly following a general election and then Christmas break, there has been a relatively quiet period from the District and County Council. I have Full Council meetings at both over the next two weeks and I will update you next time.</p> <p>A new consultation on five areas of health provision has begun. I have attached a copy of the detail for your information. The five areas that look to be coming under scrutiny are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Assisted conception 2) Hearing Loss for Adults 3) Removal of excess skin following significant weight loss 4) Breast augmentation and reconstruction 5) Male and female sterilisation <p>The consultation runs until 1st March.</p> <p>The decision around Leek and Cheadle hospital is finally due for a 'Business Case Decision' tomorrow. This follows an initial delay to making a decision and then a period of Purdah due to the general election.</p> <p>The SCC Council tax increase for 2020/21 was set out in last year's budget so shouldn't come as too much of a surprise, and will be 3.95%. Of this 2% is ringfenced by the Government for adult social care. I have included with this report a broad-brush breakdown of where your County Council tax is spent.</p> <p>The detailed 20/21 budget has now gone to Cabinet for final approval and the content will become publicly available imminently.</p> <p>Without a shadow of a doubt the most time consuming and frustrating part of my role involves dealing with Highways issues. Unless an item is deemed to be an emergency the wheels turn incredibly slowly.</p> <p>I have yet again chased an update on both the yellow lines on Caverswall Road. I have attached a screen shot of my latest conversation (following several emails) to hopefully show that I am persisting in chasing these outstanding items. I share your frustration with these matters.</p> <p>I did receive an email to say that the works to the gulley on Uttoxeter Road (near 1121) have now been completed and I haven't seen any repeats of the flooding over the last few weeks.</p> <p>Finally Support Staffordshire have asked for nominations for the 2020 Volunteer awards, so if you know of any local group that you feel deserves some recognition then you have until 3rd April to submit your nominations.</p>	

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4	<p>INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTITVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</p> <p>District Cllr Flunder gave a catch up on the Community Asset Bid process and asked if Chairman Jones and the Clerk would be available for a meeting with all interested parties to arrange a re submission of a Community Asset Bid.</p> <p>Chairman Jones proposed that a resubmitted community asset bid be worked on and Cllr Yates seconded.</p>	
5	<p>TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINTUES FROM December 2019</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to approve. December minutes</p>	
6	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p> <p>Chairman Jones detailed a meeting with SCC highways regarding the egress for the cemetery. SCC Highways had visited the site with Chairman Jones and the Clerk and they had emailed detailing the reasons why the other gate could not be used as access, these were:-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">It is inferior in terms of the splays for vehicles entering and exiting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The gate width is less than the existing entrance · The visibility is limited due to the bend · Hedge growth which could obstruct visibility when exiting if not regularly maintained · If turning right into the proposed entrance whilst waiting for traffic to pass there may be limited approach visibility compared to the existing entrance · Having checked the accident data, there have been 2 accidents in this location and both accidents have been closer to the proposed entrance <p>Cllr Mould asked if the Clerk could investigate the possibility of moving the 30mph zone further back to include the cemetery entrance.</p>	CLERK
7	<p>CORRESPONDANCE</p>	
7.1	<p>Changing Rooms</p> <p>The Clerk read out an email from SMDC regarding the planning application for the changing rooms:-</p>	CLERK

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	<p><i>I consider we have all the information we need in order to recommend approval for the extension. However, this is on condition that the plans be changed in accordance with the email sent to Hannah Mountford at HCA, your architect/agent. This involves the slight set back of the front wall of the extension and the slight dropping of the roof ridge of the extension so that the extension respects and sympathises with the main building and avoids a disproportionate enlargement of the main building, as referred to in Green Belt policy.</i></p> <p>Chairman Jones proposed that the Clerk ask the architects to alter the plans and submit them to SMDC for approval. Cllr Knight seconded.</p>																			
7.2	Former Police Post																			
	Dealt with under District Council report.																			
8	PLANNING																			
	None to report	CLERK																		
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	NONE																			
9	CEMETERY																			
		CLERK																		
10	ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT																			
	Chairman Jones expressed concern regarding the parking in Forsbrook Square which was now becoming a threat to peoples safety.	CLERK																		
11	FINANCE																			
11.1	APPROVE ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENT January 2020																			
	The bank reconciliation was presented to the Council.																			
	The Clerk reported that the annual external audit had now been completed and the report was noted.																			
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The meeting closed at 8:20pm