

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th December 2021 18:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

Chairman Herdman	Vice Chairman Yates
Cllr McCready	Cllr Sandiford
Cllr Felin	

In Attendance

Dawn Plant – Clerk & RFO	District Cllr Flunder

1. Apologies for Absence

County Cllr Ward, Cllr White

2. Declarations of Interest & 3. Register of Interests

<u>Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature</u>
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor J Felin	Part of the management committee
Planning	Cllr Holmes	Member of SMDC Planning Committee
SMDC	Cllr Herdman	Resident adjacent to local plan site

3.	Register of Interest Councillors were reminded of their obligations to maintain their register of interest.
4.	Minutes Unanimously agreed to approve the minutes from November as a true record
5.	Residents issues No members of the public in attendance.
6	County and District Reports District Cllr Flunder reported that the bus strategy meeting was 21.01.2022. He asked Cllr McCready to let him have some points to take to the meeting. District Councillor Flunder was keen to arrange the meeting with St Modwen regarding the pedestrian / bicycle links into the centre of Blythe Bridge from the Blythe Vale site.
7.	December Accounts

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7A	Invoices were available for inspection and it was unanimously agreed to approve.
B	Bank Reconciliation Previously circulated via email and available on the web site.
C	YTD Figures and budget scrutiny The Clerk presented the year to date figures for inspection.
D	To discuss the updated budget for 2022 and make a decision The budget was unanimously agreed.
E	To discuss and set the precept for 2022/23 Initial discussions regarding the precept took place and it was unanimously agreed to raise the precept to £100,000 and the forms would be signed and figures would be confirmed in the January meeting. The Clerk would prepare a press release to inform the residents of the reasons behind any increase in precept.
F	To discuss and decide on the proposal for Forsbrook Parish Council to apply to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling up Housing & Community for a loan through Staffordshire Moorland District Council for £100,000 payable over 20 years at a rate of 4.5% at a cost of between £7081 - £7734 with and without security. It was unanimously agreed to apply for the loan.
8	Clerks report Payments of invoices. The Clerk explained that there may be a few extra invoices to be paid as the meeting was two weeks earlier than usual. The councillors unanimously agreed to allow the Clerk to circulate the details of the invoices to Councillors and pay upon two approvals via email. District Cllr Flunder thanked the Parish Council for their input and support on this project and Chairman Herdman thanked former Chairman Jones for his work on the project. County Cllr Ward had approved the Parish Council grant for £500 towards the changing rooms.
9	Correspondence
10	Update on the Police House Project Already detailed in item 7E
11.	Planning –

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	<p>SMD/2021/1071 – 13 Poplar Close, Blythe Bridge – Proposed single storey rear extension</p> <p>No objections</p> <p>SMD/2021/0669 – 1 Greenwood Road, Forsbrook – Bay window to front elevation and alteration of roof pitch to main house. No objections.</p> <p>No objections</p>
12.	<p>Cemetery</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
13	<p>Environment</p> <p>Cllr Yates asked the Clerk to chase up County Councillor Williams regarding the issues reported to him on his site visit.</p>
14	<p>Councillor updates</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>