

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9 September May 2021 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

Cllr Ian Herdman Chairman	Cllr Yates VC
Cllr Holmes	Cllr McCreedy
Cllr Felin	Cllr Sanidford

In Attendance

Dawn Plant - Clerk	
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1. Apologies for Absence

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 May as a true record
5.	Residents issues A member of the public was present to bring to the Councils attention the ongoing situation with Walchesters HGV vehicles using Dilhorne Road. He had concerns over the following. a) The size of the vehicles being used had increased in size b) He had written to Sybil Ralphs / Ross Ward / Highways several times and has not received any responses. c) How many operating licences do Walchesters have and which premises are they attributed to. d) Has the traffic survey been actioned e) The site is being used for the processing of asbestos

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	<p>f) How are Dilhorne dealing with he situation.</p> <p>g) The width of the roads are 5 metres and should be 6.5 metres for using HGVs</p> <p>h) The damage of listed buildings in Dilhorne</p>
6	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>The consultations regarding Cheadle Car park were ongoing. District Cllr Holmes asked the Clerk if the Parish had received an invitation to the working group, which they hadn't.</p>
7.	<p>Clerks report</p> <p>The Clerk asked if the Council would consider donating £50 of S137 monies to Brighter Futures who were looking to have a local campaign for suicide prevention. They wanted to hide the knitted bees which the local residents association of Meir Park had arranged and the Clerk had been involved in hiding in Forsbrook. It was unanimously agreed to donate £50</p> <p>The Clerk had forwarded the annual insurance quotes from Came & Co. The cheapest of the three quotes was from Hiscox for a three year deal at £2386.67. This was an 380 percent increase on the previous year.</p> <p>The Clerk had queried two issues regarding events cover and had received a reply from Came & Co that the Remembrance Day parade was covered and to contact them should a decision to hold a fete be made.</p> <p>The Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the quotation</p> <p>Councillor White had emailed the Clerk regarding the defibrillator, she had received an offer from Henry Rice of John Rice motors to house the defib and use their own electrician to install. The Councillors agreed to take this offer and asked the Clerk to investigate the possibility of another defibrillator for the changing rooms.</p> <p>Remembrance Day – The Clerk had ordered the necessary wreathes etc and all was on schedule for the parade. Cllr McCreedy would provide the band with the Parish instruments.</p> <p>The previously reported item of lorries causing problems with deliveries at Tesco Blythe Bridge had been reported to SMDC planning enforcement who had acknowledged the complaint and would deal with it.</p>
8.	<p>Correspondence</p>
9.	<p>Update on the Police House Project & To discuss and decide if to instruct the Clerk to apply to the Secretary of State for permission for the loan of 60K for the Parish Councils portion of the Police House project.</p> <p>The partners of the project were anticipating more news in the very near future. The Clerk asked the Councillors if their permission still stood regarding applying for the loan of 60K. The Councillors unanimously agreed. The Clerk would complete the</p>

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	<p>relevant paperwork and submit it to SPCA / SoS for their approval. The matter would then be passed to Andrew Stoke Chief Exec at SMDC to seek cabinet approval.</p> <p>District Councillor Flunder thanked former Chairman Peter Jones, the Clerk and all the Councillors for all their determination in seeing this project to the end.</p>
10.	<p>Bike to Work Scheme</p> <p>To meet with the ever present climate change emergency the Clerk asked the Council if they would consider joining the bike to work scheme (details of the scheme had previously been circulated via email) The Councillors unanimously agreed. Cllr Holmes raised concerns regarding safety of the Clerk on a bicycle.</p>
11.	<p>To discuss and make a decision on a contribution of up to £2000 towards a funding application for goals and portable flood lights for the pitch</p> <p>The Clerk explained that the grant from the football foundation required a 2K contribution from the Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed to agree a 2K contribution. The Clerk explained once this grant was fulfilled she would look at the possibility of a container for the rear of the changing rooms, this may require planning permission.</p>
12.	<p>Toilets in Blythe Bridge</p> <p>Councillor Holmes explained that SMDC were offering to gift the toilet block to the Parish Council with a 5K contribution in year 1 reducing by 12.5% yearly to 0 for maintenance etc.,</p> <p>The Clerk asked Cllr Holmes if he could find out the figures for the yearly maintenance and staffing of the toilets and she would add to the October agenda. The figures would need to be included in the 2022/23 budget</p>
13.	<p>Discussed in item 9</p>
14. & 16	<p>Speeding</p> <p>The Clerk expressed disappointment in the recent Facebook posts regarding the Council which had subsequently been picked up by the local paper. The speed van had visited the area and on July 1st between 18:50hrs and 20:25 hrs it recorded 8 vehicles travelling over the 30mph limit, the highest speed being 42mph. The majority of the vehicles were registered to a local postcode address. Moving on from this agenda item 16 was discussed regarding the SIDS and speed awareness initiative. Councillors Sandiford, Yates, Felin volunteered to take part in the community speed awareness course. The Councillors asked the Clerk to advertise the fact that volunteers were needed and perhaps the people who had taken part in the Facebook discussion were the people to approach to ascertain if they were willing to volunteer. The Clerk would make contact with Michelle Shaker to organise any training.</p> <p>The funding for the SIDS had been rejected by the Road Safety Trust and it was on the Clerks list of things to investigate further avenues of funding.</p>
15.	<p>To discuss the recreation ground survey results and to instruct the Clerk on the next actions.</p>

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	<p>The Clerk stated that the survey had been successful and clear objectives of what users of the recreation ground wanted, mainly the pump track refurbished, a walking/running track, less antisocial behaviour. The Clerk had a telephone meeting with SMDC on Monday 13th September to discuss putting a bid together for the S106 monies.</p>
16	<p>Queens Jubilee The Clerk would make enquiries regarding marquees etc and add as an agenda item for November.</p>
17.	<p>Planning SMD/2021/0555 - Barn Cash Heath Farm Cash Heath Forsbrook Proposed conversion of redundant barns into 3 residential units The Councillors unanimously agreed to mention the fact that the access is a public right of way and any provision for vehicle access must accommodate this.</p>
18.	<p>Cemetery Nothing to report</p>
19.	<p>Environment Cllr Yates reported the following concerns:- Planning permission for 366 Uttoxeter Road , the Parish Council had not received any details. Hedges between The Roebuck and The Butchers Arms are overgrown Bus Stop at Dilhorne Road in a poor state of repair. When will the 30mph sign on Cheadle Road be repaired, the road signage also needs refreshing. The left hand turn sign for the access to Blythe Bridge from the A521 is missing. The cut through on the A521 to Chandai Cottage is still flooding and there is now damage to the tarmac and kerb stones. The bin men are arriving on Uttoxeter Road at school run time and it is causing chaos. First Buses are waiting opposite John Rice motors and not using the A50 to stand off. Why cant Forsbrook have chicanes similar to Hilderstone. Cllr D Williams portfolio holder for Highways at SCC had made no attempt to rectify the issues he witnessed at the site meeting. Cllr Holmes asked the Clerk if any progress on gateway signs had been made, the Clerk would make enquiries.</p>
20	<p>Accounts and Finance The Clerk reported that Alan Topliss and Kim Squires had made an appointment for internal audit in early October. The payments for September would be circulated on the Monday 20th September for approval and would be available on the web site on the Wednesday.</p>

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	<p>The bank reconciliation for August was available on the web site and had been sent via email.</p> <p>The budgetary process would start in October and the Clerk had circulated the net YTD position to the Councillors and asked that they review it and bring any items for discussion to the next meeting.</p> <p>The external audit had been received back (could not report on in August as not quorate) The documents had been circulated via email and the only issue that had been reported by Mazars was due to the fact that the Clerk had missed a notice board of the asset register. The Councillors commented that this was an honest mistake and after the year we had just experienced was remarkable.</p>
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The meeting closed at 9:05pm