

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 18th November 2021 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

Chairman Heardman	Vice Chairman Yates
Cllr Holmes	Cllr White
Cllr McCready	Cllr Felin

In Attendance

Dawn Plant – Clerk	MOP - 6
County Cllr Ward	District Cllr Flunder

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Sandiford

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 October as a true record
5.	Residents issues Six members of the public attended the meeting to express concern for the recent activities in a field on Uttoxeter Road (opposite Adamthwaite Drive). Contractors had appeared recently and taken out hedgerows, felled trees and decimated the wildlife. The Clerk had liaised with the residents and Steve Massey the tree officer at SMDC had visited the site and was preparing a report. The residents and Parish awaited this report to progress the matter. Cllrs Holmes, Ward, Flunder and Herdman assured the residents they would do anything they could to ensure that the matter was heard at SMDC and asked the

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	<p>residents to document everything that happened on the site and send photographs to SMDC.</p> <p>The planning enforcement officer was also aware of the situation.</p> <p>The residents were advised to contact the HSE to ensure that the contractors were following safe working practice.</p> <p>Cllr Yates thanked Cllr McCready for his input into Remembrance Day with the bad.</p> <p>Cllr White thanked the off duty Policeman and Paramedic for their help with the two medical situations on Remembrance Day.</p>
6	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>Cllr Ward reported that his County Fund was still open until the end of November, there was also a new climate change fund which people could apply to.</p> <p>Cllr Ward reported that the traffic surveys for Forsbrook were innate and there had been no update on the double yellow lines for Caverswall Old Road.</p> <p>Cllr Flunder reported that he was going to be part of a working group looking at rural bus routes and services which would include the wider remit of linking transport routes together. The Parish Council would look at compiling a report to go to the working group. Cllr McCready stated it was important to link Forsbrook as we had the only train station in the moorlands.</p> <p>Cllr Flunder reported that the access route into Blythe Vale had been passed by planning and the access would not be more favourable for the residents of Woodlands Road.</p>
7.	<p>November Accounts</p> <p>Invoices were available for inspection and it was unanimously agreed to approve.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation</p> <p>Previously circulated via email and available on the web site.</p> <p>YTD Figures and budget scrutiny</p> <p>Deferred to December</p> <p>To discuss the updated budget for 2022 and make a decision</p> <p>Deferred to December.</p> <p>Cllr White left</p> <p>Clerks report</p> <p>Football Foundation – The Clerk reported that the floodlights had now been received and the goals were on order.</p>
8	<p>A application for trees had been made to the Woodlands trust for 400 plus saplings for the cemetery, the decision would be next week.</p> <p>A new junior team had asked to train on the pitch over the winter months.</p> <p>The outside lights at the changing rooms needed repairing, the Clerk would source an electrician and remedy.</p>

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9	Correspondence
10	Update on the Police House Project The Clerk explained that, Following discussions with Aspire Housing there had been concerns that the Parish Council was not receiving a tangible asset in return for their 100K funding, Aspire Housing had contacted its funding sources and were awaiting a decision on extra funding, if successful it would mean that the Parish would receive a footprint for a community centre that would be in the ownership of the Parish Council for the future generations of the area. The decision on funding was likely to be early December.
11.	Planter location for the rotary club Unanimously agreed to ask the Rotary Club if the Planter could be placed on the corner of Elmwood Drive and the Parish Council would provide a seat.
12.	Trees Discussed in Clerk report
13.	Donations Cllr McCready asked if the Parish Council would consider a S137 donation to A local acting group called Acting Mechanics. All the members of the band from Remembrance Day participated in this group. Chairman Herdman proposed that the £250 that used to be sent to Longton Central Hall band (now disbanded) be sent to Acting Mechanics instead. Cllr Felin Seconded and the proposal was a unanimous decision.
14.	Planning – Cllr Homes left the room SMD/2021/0677 – 10 Limewood Close – two storey side extension, front porch lean to and replacement single storey rear extension No objections.
15.	Cemetery Nothing to report
16	Environment Cllr Yates his concerns over the response times for 999 calls and the lack of policing in the area. Cllr Felin asked if the pavements were any nearer to getting resurfaced as they were in a terrible state and it prohibited disabled people from accessing the village centre. Cllr Yates reported an increase in dog fouling.
17	Councillor updates Nothing to report. The meeting closed at 9pm.