

# FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 19:00 hours  
at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

## **Members Present**

Chairman Herdman	Cllr McCready
Cllr Felin	
Cllr White	

## **In Attendance**

Dawn Plant – Clerk & RFO	
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### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Byatt
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### **2. Declarations of Interest & 3. Register of Interests**

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

<b>3.</b>	<b>To discuss and decide the next progression for the police houses project.</b>
	<p>The Clerk explained that she had now received the archaeological information regarding the site and in particular the area which was going to be sold to the Parish Council for the community hub.</p> <p>The pertinent information was as follows:</p> <p><i>7.2 Supplementary Investigation</i></p> <p><i>7.2.1 Following site clearance it is recommended that additional ground investigation is carried out, (inclusive of machine excavated trial pits) with particular attention to the proposed community building footprint. With reference to the historic maps, it can be seen that the proposed community building spans the former Blythe House and a line of suspected domestic garages at a later date. There are a number of potential constraints associated with this such as deep made ground/infilled basements, buried obstructions with the added potential for excavation instability and groundwater. This was evident within WS6 in which 2.10m of made ground was encountered which was either very loose/voided and with an SPT N' value of zero. At the time of the investigation, the</i></p>

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*area was in use as a public car park and not suited to such intrusive works. Depending upon the findings it may be necessary to adopt an alternative foundation solution to traditional strip/pad footings for this structure.*

Cllr White expressed her concerns that the footings of Blythe House were under the area of land, and if we start digging knowing that the ground unstable. We would not be able to get insurance on the ground. The situation is unquantifiable and we could end up with a huge bill. She didn't feel that the risk was worth it. She would prefer to invest the 60K in the Changing rooms refurbishment. She did not have a problem with the investment in the carpark.

Cllr McCready – if the building was only to be modular building then would we need to dig down.

Chairman Herdman – there is a lot of development around it, unlikely to be an issue, could we perhaps go back to Aspire and ask them to make the land good.

Proposal from Cllr McCready

The Clerk to contact Aspire and voice serious concerns regarding the ground conditions shown up in the archaeological report and unless remedial actions and remedies can be sought at Aspires cost then the Parish Council are unable to proceed due to the limited 60K available. We will however be happy to proceed with the 40K for the carpark.

Seconded Cllr White and unanimously agreed.

Meeting ended 19.31