

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th December 2022 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

Chairman Herdman	Cllr Felin
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Byatt
Cllr Yates	Cllr McCready

In Attendance

Dawn Plant – Clerk	County Cllr Ward
PCSO Staples	District Cllr Flunder

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr White

2. & 3 Declarations of Interest & 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

4.	To consider for accuracy and to approve the minutes of the meeting October 19th 2022 Unanimously agreed to approve.
5.	Residents issues No residents present. PCSO – Be vigilant for bikes being stolen from sheds and garages. Diesel thefts are on the increase. Cllr Yates asked PCSO Staples to address the double yellow line parking in Forsbrook by the Chip Shop. PCSO stated that this was a County Council issue, he would put some advisory notes on the cars if he saw them.
6	County and District Reports County Cllr Ward had circulated his report which the Clerk had circulated to the Councillors. County Cllr Ward was continuing with the discussion around the issues at Walchesters. A meeting was to be arranged for the end of January.

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	<p>Cllr Ward was pressuring the County Council to ascertain when the traffic surveys were going to happen.</p> <p>Cllr Yates asked Cllr Ward if there could be better signage on the 40mph stretch of the A521 and the no left turn sign be erected as promised by Cllr Williams in the past.</p> <p>District Cllr Flunder – Concerns over broadband speeds in rural villages.</p> <p>The shared prosperity fund has been granted to SMDC 3.4 million over two years.</p> <p>Cllr Herdman – Surgery updates – A resident was concerned over the road closures and traffic lights. Cllr Herdman explained that unfortunately that the works need to be done and we will have to put up with it for the greater good.</p> <p>Cllr McCready expressed concerns about the lack of joined up thinking regarding other road closures.</p>
7.	<p>November Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) November accounts – for note b) December Accounts for approval c) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site) – unanimously agreed to accept d) YTD figures and budget scrutiny. e) To receive the suggested budget (previously circulated and available on the web site) scrutiny and amendment as required <p>Cllr McCready had scrutinised the budget and amendments were added to the donations line to accommodate the impending General Power of Competence that may be instigated following the elections in May.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) Precept discussions <p>Cllr McCready proposed that the precept be set to 130K for 23/24 Cllr Felin Seconded.</p> <p>Unanimously agreed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) To note the reduction in the employee pensions contributions for the following three years (circulated via email)
8	<p>Clerks report</p> <p>Chairman Herdmans suggestion regarding swapping the teas and coffee at Remembrance Day to the Church. – Visit in January and form a working party for Christmas and Remembrance.</p> <p>Bins at the cemetery – Clerk explained that the bins at the cemetery, Clerk to investigate purchasing a skip for the cemetery.</p>
9	<p>A521 road works and closures</p> <p>All going according to plan, the Clerk has chased the County Council asking if they have had an provision for the public transport, no answer has been forthcoming.</p>
10.	<p>Update on the Police House</p> <p>Cllr Ward – has cast an eye over the ground radar survey, he was struggling to see the greater details. He had concerns over a drain that was showing and it may mean that their mean an easement for this area.</p> <p>Clerk reported that we were looking for exchange mid-January.</p>

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11	CCTV Quotes – to receive and decide on the quotes for the CCTV The Councillors requested that the Clerk ask the CCTV company the following:- Could the support package be paid annually. How much for more than one camera.
12	S137 Warm Space grant application for Blythe Bridge Methodist Church District Councillors to contribute £300 and Parish to contribute £200 Proposed by Cllr Herdman Seconded Cllr Holmes Unanimous Clerk will send the forms over to them and arrange for the donation from the Parish to take place before Christmas
13	PLANNING – nothing to report
14	Cemetery Bins been discussed under Clerk Guttering on the sheds installed, water butts installed.
15	Environment Cllr McCready – asked if the Environment Agency had been in touch regarding the brook at Elmwood. Cllr Felin would have a look at how bad the parking situation is on Millbrook Gardens. Chairman Herdman asked if PCSO could have a presence in the village at school time.
16	Councillor Updates Nothing to report.
	Meeting closed at 9:10pm