

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st March 2022 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

Chairman Herdman	Cllr Felin
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Sandiford
Cllr Yates	Cllr McCready

In Attendance

Dawn Plant – Clerk & RFO	District Councillor Flunder
MOP x 4	PCSO

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 March as a true record
5.	Residents issues PCSO – Nothing to report, no questions from the Councillors. Cllr Holmes was pushing for the PCSO to have the power to issue tickets for parking. A resident asked about parking on the pavements, the PCSO said that drivers must

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	<p>leave enough room for a pram or mobility scooter to get past. Caverswall Road cars are parking completely on the pavement.</p> <p>Cllr Yates left the meeting temporarily.</p> <p>Jennifer Simpson of 50 Caverswall Road and her daughter were present to discuss an issue with trees being damaged by a neighbouring property. The trees are copper beeches that are being cutting back by their neighbours. Steve Massey the SMDC tree officer was visiting the property on Wednesday so the Cllrs Flunder and Herdman would be available for the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Yates returned.</p> <p>A local resident queried about the double yellow lines at the bottom of Caverswall Road, and how long it would be before they were installed. The Clerk explained that the legal order had been out for consultation and we await more information. The Clerk will ask County Cllr Ward for an update.</p> <p>Black Cock Football Team - Complaint</p> <p>Letter of complaint from the Black Cock FC the Clerk had previously circulated the letter of complaint to the Councillors. The main issue was that the team felt that the fees for the past season were not commensurate with the facility they were renting. There had been damage to the side lines of the pitch by an animal. The Clerk had asked to see proof of where any games had been asked to be called of by a referee but nothing had been received yet. The rent was due on the 31.03.2022 and the Councillors were concerned that none of the issues had been communicated at the point they had happened. The Council also needed clarity over who the manager of the Team was as the Clerk had been lead to believe it was someone different then who had written the letter of complaint.</p> <p>Councillor Yates proposed that no reduction in fees be allowed. Vote for not This was seconded by Cllr Felin. A show of hands was Unanimous for no reduction in fees.</p> <p>Fees to be reviewed in April.</p>
6	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>County Cllr Flunder (standing in for Cllr Ward) – Fourth Covid Jabs are happening. Autumn will see flu and covid jabs done at the same time, maybe included in the flu jab in the long term.</p>

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	<p>Health committee working groups looking at Cheadle and Leek minor injuries. Both hospitals are not going to close. Working towards the NHS reducing their carbon footprint. Mental Health working group is being set up.</p> <p>Ukrainian relief , County Council are working on the aspects of the relief.</p> <p>District Councillor Flunder – Moorlands Music group are based in Blythe High School and District Cllr Herdman and Flunder have donated some monies.</p> <p>Cllr Herdman – updated the Council on the carpark charges in Cheadle, it has been increased by 30p and the free parking in the morning and later afternoon had been reimplemented. The makeup of the carpark regarding the long stay, disabled spaces would also be reviewed.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes - WMAS had not met any of the targets for the past 12 months.</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>7A</p> <p>B</p> <p>8</p>	<p>March Accounts Invoices were available for inspection and it was unanimously agreed to approve. Payments list is also available on the web site.</p> <p>Bank Reconciliation Circulated via email and available on the web site .</p> <p>Clerks report Preparation for year end had started and the Auditor is visiting in April.</p>
9	Correspondence
10	<p>Update on the Police House Project Nothing to report. Hopefully completion by the end of March. Aspire will be present in the May meeting.</p> <p><i>Suspended standing orders for a member of the public question:-</i> A member of the public asked how the carparking spaces would be monitored , as his concerns were that the people who were paying the rise in Council Tax would not be able to use them.</p> <p>Cllr Flunder explained that the project was part of a wider investment in the area, so that the economic centre of Blythe did not fail when a private investor purchased the site and left it derelict for 10-15 years. The resident asked to consider extra disabled parking bays.</p>
11.	<p>Boundary Commission consultation. Standing orders reinstated.</p> <p>Councillors asked the Clerk to reiterate the same points as before.</p> <p>Cllr Flunder says that Karen Bradley MP was disappointed that she had to shed some areas.</p> <p>Cllr Sandiford said he disagreed with the boundary review.</p>

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12.	Queens Jubilee Plans and Portaloos Clerk would speak to Paul at the Roebuck for an update. £900 to hire portaloos, Cllr Felin suggested the hire of the village hall for the day at £200. Cllr Yates would also research extra porta loos.
13.	Tree planting update Six trees at Elmwood Drive have gone in Cllr McCreedy had concerns there was not enough. Cllr McCreedy would liase with MW Garden Services to ascertain if there were spare trees for the area. The Cllrs had planted 400 trees with Forsbrook Primary School.
14	Councillor Surgeries and to discuss a possible future venue. Surgeries have started back once a month, in the warmer months the surgery could be put on the slabs in the centre of the village with a gazebo. Clerk would ascertain a price for an A frame.
15	Gates at the Changing rooms – to discuss and decide on a solution to the issue with the gate. Clerk to get a quote for a wall, green school style fencing, to secure the carpark and stop cars getting onto the recreation ground.
16	Planning – Cllr Holmes took no part in the discussion.
17	Cemetery Nothing to report.
18	Environment Parking outside the chip shop in Forsbrook Cllr McCreedy – Speed watch would like to volunteer Chairman Herdman – pot holes Clerk – to chase Councillor Williams up. Clerk to ask for the monitoring information from the speed van. Cllr Sandiford – Cycle paths and lack of them in the area. Cllr McCreedy – Cemetery and Boundary there is no pavement link. N12 – bus service D&G 5:30pm
19	Councillor Updates Cllr Flunder Eco fest would be a good idea.

The meeting closed at 9pm