

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 October 2023 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

Chairman Herdman	Vice Chairman Yates
Cllr Felin	Cllr Reid
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Bostock
Cllr McCready	

In Attendance

Dawn Plant – Clerk	Martin Warrilow
MOP - 6	PCSO Naylor 7:45pm

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Byatt	Cllr White
Cllr Durose	

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 September 2023 Unanimously agreed to approve.
5.	Residents issues. Mr Miles a resident of Birch Grove, concerns over the planning application at 8 Birch Grove. He went onto to explain that he believed that there were inaccuracies in the application. Works have been taking place inside and outside which may have exceeded permitted development rights. The property is now a four bed. The front garden has been altered to provide extra parking spaces. There is no drop curb to accommodate the driveway. No planning permission has been granted historically. The increase in traffic in the narrow cul-de-sac. No traffic plan attached to the application. The person who is applying for the permission is not the owner. The street houses vulnerable residents young and old.

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	<p>The residents asked if the planning permission could be called in by a District Councillor as currently it is a delegated decision. Cllr Holmes will call the matter in to ensure that it is then heard at planning committee.</p> <p>PCSO Naylor – the main offenders are continuing to be targeted. One of the perpetrators are on a civil injunction. Residents of Birch Grove expressed their concerns to the PCSO about the amount of drug use on the footpath at the rear of the properties. One resident stated that they were gutted about the level of ASB in the area and it is directly affecting their lives.</p> <p>The 101 system is one of the chief constable main targets to reduce waiting times. Concerns from a resident regarding the parking at the Blythe Mount Park for the fireworks at Forsbrook Primary. A trombone player has been found from BBHS for the Remembrance Day parade.</p>
5a	<p>Handyman updates. Martin gave a run down of the work carried out since the last meeting. Area round the changing room needs a push along mower ie to the water logging. Slabs at the memorial bench are down. Bin at the changing room carpark needs the slab smashing to remove it. Litter is terrible on the recreation ground. Cemetery cutting has been done. Height barrier sign for the carpark has been ordered.</p>
6	<p>County and District Reports Cllr Holmes – been quiet at SMDC. New carpark machines in the moorlands are now in situ.</p>
7.	<p>October Accounts a) October Accounts for approval Cllr Felin and Cllr Holmes checked and approved the accounts. b) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site) – unanimously agreed to accept c) YTD Figures and budget scrutiny ahead of the final budget in November – The Clerk circulated the figures for the Councillors to look at over the next month. d) Internal Audit – had now been performed and a few minor issues with the web site which were now resolved.</p>
8	<p>Clerks report Christmas Lights – Clerk will chase Helen Bickerton about the RA. Clarke Kent S137 Methodist Church to come from donations budget - Proposal from Cllr Felin to approve and Seconded by Cllr Yates. Victim impact statement – The Clerk explained she had submitted this following on from the issues on the recreation ground. Severn Trent – The Clerk had enquired with Severn Trent as to if their community fund would be able to be used for the clearance of the brooks in the Parish.</p>

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9.	Update on the police houses New contract has been signed and will be sent to Wooliscroft on Tuesday.
10.	Youth Club Defer to November
11	RoSPA report The Rospa report has been circulated round. Martin has started the work on it.
12	Gateway Signs- to discuss and decide on style £1500 for a replacement sign, Proposer Felin Seconded Holmes unanimous.
13	Remembrance Day All the plans were in place, Cllr McCready asked about utilising the hall for band practice.
14	Planning SMD/2023/0465 – Serentiy Care Childrens Home – 8 Birch Grove, Forsbrook. Change of use from dwellinghouse to care home for children. Discussed in the public session.
15	Cemetery Hard cut back has now taken place, bins are getting full. Clerk to order an extra bin for sixth months. Leaf dump is going to be built this month.
16	Environment Cllr Yates – Had visited the Moorlands Home Link open event. He circulated leaflets, the Clerk would publicise on Facebook. Cllr Yates offered his services as a volunteer bus driver. Cllr Bostock – asked the Clerk to chase up David Williams about the issues around Chandai Cottage. Concerns regarding pavement parking. The Clerk would add to the next agenda. Cllr McReady – Missing bin on Bridgewood Road Cllr McCready – Can Darren do a final strim round the track and recreation ground and in between the play equipment Ask for the green spaces to be strimmed and cut back hard for winter. Cllr McCready – Elmwood Drive green grass cutting is terrible. Can the Clerk speak to SMDC to ascertain if the Parish can cut it for some extra funding. Cllr McCready – February meeting can we have a working party for the grass cutting contractors. Cllr Holmes would chase up the wall repair on Caverswall Road.
17	Councillors Updates – None to report
18	Items for the next agenda Pavement link to Boundary.

Meeting closed 9pm