

FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th September 2023 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

Members Present

Chairman Herdman	Vice Chairman Yates
Cllr Felin	Cllr McCready
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Bostock
Cllr White	Cllr Ross 8.10pm
	Cllr Durose 8:10pm

In Attendance

Dawn Plant – Clerk	Blythe Bridge Rotary
Paula Cham	Martin Warrilow
MOP - 2	

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Reid, Cllr Byatt	
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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 July 2023 Unanimously agreed to approve.
5.	Residents issues. Blythe Bridge rotary club were present to discuss the plans for Christmas 2024. The Rotary are looking at producing a Santa grotto at the library and wanted to explore ideas of working together. A discussion about a tree of life and memorial ornaments took place, alongside with planter ideas for spring next year. Cllr McCready asked the Rotary if they would like to help with the costs of the lights. The rotary would make contact with the Clerk between the meetings and a working group would be set up.

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	<p>A member of the public spoke regarding a number of students from year 9 at Blythe Bridge High School causing damage to a residents property.</p> <p>There were a number of residents present at the Councillors surgery regarding anti social behaviour on the Millbrook Gardens estate.</p> <p>Cllr White asked Cllr Holmes to raise concerns with Ben Adams regarding the state of the 101 service and how elderly residents cant use the internet to report crimes.</p> <p>Clerk will chase the police up as to why the police weren't present at the surgery and Parish Council meeting.</p>
5a	<p>Handyman updates.</p> <p>Martin raised concerns about the leaf fall at the cemetery, he asked if it would be possible to build a small building to house the leaves and grass cutting. Unanimously agreed to proceed with that.</p> <p>Martin asked if anyone knew of any bonfires, he would look into finding one to take the waste. Cllr White gave Martin a link of all the authorised bonfires and he would look into that.</p> <p>Matin would moss treat the paths and driveway and the cemetery and changing rooms.</p> <p>Bins and noticeboards will be installed this week.</p> <p>The grass cutting would continue for as long as possible to ensure that the grass would be as low as possible.</p> <p>Cllr McCready cutting around the pump track, Martin would invest in a petrol fly mower to get the job done.</p> <p>Chairman Herdman asked the edges of the play area to be cut back hard.</p> <p>Cllr McCready asked for feedback so that we could work together as a team.</p> <p>Weeds were growing in the new path from the doctors surgery that required removing.</p>
6	<p>County and District Reports</p> <p>Cllr Ward – No County meetings until November.</p> <p>Cllr Ward – gave details of funding for climate changes, he also gave details of the SMDC lottery.</p> <p>Cllr Durose – reported that he has had spoken to the EA about the state of the river Blythe. He was asking for volunteers to assist him in monitoring the water quality of the river. From behind Calverhay Farm to Gill Maidens hairdressers.</p> <p>Cllr McCready asked if we could get a group together to focus on all the water ways.</p> <p>Clerk to email Keele University and ask if there are any students to help us with clearing the brook and environment advice.</p> <p>Chairman Herdman disappointment with the lack of Police present at the surgeries and meetings.</p>

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7.	<p>September Accounts</p> <p>a) September Accounts for approval Cllr Felin and Cllr Holmes checked and approved the accounts.</p> <p>b) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site) – unanimously agreed to accept</p> <p>c) Clerk informed the Councillors that the external audit had been returned and was clear with no points of action.</p>
8	<p>Clerks report</p> <p>The Clerk had become aware that despite the Parish Council refusing permission for the bouncy castle on Parish Land the Butchers Arms had sited it anyway and had informed Joules (who own the pub). They were looking into the matter.</p> <p>The public toilets (owned and run by SMDC) had been out of operation for a long time, Cllr Herdman had asked the Clerk to report them again and they repairs should be completed this week (if not already)</p> <p>Moorlands Home Link invite which reads:-</p> <p>Please find attached an invitation for representatives from Forsbrook Parish Council to attend our open evening on the 28th September 2023 from 6pm to 8pm. The event is for invited guests to visit our premises and to hear more about our work in the community to support older people and their families/carers. Cllr Yates would attend.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded the Councillors of their roles for Remembrance day.</p> <p>Last post – on a speaker Cllr Felin</p> <p>Clerk will make contact with Chris Knight DONE</p> <p>Clerk to ask Revd Roberts if the foyer of the Church could be used for refreshments afterwards. DONE</p> <p>Wreath list and eyes right – Cllr Yates</p> <p>Traffic Management – Mr Felin, Mr Kheir- Knapper, Mr Byatt, Mr Plant.</p> <p>First Aid – Cllr White</p> <p>Cllr McCready – Band</p> <p>The Clerk asked that if anyone has a project to be included for the 2024/25 budget then can the email her with the details etc.</p>
9.	<p>Prices for Christmas Lights.</p> <p>The Quote of £546 had been received from Christmas direct for 150 metres of lights and various ornaments for the cemetery.</p>

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	<p>Cllr Bostock asked if we could order two of the lights set Seconded by Cllr McCready.</p> <p>Cllr Byatt was also arranging for the knitting nanna to help with crochet ornaments. Cllr Durose would supply a container that could be adapted as a planter for the tree in Forsbrook.</p>
10.	Grant Application from Blythe Bridge Methodist Church to continue the warm spaces – Deferred until October.
11	Track at the recreation ground The condition of the track is still a concern and meeting with Clarke and Kent was expected week commencing 25.09.2023
12	Update on the police houses Awaiting exchange. SCC had confirmed that they were willing to adopt the access road, and a bond was being sought by Aspire for the works. The Clerk was awaiting the details of the loan from SMDC.
13	Planning none to report
14	Cemetery Cemetery bollards need replacing Clerk to sort out.
15	Environment Cllr Yates – Toilet on Elmwood Drive has been reported and is still there. Missing Forsbrook sign Clerk to get a gateway sign. Manhole cover outside the Village Hall Clerk to ask that the speed camera van to be present in the village again. Cllr Bostock – The cut through from the A521 from the Blythe Vale estate. Clerk to email Highways and Cllr David Williams and ask what safety measures are going to be implanted. Cllr Felin – Concerns over the recent dog attacks on the recreation ground. Chairman Herdman – holes at Heath House Farm – Clerk will report them. Cllr McCready – CCTV on the recreation ground, could we get a quote for a basic system with a Wi-Fi into the change rooms.
16	Councillors Updates Cllr Durose – Air rifles usage on Uttoxeter Road
17	Items for the next agenda .

Meeting closed 21:10