

# FORSBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th February 2023 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall

## **Members Present**

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

## **In Attendance**

Dawn Plant – Clerk	
County Cllr Ward	

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Flunder
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## **2. & 3 Declarations of Interest & 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
Planning	Cllr Holmes	Member of SMDC Planning Committee
SMDC	Cllr Herdman	Resident adjacent to local plan site

<b>4.</b>	<b>To consider for accuracy and to approve the minutes of the meeting January 2023</b> Unanimously agreed to approve.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Residents issues</b> No residents present.
<b>6</b>	<b>County and District Reports</b> County Councillor Ward had circulated his report to members. EV charging points were to be increased on all SMDC car parks. There will be no increase in parking charges. SCC 4 percent increase in council tax, 70 percent of that goes on vulnerable people. 6p in the pound is spent on Highways.

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	<p>The meeting with Walchesters is imminent. Forsbrook Parish Council Chairman will attend. The meeting will be to try and iron out the difficulties of the wagons using the rural roads.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes – Reported that the Council surgeries were successful and an issue with the brook next to the library was reported and had been referred to the relevant agency. Clerk to produce a poster for the library about the surgeries.</p> <p>Parish Assembly – Minutes have been circulated. Cllr White reported that Defibs were discussed at the Parish Assembly.</p> <p>County Cllr Ward asked members of the public to report the pot holes.</p>
7.	<p><b>February Accounts</b></p> <p>a) February Accounts for approval Cllr Felin and Cllr White approve. b) Bank Reconciliation (previously circulated by email and available on the web site) – unanimously agreed to accept c) YTD figures and budget scrutiny. d) Year end preparation – Internal Audit date 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 in the Village Hall to be combined with an election paperwork drop in.</p>
8	<p><b>Clerks report</b></p> <p>Elections – The Clerk explained that the May meeting must by law take place 4-18 days after the election. Therefore our meeting in May will be on the 15th. We will also need to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on that day.</p> <p>The Quality Council awards – Clerk explained that she was in the process of getting the requirements ready, but was waiting until after the election for the decs of interest.</p> <p>Cemetery planters – Clerk explained the situation that the plants had now been removed.</p> <p>SMDC have a grant of £425 for Coronation events and the Clerk was applying. Both Churches were holding events so the money could be passed to them. The Clerk had spoken to the churches this week.</p>
9	<p><b>A521 road works and closures</b></p> <p>County Cllr Ward had been speaking to business owners in Forsbrook and the impact on their business. There will be signs to be installed at the road closure points to state that the businesses are still open.</p> <p>County Cllr Ward was working with the County Council to ascertain if the road could be opened early. Cllr Holmes explained that the gas pipeline may need replacing.</p>
10.	<p><b>Update on the Police House</b></p>

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	Clerk had been sending the emails to the Councillors keeping them up to date with the ever changing situation and exchange was for the 27.02.2023
11	<b>CCTV Quotes – to receive and decide on the quotes for the CCTV</b>  Proposed by Cllr Holme to go with WCCTV seconded by Cllr Herdman. The Clerk had not heard from the other CCTV company. The Clerk would speak to the County about getting the lamp post ready. Chase Cllr Ward for the monies. Unanimous decision..
12	<b>Christmas 2023 – updates on insurance</b>  Email had been sent to Bob and John about the Parish not being able to provide insurance.
14	<b>Planning – Cllr Holmes left the room</b> <b>SMD/2023/0069</b> – Change of use from C2 to C3 Field House Farm. No objections. <b>SMD/2023/0037</b> – Signs at Tesco Express. No Objections
15	<b>Cemetery</b> Nothing to report.
16	<b>Environment</b> Cllr Yates – A50 from Grindley Lane to Uttoxeter the lights are on all the time. Clerk to email Highways Agency. Cllr Yates – 40mph sign at junction of a50 and a521 is leaning. Cllr Yates – needs more speed monitoring on the A521 by Chandai Cottage. Cllr Byatt – Roundabout at McDonalds when the work is going to start. Clerk to find out. Cllr Yates – Why haven't SoS buses advertising their new service with bigger buses of the services in the Parish. Cllr McCReady – Brick work at the outlet pipes on the brook at Elmwood Drive. Cllr McCready – Communication A5 leaflet with contact details on and promotion. Clerk to get one designed and prices for a print run. Cllr White – Lads walking round with leaflets but not posting anything and looking at cars, keep an eye out.
17	<b>Councillor Updates</b> <b>Next Agenda</b> Defib for the changing room Fencing at changing rooms. CFR defib training.
	<b>Meeting closed 8:45pm</b>