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Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 December 2018 19:30 hours at Blythe Bridge Village Hall.

Members Present

Chairman Councillor Peter Jones	Cllr Mould
Cllr Yates	Cllr Mancey
Cllr Kemp	Cllr Elliott
Cllr Holmes	Cllr Herdman
Cllr Bagnall	Cllr Morris
Cllr Hughes	

In Attendance

Clerk to the Council Dawn Plant	Members of the Public 2
District Councillor Fluner	County Councillor Ward
	PCSO James

1. Apologies for Absence

<u>Cllr Walker</u>

2. Declarations of Interest

<u>Item</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Nature</u>
Foxfield Steam Railway	Councillor A Mould	Volunteer at Foxfield Railway
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor J Morris	Part of the management committee
Blythe Bridge Village Hall Committee	Councillor S Bagnall	Part of the management committee
Staffordshire County Council - Highway Issues	Councillor P Jones	Personal – Staffordshire County Council Highway Officer Mary Anne Raftery Personal friend.
Tesco		Personal – employee of Tesco.

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Staffordshire Council- Primary School	County William Amory	Councillor I Herdman	Governor at William Amory School
SMDC allocation	Potential Site		Resident adjacent to site

	OPEN SESSION	ACTION
	RESIDENTS ISSUES	
	<p>PCSO James asked the Parish Councillors if they had anything to report to the Police.</p> <p>Cllr Morris stated that she had reported a group of youths throwing stones at the Village Hall on Sunday. This had been the third Sunday in a row this had happened.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones asked if something could be done about the two cars parking up from the Butchers Shop in Forsbrook on the blind bend. It was becoming perilous with the HGV trying to get through. This had previously been reported to the PCSOs in the November meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Yates asked that the car parking opposite The Avenue in Blythe Bridge receives a ticket as it is parking with all four wheels on the pavement which is a Police matter.</p> <p>PCSO James urged the public to be aware of the dangers of leaving Christmas presents in cars and to ensure that their properties are properly protected at this time of year.</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Mr Coden then address the meeting regarding the potential proposed extension of the changing rooms.</p> <p>He read out the following statement to the Council which detailed his objections to the proposal.</p> <p><i>By Mr James Corden</i></p> <p><i>I would like to speak about Chairman Cllr Jones proposal to spend a lot of money on extending the changing rooms on the playing fields. I have been told I can't</i></p>	

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<p><i>comment about his actual proposal as it is in the agenda and the public can't comment on anything in the agenda.</i></p> <p><i>It seems as if Cllr Jones is recommending a room for council meetings and a room for the police to try and combat unsocial behavior! Speaking about the police they have built a new police station in Cheadle which has only been open a few years but now if the public want to speak to the police face to face you will have to go to Longton as Cheadle is closed to the public. So I can't see the point of the police wanting a room in the changing rooms maybe if they really need one they could hire the village hall and put some money back into the community after all the council had an expensive surveillance camera installed some 2 years ago to combat antisocial behavior, this camera has not worked correctly since the beginning of August this year just as the anti-social behavior was going on. (Does anyone check the operation/recordings?)</i></p> <p><i>Why do we need a community facility owned by the Parish Council when we already have the Village Hall, Library, Church Rooms and even School Rooms, to hold meetings or functions in.</i></p> <p><i>If the council do agree to spend the money on creating a new room for council meetings and the police in the changing rooms that will mean a loss of moneys for the Village Hall were the council meetings are now held at very little cost and eventually more than likely closure as I'm sure if the council built extra rooms they will want to be renting them out to other organisations, causing problems for the village hall and other organisations, we should protect and look after what we have got and not spend money on unnecessary things, too late to complain when places have had shut down because of lack of funds,</i></p> <p><i>The money would be better spent on repairs to the changing rooms, Roof Tiles, Ridge Tiles, Guttering that the camera installer took down (Approx. 3Mts) because he got his measurements wrong and nobody bothered to make him correct it, Tree growing out of the foundations, these repairs would amount to a fraction of the money being suggested for the extra building, the rest of the money could be put towards the very challenging situation to carry on delivering services in the light of budget cuts, which we are all going have to bear in the next few years and was discussed in the September council meeting</i></p> <p><i>The village hall is part of the community and as such should be protected by using it as much as possible, it's Clean, A Good heating & Lighting system, plenty of Tables & Chairs Excellent Car parking facilities which are away from housing so causing very little disturbance when people come and go, so a perfect place for meetings. So I ask the council Please can we get our priorities right and spend the money on things that are completely necessary.</i></p> <p><i>Thank You for Listening</i></p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones address his concerns as follows: -</p>	
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	<p>The Police were not having a permanent post there only when they needed it.</p> <p>The Clerk explained she did not know about the ridge tile but asked that as Mr Corden overlooked the building, he would be more than welcome to ring her at any time if he spots anything. She said she would arrange for the tile, gutter and tree to be dealt with.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained that the Council had spent tens of thousands of pounds on the recreation ground for it to be vandalised. The extension would accommodate the Clerks Office as well to allow a person to be present over the summer holidays should we wish. The extension plans had been in place many years ago and the Council had let them lapse.</p> <p>Once the new plans had been drawn up then the full council would vote again on the proposal.</p>	
	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT</p> <p>County Cllr Ward explained that the 14 week consultation on the local hospitals had begun two weeks ago and he urged the Councillors to read the report on line.</p> <p>There were 6 options for community beds and 7 options for community services.</p> <p>One of the options was for the Cheadle site to be “re purposes” and Leek hospital to be extended to accommodate the outpatient services of the UHNM. Community bed facilities would be met through car homes which were rated good or outstanding by CQC</p> <p>The Haywood Hospital had been chosen because it still had a mortgage attached to it.</p> <p>Cllr Holmes stated that he did not see anywhere in the report where bed blocking was mentioned. County Cllr Ward explained that there is currently another piece of work on going entitled Discharge to Assesment which would address this.</p> <p>County Cllr Ward stated that the School Crossing patrol consultation was still on going. He again urged people to complete the consultation. SCC had been informed that they had been included in the business</p>	

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	<p>rate retention scheme so would have an extra 5 million in the budget. This may help towards this vital service.</p> <p>He went onto the explain that the consultation for the Library move to spar may give more opportunity to review the crossing in Forsbrook Village.</p> <p>The Double yellow lines for Caverswall Road were going to be made a priority for the New Year.</p>	
4	<p>INFORMATION AND REPORTS FROM REPRESENTITVES ATTENDING OUTSIDE MEETINS INCLUDING DISTRICT COUNCILLORS</p> <p>District Councillor Flunder explained that there was to be separate consultation on Leek Hospital and he hoped to see the Parish Councillors there.</p>	
5	<p>TO APPROVE THE DRAFT MINTUES FROM November 2018</p> <p>Unanimously agreed to approve.</p>	
6	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES</p>	
	<p>Cllr Morris asked if there had been anymore feedback from Walchesters. The Clerk explained that she had forwarded the email to Mr Payne.</p> <p>Cllr Herdman stated it may be worth in future asking if we can see a copy of the lorry tracking details should the issue arise again.</p>	CLERK
8	<p>CORRESPONDANCE</p>	
8.1	<p>Email regarding the Recreation ground.</p> <p>Ms Durant was present at the meeting and explained that she felt that the local children needed more activitive on the Recreation Ground. She explained she was more than willing to research with local children what they wanted. She had spoken to the Police and they were interested in bringing a cadet group to the area.</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained that we had talked to local children about what they wanted and it was mainly free wifi and somewhere to hang out. These plans had been discussed and was something that may be incorporated into the new extension should it be passed by the Council.</p> <p>Ms Durant took the details of Cllr Flunder and would speak with him regarding youth services etc.</p>	CLERK

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8.2	<p>Forest of Mercia Tree Planting</p> <p>The Clerk had met with a rep from the Forest of Merica to discuss the free tree planting scheme with funding from DEFRA.</p> <p>It was agreed to accept their proposals of an extra Hawthorne hedge on the recreation ground.</p>	
9	PLANNING	
9.1	<p>SMD/2018/0721 – The Haven – Commonsides, Boundary – Proposed two storey extension to the front of the dwelling.</p> <p>No Objections</p> <p>Chairman Cllr Jones explained that a major application had been received for the building of 14-18 houses on Caverswall old Road. It was too late for the agenda but he would like to call an extra meeting on 7th January 2018 @ 7pm to discuss it.</p>	CLERK
9.2	PLANNING APPROVAL / REFUSAL -	
	NONE	
10	CEMETERY	
	Nothing to report	CLERK
11	ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENT REPORT	
	<p>Chairman Cllr Jones said the Carol Service had been successful despite the weather and wanted to make sure that we build on it for next year. The Clerk said that everyone would be assigned a task for next years' service.</p> <p>Cllr Yates reported the horse muck on the public footpath between Uttoxeter Road and Elmwood Drive.</p> <p>Cllr Yates reported that the area between the A50 and Chandai Cottage was again flooding.</p> <p>Cllr Mould reported that the highway gully is blocked below the public toilets on Cheadle Road</p>	CLERK

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	Cllr Mancey asked if we could get going again on the NHP. The Clerk would contact Hannah from Urban Vision.																									
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	APPROVE ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENT December																									
	The bank reconcillation was presented to the Council.																									
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