

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BLYMHILL AND WESTON-UNDER-LIZARD PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT THE BLYMHILL HILL AND WESTON UNDER LIZARD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023

PRESENT: Doug McCowan (Vice Chairman)
Cllr V Cook
Cllr A Lowe
Cllr N Parton

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk

APOLOGIES :

3153 Election Of Parish Council Officials

The Parish Clerk took the chair and asked for nominations for Parish Council Chairman. Cllr N Parton nominated and Cllr A Lowe seconded Cllr D McGowan for the position. There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED: Cllr D McGowan was elected as Chairman of the Blymhill and Weston Parish Council.

Cllr D McGowan took the chair and thanked the Councillors for their support. He then asked for nominations for Parish Council Deputy Chairman.

Cllr A Lowe nominated and Cllr V Cook seconded Cllr N Parton for the position. There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED: Cllr N Parton was elected as Deputy Chairman of the Blymhill and Weston Parish Council.

Cllr D McCowan asked for nominations for Parish Clerk. Cllr A Lowe nominated and Cllr V Cook seconded P Delaloye for the position.

There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED: P Delaloye was appointed as Parish Clerk of the Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council.

3154 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3155 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 22.03.2023 be approved as a correct Record and governance of the Parish Council.

3156 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

3157 **COOPTION OF COUNCILLORS**

As only 4 people put themselves forward in time to become Parish Councillors for the May 4th 2023 Parish Council Elections, the 4 vacant posts for the Blymhill Ward had been advertised with a closing date of the 15th of May 2023. There had been 5 candidates for the 4 positions. After lengthy discussions between the Parish Councillors, The following were to be asked to be Coopted Parish Councillors:

Philip Maddocks
Lee Cross
Robert Newton
David Smith

3158 **VISITORS**

None

3159 **REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Dealt with in the Public Assembly

3160 **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Dealt with in the Public Assembly

3161 **PLAY AREAS**

- Cllr N Parton reported that the new Parish Council Notice Board that had been obtained with the Grant from Viscount Newport and the Bradford Estate had been put up in the Weston under Lizard Play Area and the tyre swing had been removed.
- As agreed from the email that had gone to all Councillors prior to May the 4th and the response to the work required to put the Roundabout right as noted in the last ROSPA report, the cost would be approximately £800

3162 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

Footpaths

- A stile that had been reported as a problem had been notified to the Rights of Way Ranger of Staffordshire County Council, who had responded to ask if contact could be made with the Landowner as the County Council could replace that stile for them. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the Landowner concerned.

Highways

- Cllr D McCowan that the Pot holes outside Beighterton Farm, still had not been put right although it had been reported by Cllr M Sutton that this was going to be actioned. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact both Cllr M Sutton and M Keeling Highways Liaison Officer for Staffordshire County Council.
- With the Worsening Pot Hole situation in the Parish, Cllr D McCowan asked the Parish Clerk to put a note in the Parish Magazine as the more reports made on the County Council Website the more pressure is put on the County Council to repair them. To report Potholes etc go to <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#divSelectionHeader>
- The A5 speed reduction to 30mph through Weston under Lizard was voiced as still a concern by Cllr V Cook with Many motorists still driving well above 30. The Speed Camera Van was still very rarely seen in the Village. It was mentioned that there had been some discussion of a speed action group, volunteers trained to use hand held speed cameras trained by the police as in Bishops Wood and Codsall Wood. It had previously been asked of the Weston under Lizard Action Group would lead this, but with no success and now that group no longer exists.

- The Parish Clerk was asked to put an item in the Parish Magazine to see if there were any volunteers who would be interested in being involved with this team and to see if there would be enough of them to make it work and be viable proposition. The Parish Council having previously agreeing to fund the necessary training, equipment and insurances.
- The Parish Clerk was also asked to contact the SSDC Street Scene Team with regard Speed detection systems and invite them to the next Parish Council Meeting in September.

3163 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 23rd March 2023

Application No: 23/00393/FULHH Proposal: Garage conversion with single storey front bay extension.

Location: 17 Rectory Drive Weston Under Lizard SHIFNAL TF11 8QQ

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess Please respond with your observations by 5 June 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk

Application No: 23/00265/COU Proposal: Proposed Change of use from Existing Domestic Habitable Annex to Holiday let and Air B & B Facility. Location: Japonica Cottage 58 Blymhill Road Blymhill Staffordshire TF11 8LS

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess Please respond with your observations by 14 May 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk

Application No: 23/00307/FULHH Proposal: Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension and Garden Outbuilding. Location: Church View Barn Watery Bank Ivetsey Bank STAFFORD ST19 9ER

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess Please respond with your observations by 15 May 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk

Application No: 23/00309/FULHH Proposal: Single storey orangery to replace existing conservatory and re-build of existing single storey structure on north elevation to form entrance and utility

Location: Park Oak Farm Offoxey Road Bishops Wood STAFFORD ST19 9AP

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Planning Applications to be Considered by the Parish Council

Nil

Planning Applications approved or refused by South Staffordshire District Council since the meeting held on 23rd March 2023

Nil

SSDC Planning Approvals, Validation and Enforcement Emails sent to all Parish Councillors when received.

3164 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Balance as at 22nd March 2023

£5,524.44

Payments since meeting held on 22nd March 2023 to be confirmed

Payment Made as Approved since 22nd March 2023	
Parish Clerk's Fee Quarters 1	£500.00
Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
Greenbarnes Ltd – Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council Noticeboard	£1,201.50
Payment to be Approved	
Subtotal	£2,055.20
Income received since Meeting held on 22nd March 2023	
Grant from Viscount Newport and Bradford Estates	£1,000.00
Transfer from closure of Parish Councils Community Shop Account	£753.00
Parish Precept – 6 months	£3,250.00
Subtotal	£5,003.00
Balance as at 18th May 2023	£8,472.24

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 March 2022

Funds at 1st April 2022	£6,950.66
Income since 1 April 2022	
Parish Precept – 12 months	£6,000.00
Grant from Viscount Newport and Bradford Estates	£1,000.00
Subtotal	£7,000.00
TOTAL	£13950.66
Expenditure since 1st April 2022	
Parish Clerk's Fee Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4	£2,000.00
SSDC Grounds Maintenance Q 3 & 4 2021/2022 and Q1, 2 and 3 2022/2023	£741.54
Expenses	£164.54
SSDC interest free loan repayment 2022	£450.00
Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association	£238.16
Town and Parish Council Websites – Parish Council Website, annual web hosting fee	£282.00
St Andrews Parish (Graveyard fund)	£800.00
Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	£200.00
St Marys Parish Churchyard fund	£350.00
Blymhill and Weston Parish Magazine	£250.00
Weston Club – Institute rooms	£150.00
Optimus Groundcare – cleaning of Blymhill footpath to Grove Farm	£550.00
Bradford Estates Play area rent March 2021 to September 2022	£45.00
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association Annual Subscription	£230.64
Greenbarnes Ltd – Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council Noticeboard	£1,201.50
Delayed payments due to issues at SSDC during Pandemic not sending invoices out	
SSDC interest free loan repayment 2021	£450.00

SSDC Grounds maintenance 3 rd & 4 th Quarter 2020/2021	£170.64
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Subtotal	£8,627.72
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Funds for 31st March 2023	£5,322.94
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RESOLVED: All Councilors agreed the Accounts

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts
1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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Subtotal	£5,003.00
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Expenditure since 1st April 2023

Parish Clerk's Fee Quarters 1	£500.00
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Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
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Greenbarnes Ltd – Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council Noticeboard	£1,201.50
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Subtotal	£2054.20
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Funds for 31st March 2023	£8472.24
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3165 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr Philip Maddocks thanked the Parish Council from the Maddocks Family on behalf of their father David Maddocks, as the Parish Council had been a big part of his life.
- Cllr D McCowan said that the Parish Council should do something to commemorate what David Maddocks had done for the Community during his tenure on the Parish Council and for the Councillors to think about what could be done for the next meeting to which all agreed.
- Cllr D McCowan also wanted to thank Michael Stokes for all the work and effort he had put into the Parish Council over the years he had been a Parish Councillor.
- Following District Councillor Brian Cox stepping down from his position on South Staffordshire District Council the Parish Council wanted to thank him for his many years of help and assistance especially with regard to Planning advice that all agreed a Bottle of thanks be bought for him, which the Parish Clerk was asked to do.

3167 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.

Dates of the other meetings for 2023 –and 22nd November 2023

Signed 
(Chairman)
Date: 20th September 2023.....