

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 WEDNESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2023

PRESENT: Cllr Doug McCowan (Chairman)
Cllr L Cross
Cllr A Lowe
Cllr P Maddocks
Cllr R Newton
Cllr N Parton (Vice Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk
Cllr M Sutton – Staffordshire County Council
Cllr D Holmes – South Staffordshire District Council

APOLOGIES : Cllr D Smith
Cllr V Cook
Cllr W Sutton
Cllr S Szalapski

3179 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
None

3180 Cllr D McCowan welcomed Cllr D Holmes – South Staffordshire District Council to their first Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council meeting.

3181 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20.09.2023 be approved as a correct Record and governance of the Parish Council.

3182 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Cllr L Cross reported that the Style by the Church into the field was still blocked, so that dogs still had to be carried over or jump over it, which could be an issue for people dependent upon health or size of the dog. As this issue had already been notified to the Rights of Way people at Staffordshire County Council, Cllr M Sutton said he would have another word with them, if they could not do anything Cllr D McCowan said he would have a word with the Landowner.

3183 **VISITORS**
None

3184 **REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton reported:

- That 2 new Nursing Homes were to be built for the County in Tamworth and Litchfield.
- The County Council were planning to build a new Through School on the Old Power Station at Rugeley. – Cllr L Cross asked if there was a Sponsor for the School. Cllr M Sutton did not know but would try to find out.

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- That from April 2024 there would be extended Child Care for 2 to 4 year olds for 15 hours per week and that in September the age range would go down to 9 months.
- He encouraged the Parish Councillors to attend the Locality meetings on Teams as there was a lot of good information on them.
- That with HS2 not going ahead there was to be an extra £180m towards Highways over the next 11 years.

3185 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr D Holmes reported

- That the District Council was carrying out a Residents Survey.
- There is now the Bilbrook Repair Garage, where volunteers repair equipment Cloth etc for donations.
- That the District Council were now getting involved with Speed Indication Devices. She and Cllr M Sutton were asked to see if they could get a replacement for the 40mph one the County Council removed in Weston Under Lizard when the Speed Limit was reduced to 30mph.
- SSDC now employs an Ecology Officer to ensure that the Planning process looks at this area as well and the environmental and ecological effects it has for the area and community.

3186 PLAY AREAS

Cllr N Parton reported

- That the Community Pay Back Scheme was to be asked if they would get involved in the clean-up of the Play areas.
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3187 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

Footpaths

- As Cllr R Newton at the last meeting had reported that a number of paths in the area became blocked with weeds and other overgrown flora over the year and that for some he would use a strimmer for it and clear some. He wondered whether the Parish Council could help organize a volunteer group for this. Cllr M Sutton said that he thought that the Right of Way area was looking at Volunteer groups for this sort of thing and would contact them and point them in our direction. The Parish Clerk reported that following Cllr M Suttons intervention, there had been Contact from Caroline Watterson a Volunteer Coordinator for the Right of Way section of the County Council. Her details were passed to Cllr R Newton to liaise with her. It was also suggested that the Community Pay Back Scheme people also be involved in helping to clear paths as they had done close to the Bradford Estate Offices.

Highways

- Cllr D McCowan asked Cllr M Sutton how the extra money from HS2 was to be used on the Highways. Cllr M Sutton said that they did not know at present as it had only just been announced. Cllr D McCowan said the Pot Holes needed proper patching, not just temporary filling. Cllr M Sutton responded by saying that much of the country lanes did not have a good structure to them, which did not assist with the state of the roads. Cllr N Parton reported that the road from Lapley to the A5 was poor as well as the Blymhill to the A5. Cllr M Sutton agreed especially as it is on the Gritting Route.

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Cllr P Maddocks said that for 15 years it had not been good the work done on the roads by the Council's contractors. He also asked what was the annual budget. Cllr M Sutton said that presently it was £60m per annum plus the HS2 amount coming. This also included some money the Council had had to borrow to get certain work carried out. Cllr M Sutton reported the County Council had purchased a JCB Pot hole machine but these were only suitable for A roads.

- With situation in the Parish, Cllr D McCowan said 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>

3188 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 20TH September 2023

Application No: 23/00892/AGRRES

Proposal: Application for the determination of Prior Approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 as amended for the change of use of

an agricultural building and land within its curtilage to a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling house); and operations reasonably necessary to convert the building into domestic use.

Location: Brineton Court Brineton Shifnal TF11 8NQ

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess, Please respond with your observations by 25 November 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk,

Application No: 23/00968/VAR

Proposal: Application Reference Number: 02/01327/REN Date of Decision: 27/11/2002 Removal of condition 1.

Location: Villa Farm House Brineton Shifnal TF11 8NJ

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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 20TH September 2023

Nil

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

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3189 **FINANCIAL MATTERS****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Balance as at 20 th September 2023	£5280.08
Payments since meeting held on 20th September 2023 to be confirmed	
Payment Made as Approved since 20TH September 2023	
Payment to be Approved	
South Staffordshire District Council Grounds Maintenance Q1 2023/2024	£227.71
Bradford Estates Play area rent September 2023 to March 2024	£15.00
Parish Clerk's Fee Quarter 2	£500.00
Subtotal	£742.71
Income received since Meeting held on 20TH September 2023	
Parish Precept – 6 months	£3,250.00
Subtotal	£3,250.00
Balance as at 22 nd November 2023	£7787.37

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

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 March 2023

Funds at 1st April 2023	£5,322.76
Income since 1 April 2023	
Parish Precept – 6 months	£6,500.00
Transfer from closure of Parish Councils Community Shop Account	£753.00
Subtotal	£7,253.00
TOTAL	£12575.76
Expenditure since 1st April 2023	
Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
Parish Clerk's Fee Quarters 1, 2 and 3	£1,500.00
SSDC Grounds Maintenance Q4 2022/2023 & Q1 2024	£262.87
SSDC interest free loan repayment 2023	£450.00
Town and Parish Council Websites – Parish Council Website, annual web hosting fee	£302.00
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
Bradford Estates Play area rent March 2023 to March 2024	£30.00

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South Staffordshire District Council Election Charges	£140.00
Subtotal	£4788.57
Funds for 31st March 2023	£7,787.37

Budget for 2024 / 2025

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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FROM 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

	£
Insurance (awaiting new quote)	400.00
Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association	229.00
Donations	
- Churchyards	1150.00
- Parish Magazine	250.00
- Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	200.00
- Weston Club / Weston Institute Rooms	150.00
Rent for Playing Field	30.00
Clerk's Fee	2,000.00
South Staffordshire District Council Loan	450.00
Grounds Maintenance	500.00
Stationary	100.00
Audit Fee	360.00
Parish Council Website hosting fees	310.00
TOTAL	£6,129.00

ESTIMATED INCOME FROM 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

Parish Precept	£6500.00
TOTAL	£6500.00

ESTIMATED EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **£371.00**

ESTIMATED BALANCE AT BANK - 31 MARCH 2024	£7,000.00
Loans Outstanding: SSDC Village Hall (to 2025 £450 pa)	£450.00

DO WE WANT TO INCREASE THE PRECEPT?

After discussions Cllr A Lowe Proposed no increase to the Annual Precept with Cllr N Parton Seconding the motion and passed unanimously by the Council.

Resolved: There was to be no increase in the Annual Precept

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3190 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cllr N Parton reported the Community Shop has new Shelving in part thanks to Cllr M Sutton's Community grant.
- Regarding the request for the Field by the Blymhill play area is, to be used by a Personal Trainer on a Monday – after the Parish Clerk had checked with the Bradford Estate, from whom the Parish Council leased the field, it was decided it was acceptable if the Trainer charges for the sessions and no rental fee would be charged by the Parish Council. This was only if the Personal trainer provided copies of the correct Insurance for carrying this out – Public Indemnity etc.
- Dates of the Parish Council meeting were discussed and the Parish Clerk was asked to see if the January and March meeting dates be re arranged the others were 22nd May 2024, 25th September 2024 and 20th November 2024
- Cllr L Cross had had a conversation regarding the Bonfire night event and permissions required. Cllr D McCowan said he would contact Bradford Estates as it was on their Land that it was held.

3191 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on ~~Wednesday~~ ^{Monday} 22nd ^{JANUARY} November ²⁰²⁴ 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall. _{RD}

Signed



(Chairman)

Date:

..... 22nd January 2024.....

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