

**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 MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2025**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk
Cllr D Holmes – South Staffordshire District Council
Cllr S Szalapski – South Staffordshire District Council
S Farrow - Bradford Estates

APOLOGIES : Cllr V Cook
Cllr W Sutton – South Staffordshire District Council
Cllr C Large – Staffordshire County Council

3295 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3296 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Parish Public Assembly and the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19.05.2025 were Proposed by Cllr R Newton and seconded by Cllr A Hough and approved as a correct Record and governance of the Parish Council.

That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19.05.2025 were Proposed by Cllr A Lowe and seconded by Cllr P Maddocks and approved as a correct Record and governance of the Parish Council.

3297 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The site / Post for the Speed Indicator Device still problematical as some posts not able to hold it and the Solar power equipment for it on the side of the A5 by Weston Park. The Parish Clerk was to try and arrange a meeting with the County Council Highways person, the SSDC's and Cllr D McCowan. Steve Farrow said, if that was not in the end a solution, as the land on the other side of the road belonged to Bradford Estate it might be able to be sited there.

3298 VISITORS

Rob Sharratt on behalf of the Andrew Aston, both from SSDC as Enablers, Mr Sharratt gave Mr Astons Apologies as he was to have attend. Mainly there to help the Parish Council where they can. Mr and Mrs Highman were in attendance to see if more could be done regarding security in the area, as there had been a number of thefts in the area on Farms etc. Cllr D McCowan pointed out that a number of people had been convicted of rural crime in the recent days and sent to prison. Although it was agreed that Security Cameras were not the be all and end all for a criminal deterrent, it was asked if Ben Adams, the Staffordshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, could be asked to meet with the Parish Council on the matter. The Parish Clerk

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was asked to send an invitation to him. It was also suggested that a sub Committee be put together, to look at the matter. This would be looked into as to whom would get involved.

3299 REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Not in attendance

3300 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr S Szalapski reported that regarding the Local Government re organisation 6 District Councils including South Staffordshire District Council have put in to join together to become Southern Staffordshire Council. This is against the County Council that would prefer an East West split of the County. This would though all be down to the choice of the Government.

3301 PLAY AREAS

- The annual ROSPA safety report had been received with no major action to be taken, but warnings of some of the wooden equipment infrastructure in the Weston under Lizard Play area was starting to be affected by rot. Also there was some metal sticking out that Cllrs N Parton and L Cross said that between them they fix.
- Cllr L Cross said that for both play areas it might be a good thing to do a review of the type of equipment that could be installed to cover a wider range of children's ages, this was agreed to be looked into by both Cllrs L Cross and N Parton. Steve Farrow was asked if that would be an issue for the Bradford Estates if the £3,000 that they had offered for equipment for the Weston under Lizard play area was used for both. This he said was not an issue as it was down to the Parish Council how it was spent on the play areas. Cllr L Cross volunteered to look into getting grants from various sources including, District and County Councils as well as the likes of Sport England. Cllr P Maddocks suggested Outdoor Gym equipment and Cllr R Newton suggested asking the Youth Club members for ideas as well. It was also suggested that what Cllr L Cross sends to the Youth Club, he sends to Cllr A Lowe to put on the Residents WhatsApp Group.
- Cllr L Cross reported that there was the opportunity to have a set of Goal Posts to be put on the playing fields in Blymhill. These can be put in by the use of "sleeves so that they can be removed for events such as the Blymhill Garden Fete. Cllr D McCowan asked Steve Farrow if Bradford Estates would be okay with that, who responded with yes also as it was from the Bradford Estates that the Posts were provided by. R Sharrett asked if they were recreational and Cllr L Cross said yes as not full sized.
Cllr P Maddocks Proposed the item and Cllr N Parton seconded the motion and all in attendance agreed it.

3302 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

Footpaths

- Cllr R Newton reported there would be some Footpath clearing on 12th October 2025 9:30 to 1pm and some cutting back around some signs. There would also be another Litter picking event later in the autumn. Cllr L Cross said that when they responded to the SSDC Email Litter picking equipment, nothing had appeared. R Sharrett said he would look into that ready for the October event.
- Steve Farrow said that Footpaths and styles with issues that had been reported were on the radar to be resolved.
- Cllr D McCowan reported there was to be a "drop in" afternoon with Severn Trent Water (STW) on the 1st of October 2025, this was thanks to Cllr C Large who after being taken round the

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proposed one-way system by Cllr D McCowan, managed to stop the one-way System being introduced on the 11th August that would have been in effect until October 2026 24/7, 7 days a 28/96

week that the County Council and STW were going to have in place. He said as many as possible should attend the event

- Regarding the Speed Indication Device (SID), a meeting is to be arranged with Cllr D McCowan, SSDC – A Aston and Steve Farrow as it looks be that the siting of the SID will need to be opposite Weston Park which would be on Bradford Estate Land.

3303 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 19th May 2025

Application No: 25/00717/FULHH

Proposal: Rear extensions and link to existing garage.

Location: 1 Marshbrook Cottages Blymhill Marsh Blymhill SHIFNAL TF11 8NW

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess, Please respond with your observations by 27 September 2025

Application Number: 25/00519/FUL

Proposed: AMENDED / ADDITIONAL PLANS AND INFORMATION RECEIVED -Temporary construction compound (application retrospective) At: Land Off Chatwell Lane Great Chatwell TF10 9BJ

We have received amended plans relating to the above development. You can view the application details, associated documents and make comments via PublicAccess at

[https://planning.sstaffs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?](https://planning.sstaffs.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SY3WAPOXKWL00)

activeTab=summary&keyVal=SY3WAPOXKWL00, Any comments must be made in writing and should be received by 10 September 2025.

Application No: 25/00622/LBC

Proposal: Extension alterations to existing coach house annexe.

Location: The Old Rectory Church Lane Blymhill SHIFNAL TF11 8LL

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Application No: 25/00621/FULHH

Proposal: Extension and alterations to existing coach house annexe.

Location: The Old Rectory Church Lane Blymhill SHIFNAL TF11 8LL

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Application No: 25/00364/FULHH

Proposal: Re-construction of Nissen Huts to form new ancillary annex (application partly retrospective)

Location: Great Chatwell House Great Chatwell NEWPORT TF10 9BJ

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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 19th May 2025

Nil

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

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Tree Planning

Nil

Consultation meeting re Sewage Plant refurbishment – 1st October 2025 from 15:00 to 18:30 regarding the Severn Trent one way System through Blymhill and Weston under Lizard.

The Parish Clerk will put a notice in future that if any one has thoughts or questions on a Planning application that they should contact the Parish Clerk, or Parish Councillor to the closing date of the application rather than waiting to bring it up at a Parish Council Meeting.

3304 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Balance as at 19th May 2025 **£10,870.60**

Payments since meeting held on 31st March 2025 to be confirmed

Payment Made as Approved since 31st March 2025

Clerks fee 2 nd Quarter	£500.00
Bank Charges April, May, June (1 @£5.35 and 2@£4.25)	£13.75
Staffordshire Parish Council Association annual subscription	£255.04
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 4 th Quarter	£48.85
St Andrews PCC Graveyard Fund Grant	£800.00
The Weston Club Grant	£150.00
Blymhill and Weston Parish Magazine Grant	£250.00
Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	£200.00
Town and Parish Council Websites Hosting and Maintenance	£302.00
Parish Council's Blymhill and Weston Community Shop account	£9.00

Payment to be Approved

Nil

Subtotal **£2,528.64**

Income received since Meeting held on 31st March 2025

Subtotal **£0**

Balance as at 15th September 2025 **£8,341.96**

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts

1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

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Funds at 1st April 2025 **£8,332.05**

Income since 1 April 2025

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Parish Precept – 6 months **£3412.50**

Subtotal **£3412.50**

TOTAL **£11,744.55**

Expenditure since 1st April 2025

Clerks fee 1 st & 2 nd Quarter	£1,000.00
Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
Bank Charges March, April, May, June (2 @£5.35 and 2@£4.25)	£19.00
Staffordshire Parish Council Association annual subscription	£255.04
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 4 th Quarter	£48.85
St Andrews PCC Graveyard Fund Grant	£800.00
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Funds for 31st March 2026 **£8,341.96**

Due to the Lloyds Bank introducing charges to Community Accounts it was agreed to close the original Community Shop Account as the shop now had a separate account of its own.

RESOLVED: All Councilors agreed the Accounts

3305 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Parish Clerk reported that the Blymhill Villages Hall had asked about using the Field by the Blymhill Pay Area for Parking for a Wedding. Seemingly they used to ask the previous Council Chair who okayed it. The Parish Clerk wanted to check out if there were any Insurance ramifications. Cllr R Newton said if there was extra cover needed for this the Village Hall should cover it and add it on to the Wedding booking costs.
- Cllr D McCowan said that there was some issue with the wall breaking up a bit. Steve Farrow said that as it was part of the Bradford Estate he would look and see what needs to be done.
- Steve Farrow of the Bradford Estate (BE) reported
 - The Bradford Estate Walks opening event would be held on the 24th September 2025 and all Councillors were invited to attend. These have circa 16 Kilometres of walks from Blymhill to Boscobel to Tong, with Maps on the Bradford Estate website.
- A new member had volunteered for the Community Speed Watch group but more would be greatly welcomed and that anyone who wanted more information on this and the training involved should contact the Parish Clerk on phil.delaloye@googlemail.com
- Community Shop – Cllr N Parton reported it was still doing okay.

The meeting closed at 21:40

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3306 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 10th November 2025 at 7.40 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.

Signed



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(Chairman)

Date:

..... 26th November 2025.....