

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 17 SEPTEMBER 2018

PRESENT: Cllr D Maddocks (Chairman)
Cllr B Cambridge
Cllr G Carter
Cllr D McGowan
Cllr N Parton

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk
Cllr M Sutton – Staffordshire County Council
Cllr B J W Cox – South Staffordshire District Council
Cllr R A Wright – South Staffordshire District Council

APOLOGIES: Cllr A Lowe
Cllr M Stokes
Cllr P Maddocks

1991 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1992 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Parish Assembly meeting held on Monday 14.05.18 be approved as a correct record.

That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 14.05.18 be approved as a correct record

1993 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

As per the Parish Assembly The Parish Clerk and the Chairman wrote a letter to the Leader of the County Council with the concerns of the Parish Council on the System of dealing with Road Repairs and Pot holes in particular and the Quality Control from the Council and the accountability of the contractor. This was sent to the local MP and the Staffordshire County Council Chief Executive as well as appropriate Cabinet members. The Parish Clerk reported that he had not received a single acknowledgement let alone a response. Cllr M Sutton said he would bring this up at the next Cabinet meeting..

The Parish Clerk was to try and contact the Police Inspector for the area.

No other matters Arising from the previous meeting were recorded

1994 **REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton reported that:

- The Financial Budget review has started early as the County Council needs to find reductions in spending of £35 million in the next financial year.

- The Government Support grant of £200 million will have been reduced to £0 in 2 years time.
- The County Council's Social Care costs have risen £200m to £300m in 10 years
- Expectation that County Councillor's grant funds to stop.
- Expectation that some road Crossing staff will go.
- Social Care workers costs to increase to recruit and retain staff.
- Proposals to be released 19.09.18
- When the Government said that the Revenue Support Grant was going to be reduced to 0 over the 10 year period, the County Councils were originally led to believe, that they would have access to the Business Rates, but this has not occurred.

Cllr D Maddocks asked if there would be cuts in Highways budget. Cllr M Sutton responded by saying there had been an extra £2million last year but were trying to keep next year's budget the same for Highways.

Cllr G Carter asked if any of the Highways budget would be specifically aimed at Blymhill and Weston under Lizard – Cllr M Sutton did not think so.

1995 **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr R Wright Reported:

- The Rail Freight Hub at 4 Ashes has been approved by Government as a potential site but said that there are still 5 stages to go through – the main objections being the increase in HGV traffic around the A5 and A449.
- The SSDC have started working on the budget for next year and have been investing in buildings to get long term returns
- Plan is that in 5 years will be self-sufficient with income.
- New Local Plan being worked on which will take 4 years.

Cllr B Cox Reported:

- SSDC Accounts have been audited and have put £700K back into reserves.
- The Site Allocation plan has been completed and SSDC can say that has 5 years supply of land for new housing.
- The Council House has solar power and as well as cutting electricity costs they will be able to sell electricity back to the grid.
- Covert Cameras are now being used in Fly Tipping hotspots.

Cllr G Carter raised the question of what could be done on the increase in HGVs through Weston.

Cllr M Sutton responded that a vehicle survey could be carried out but may not be the answer but could give useful information for comparison.

Cllr G Carter asked if there was any news on the proposed houses in Tong to which Cllr M Sutton said there had not been anything, no application or proposal.

1996 **PLAY AREAS**

The Parish Clerk reported that the ROSPA Safety survey had been conducted, the reports all having been sent to all Councillors. No other issues were raised.

1997 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

Cllr D McGowan said that Cllr M Stokes said that there was still an issue with the Style at Gatherwynde and the Bridle Path – Cllr M Sutton said he would chase the Ranger again as to whether any work had been carried out.

The Parish Clerk reported The forty mile an hour speed warning sign jointly funded by the Parish Council and with a grant from Cllr M Sutton, to be sited close to the entrance to Weston under Lizard close to Weston Park Shrewsbury gate, should be in place in September.

Cllr N Parton asked if there were any plans for the road through Great Chatwell by the Red Lion as it was in a terrible state. Cllr M Sutton did not know but would look into it.

Cllr M Sutton reported that the A5 was to have a surface dressing done in April 2019.

Cllr D Maddocks said that he had been in touch with the Sign maker from Wheaton Aston and Lapley, with the aim of going round and showing him what signs were needed and to get a quote. This was unanimously backed by all.

1998 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 14th May 2018

Application No: 18/00588/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing dutch barn (change of use from agricultural land to residential) and erection of detached garage/annexe ancillary to Dawford Brook Barn

Location: Dawford Brook Barn Great Chatwell Newport South Staffordshire TF10 9BJ.

Please respond with your observations by 3 October 2018

Application No: 18/00698/FUL

Proposal: Single storey, pitched roof, oak framed garden room

Location: The Old Mill Brineton Shifnal TF11 8NJ

Please respond with your observations by 19 September 2018

Application No: 18/00695/LBC

Proposal: Re-roofing and conversion of existing covered courtyard.

Location: School House Church Lane Blymhill Shifnal South Staffordshire TF11 8LL

Please respond with your observations by 18 September 2018

Planning Applications to be Considered by the Parish Council

Nil

Planning Applications approved or refused by South Staffordshire Council since the meeting held on 14th May 2018

SSDC Local Plan update sent to all Cllrs 14.09.18

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

1999 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Balance as at 14th May 2018 **£19,387.12**

Payments since meeting held on 14th May 2018- to be confirmed
Nil

Payment Made as Approved since 14th May 2018

SSDC Grounds Maintenance (4 th Quarter)	£39.08
Zurich Insurance	£353.70
St Andrews Parish (Graveyard fund)	£800.00
Message Maker (Speed Sign)	£7,437.60
St Marys Parish Churchyard fund	£350.00
Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	£200.00
Blymhill and Weston Parish Magazine	£250.00
Parish Clerks Fees Quarters 1 & 2	£600.00

Payment to be Approved
Nil

Income received since Meeting held on 14th May 2018
Nil

Balance as at 14th May 2018 **£10,808.62**

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts
1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 14th MAY 2018

Funds at 31st March 2018 **£19,267.40**

Income since 1 April 2018

Parish Precept – 6 months £2480.00

Subtotal **£2480.00**

TOTAL **£21,747.00**

Expenditure since 1st April 2018

SSDC Interest free loan (Village Hall) (2018)	£450.00
Staffordshire Parish Council Association	£229.00
SSDC Grounds Maintenance (4 th Quarter)	£39.08
Zurich Insurance	£353.70
St Andrews Parish (Graveyard fund)	£800.00

Message Maker (Speed Sign)	£7,437.60
St Marys Parish Churchyard fund	£350.00
Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	£200.00
Blymhill and Weston Parish Magazine	£250.00
Parish Clerks Fees Quarters 1 & 2	£600.00

Subtotal **£10,938.00**

Funds for 31st March 2019 **£10,808.62**

RESOLVED: All Agreed the Accounts

2000 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Highways to see what would be the options and costs for Average speed cameras on the A5 through Weston under Lizard.

2001 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday November 12th 2018 at 7.30 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.

The following dates were also agreed upon for the Parish Council meetings in 2019:- Monday 7th January 2019, Monday 4th March 2019, Monday 6th May 2019, Monday 9th September 2019 and Monday November 18th 2019 .

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:12th November 2018.....