

**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 9 JANUARY 2017**

PRESENT: Cllr D L Maddocks (Chairman)
Cllr B Cambridge
Cllr P D Maddocks
Cllr N Parton

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr G Carter
Cllr A J T Lowe
Cllr D McCowan
Cllr M Stokes (Deputy Chairman)

1899 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1900 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 07.11.16 be approved as a correct record.

1901 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Parish Clerk had received notification that the South Staffordshire District Council had received and was passing on the objections to British Telecom that the Parish Council did not want the 3 pay phones in the area to be dismantled.

No other matters Arising from the previous meeting were recorded

1902 **REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton reported

- South Staffordshire Schools 86% are good to outstanding.
- looking for 150 Foster Carers over the next 12 months- presently there are 950 children in care.

09/93

- Brewood Library is now run completely by 30 volunteers running at the same opening hours as previously done.
- Unemployment in this ward is 0.04% of the population and lowest in South Staffordshire (1%) whilst the average for the whole County is 4%.
- The Budget has not yet been finalised but with a present Gap between funding and budget there is pressure on the County Council to find savings or income of £2 million per month as the revenue support grant will finish so the County Council will have to be financially self-sufficient.
- The proposed Freight Hub at 4 Ashes is expected for March 2017 with that extra usage of the M54 would be anticipated if it goes through.

1903 **REPORT OF THE SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr R Wright reported

- That SSDC has a new management structure.
- Finances looking ok for next 4 years – no debt, so looking at ways to bring money in - half the Council Offices are rented out. Looking also at building business premises to rent out.

1904 **VISITOR**

Ros Burton of the South Staffordshire Community & Voluntary Action Group Came to give information on what they do.

- The SSCVA have helped with funds for the Village Hall previously.
- They also arrange meetings of the Community Voice around South Staffordshire and have done so at the Village Hall.
- The SSCVA have won a contract to work with not for profit groups from the County Council to beef up Voluntary Community Services. Such as with the Libraries giving governance and funding to the community.
- SSCVA are looking for 1 or 2 people in the Parish to be Goodlife Directory Champions to work as facilitators who can help people with a channel to get help.
- Any one interested in doing this is asked to contact initially the Parish Clerk.
- Cllr B Cox said the SSDC Newspaper delivered to all residents should also help.

1905 **PLAY AREAS**

Nothing to report

1906 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- Cllr M Sutton reported that the County Ranger had been informed that the style at the Gatherwynd outside Gatherwynd Cottage needed replacing.
- Cllr M Sutton reported that the form for the £2,000 grant from his fund had been received and that he would talk to Mark Keeling of Highways and liaise with the Parish Clerk.

- Cllr M Sutton said he would be going back to Highways after Cllr N Parton pointed out that at the A5 turn to Blymhill only some plastic bollards had been installed and did not help the situation there. He was upset because he had put some money from his fund into it and did not think that the bollards worked or worthy of what he had put in.
- Cllr B Cambridge reported the gulley's in Spring lane by the Bishops Wood Village hall that is in our boundary needed attention – Cllr M Sutton said he would look into it.
- Cllr P Maddocks asked how the Automatic Potholer filler was doing. Cllr M Sutton responded that it was not able to be used as well in the wet and cold weather. Also the staff used for it were also on the Gritting rotas.
- Cllr B Cambridge reported the Gulley opposite the Old School in Weston and the section of road that had subsidized on the A5 on the way to Telford close to the Chester Road intersection.

1907 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 7th November 2016

Application No: 16/01119/FUL Proposal: Dependant relative accommodation [Retrospective] Location: Woollery House Watling Street Weston Under Lizard Shifnal South Staffordshire TF11 8LU

Application No: 16/01096/FUL Proposal: Single storey extension (amendment to 16/00257/FUL) Location: Uplands Farm Bun Lane Great Chatwell Shifnal South Staffordshire TF10 9BN

Planning Applications to be Considered by the Parish Council

Nil

Planning Applications approved or refused by South Staffordshire Council since the meeting held on 7th November 2016

Nil

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

1908 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Balance as at 07.11.2016 £23,223.55

Payments since meeting held on 5th September 2016 - to be confirmed

Payment Made as Approved since 5th September 2016

Clerks Quarterly fee £300.00

SSDC Ground Maintenance Quarter 2
£287.72

Payment to be Approved

Petty Cash expenses £52.33

Income received since Meeting held on 5th September 2016

Dividends £0.00

Precept £0.00

Balance as at 09.01.2017 £22,583.50

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts

1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 9th MAY 2016

Balance in Account as at 1 April 2014 £20,821.16

Income since 1 April 2016

Consolidated 2.5% Dividend £0.00

Parish Precept – 12 months £4,960.00

Solar Panel Repayment £1,600.00

Subtotal £6,560.00

TOTAL £27,381.16

Expenditure since 1st April 2014

SSDC Interest free loan (Village Hall) (2016) £450.00

Zurich Parish Insurance £345.83

Tower Mint Ltd (Queen Elizabeth memorial medals) £247.80

Bradford Estates Blymhill Play area rent £30.00

Parish Clerk Quarterly Fees £900.00

Petty Cash expenses £52.33

Staffordshire Parish Council Association £227.00

St Andrews Graveyard Committee £800.00

SSDC Ground Maintenance Quarters 4 & 1 & 2 £555.30

Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme £200.00

Blymhill and Weston Parish Magazine £250.00

Weston under Lizard Institute Rooms via The Weston Club £150.00

The Blymhill Churchyard Fund (St Mary's Churchyard) £350.00

ROSPA Annual Playground Inspections £239.40

Total £4,797.66

Funds as at 9th January 2017 £22,583.50

Certified Annual Return, dated 28th September 2016 from Grant Thornton the Auditors was received for April 2015 to March 2016 and as Income and expenditure was below £10,000 there is no fee incurred.

1909 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Following a request for a grant for Link for Life South Africa Wolgarston High School the Parish clerk was asked to ask for more information.

Ben Tomkinson of the Blymhill and Weston Social Club gave an update on the proposed extension for the Village Hall.

- Planning permission had been obtained
- Quotes obtained circa. £75,000 plus VAT
- Weston Estate would give a grant
- Local business would be used to cut the costs down and keep work within the community
- Looking at borrowing against value of the premises
- Bar Income had doubled to £1,000 per month

Cllr R Wright said potentially a loan of up to £25,000 could be obtained from SSDC
Cllr P Maddocks asked what this would mean to the Village Hall.

Ben Tomkinson said the Bar and cellar would have a good increase in size and be safer. The impact to the building to be minimal – building would take 16 weeks but only be closed for 6 of them.

RESOLVED To discuss any aid from the Parish Council at the next meeting.

1910 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday January 9th 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.

Dates for 2017

Monday March 6th 2017, Monday May 8th 2017, Monday September 11th 2017 and Monday November 13th 2017

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:6th March 2017.....