

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 7th MARCH 2016

PRESENT: Cllr D L Maddocks (Chairman)
Cllr A J T Lowe
Cllr B Cambidge
Cllr D McCowan
Cllr G Carter
Cllr M Stokes (Deputy Chairman)
Cllr N Parton

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr P D Maddocks

Cllr D Maddocks welcomed Doug McCowan as the the new Councillor for the Weston under Lizard area following Michael Tebbutts resignation to look after his wife Hazel.

1853 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1854 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday's 11.01.16 be approved as a correct record with an amendment to 1846 which should read that the site Allocation are for the South Staffordshire District Council and not the Birmingham overspill.

1855 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The On-going Highways issues would be dealt with at the Highways Agenda item.

The Parish Clerk reported that following the instruction at the last meeting to object to the Planning Application for a Mobile Food vendor at the Layby by the Bradford Arms. When going to do this he found that the last date to object had passed, so was unable to do so. Cllr B Cambidge also raised the issue that there was also a mobile toilet there that had been cemented in – which had not been on the planning application. He also stated that this had been done in front of a gateway that provides a Right of Way. Cllr B Cox said he would look into it.

1856 **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton Reported:

- That the Budget had been approved and Council Tax in Staffordshire would rise, by 3.9%. This is to cover Social Care which is 60% of the Councils Budget (this does not included Education as that is ring-fenced)

1857 **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr B Cox Reported:

- SSDC have a Budget agreed which will mean an increase of approx. £5.00 and the lowest increase in Staffordshire.
- The Green area maintenance was due to start at the end of March.
- The SSDC Site Allocation has been Published – this document will then be the subject of a consultation before going to the Secretary of State for approval.

Cllr R Wright Reported:

- The notifications for Council Tax to house holders was being sent out.

1858 **PLAY AREAS**

Nil

1859 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- Cllr M Stokes said that outside No2 Blymhill Lawn Cottages a Grid over the Sewage man hole cover needed repair. Cllr M Sutton said would contact Severn Trent.
- Cllr M Stokes said that the White Lines in Brineton by the Post Box need to be re instated.

Pot hole issues were reported:

A Large Pot hole at Chatwell on the road to Newport.

2 Potholes on Hatch Lane by the A5.

On the Straight Mile some filled but others just marked by Double Hump.

Road in Brineton by the Terrace House - Cllr M Sutton said he has taken photos of this

Cllr B Cambridge also said Pot Holes reported to Clarence on Park Hales Lane they marked 2 but left 8. Cllr M Sutton said they had a criteria re Depth, Length etc

Cllrs D Maddocks again raised the issue of the effectiveness of Temporary repairs. It was also mentioned that repairers come out and fill some but not all. Cllr M Sutton said that this was because they can only fill those that have been marked and have the materials to do.

1860 **PLANNING MATTERS**

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PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 11th January 2016

Nil

Planning Applications to be Considered by the Parish Council

Nil

Planning Applications approved or refused by South Staffordshire Council since the meeting held on 11th January 2016

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

Note: The 15/01103/COU – Mobile food bar on lay by at Ivetsy Bank on A5 – Layby At Watling Street Ivetsy Bank South Staffordshire. This was sent out on 21.12.15 to all Councillors – At the meeting on the 11th of January the Parish Clerk was asked to put in an objection due to the Road Safety Issues – but the Application sent had on it - Please respond with your observations by 8 January 2016 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to dcapps@sstaffs.gov.uk,

It has been seen that there is also now a mobile toilet at that site, the previous person who applied for a Mobile food bar also applied for a mobile toilet and got an acceptance for the Food bar but not the Toilet. This application does not mention a toilet.

1861 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Balance as at 11.01.2016	£20,147.94
<u>Payments since meeting held on 11th January 2016 - to be confirmed</u>	
Nil	
<u>Payment Made as Approved since 11th January 2016</u>	
Clerks Quarterly Fee	£300.00
SSDC 2015 Election Charges	£97.12
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 2 nd Quarter	£348.85
<u>Payment to be Approved</u>	
Nil	
<u>Income received since Meeting held on 11th January 2016</u>	
Dividends	£0.00
Precept	£0.00
Blymhill & Weston Village Hall	£1,600.00
Balance as at 07.03.2016	£21,001.97

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 11th JANUARY 2015

Balance in Account as at 1 April 2014	£19,493.47
Income since 1 April 2015	
Consolidated 2.5% Dividend	£1.32
Parish Precept – 6months	£4960.00
Blymhill and Weston Village Hall (Solar Roof Loan) repayment	£3,200.00
Subtotal	£8,161.32
TOTAL	£27,652.79
Expenditure since 1st April 2014	
Clerks Quarterly Fee	£1200.00
Bradford Estates Play area rent	£15.00
South Staffordshire District Council Loan	£450.00
ROSPA Play area safety checks Blymhill and Weston under Lizard	£579.60
Zurich Municipal – Parish Council Insurances	£334.75
Staffordshire Parish Council Association annual subscription	£223.00

SSDC Grounds Maintenance 4th Quarter	£61.94
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 1st Quarter	£229.46
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 2 nd Quarter	£348.85
SSDC 2015 Election Charges	£97.12
Grant Thornton Audit Fees	£360.00
Grant towards cost of Tarmac for road by Village Hall	£1,000.00
St Mary’s Graveyard Committee Grant	£350.00
Weston under Lizard Institute Rooms Grant	£150.00
St Andrews Graveyard Grant	£800.00
Blymhill and Weston Parish Magazine	£250.00
Brewood & District Voluntary Car Scheme	£200.00
Total	£5,903.75
Funds as at 7th March 2015	£25,001.97

The Parish Clerk requested that a new Printer be procured as the present one had broken. This was agreed by all present with a maximum of £250.00 budget.

1862 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Royal Mint had been in contact regarding a Commemorative Medal for Queen Elizabeth’s Ninetieth Birthday. It was discussed and agreed that an order for 100 would be made. These would then be distributed to all the children under the age of 15 in the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Councils area. Any surplus medals would be sold to Residents at either the Summer Fayre or the Queen Elizabeth’s Ninetieth Birthday celebrations.
Proposed by Cllr B Cambridge and Seconded by Cllr D McCowan and Passed by all in attendance
RESOLVED: That 100 medals be ordered and to be distributed to all the children under the age of 15 in the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Councils area. Any surplus medals would be sold to Residents the money raised to be given to Charity.
Also the Parish Clerk to compile a list of those Children in the Village who are eligible for them.
- Cllr D McCowan said that the Layby on the Chester Road – tyres and rubbish had been left on it and then put into the farmer’s (his) field. He had been in touch with SSDC and had offered to clear them from his field but asked if they could give him a permit to take them to the tip – but this had been denied. Cllrs R Wright and B Cox would look into it
- Cllr M Stokes reported back on the issue of the bright street lights in Brineton that had been complained about that he and Cllr N Parton had investigated. He said that the Lights were at the regulation height and regulation brightness – so all were legal.

1863 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 9th May 2016; Monday 5th September 2016 and Monday 7th November 2016.

Signed.....

(Chairman)

Date:9th May 2016.....

