

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 11 JANUARY 2016

PRESENT: Cllr D L Maddocks (Chairman)
Cllr A J T Lowe
Cllr B Cambidge
Cllr G Carter
Cllr P D Maddocks
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: Nil

1842 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1843 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday's 09.11.15 and 07.12.15 be approved as a correct record.

1844 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

Cllr G Carter reported that he had met the South Staffordshire District Council's Village Agent, Jan Wright who had attended the November meeting and it had been decided not to do monthly surgeries but would set up some Health and Well-being sessions in the Village Hall.

1845 **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton Reported:

- That the Council Tax in Staffordshire would rise, but as yet a decision as to by what amount has not been made. This is to cover Social Care as over a 5 year period the Governments grant for this will be reduced to zero with 50% of that already lost. Social Care is the 60% of the Councils Budget of £300million (this does not include Education as that is ring-fenced)
- From 2020 Business rates will go to the Local Councils, though how they will be divided up is not yet known.

- Regarding the Highways issues from the December the 7th extra Parish Council meeting, he has had a meeting with Highways and at present it is still a work in progress, but should be able to give more of a report at the next meeting.
- Spoke on Christmas Day on the Television about the Casserole Club in the County – www.staffordshirecares.info/pages/my-life/befriending-loneliness/Casserole-Club.aspx

Cllr B Cambridge reported that the Grit Bin for his area had not yet arrived – Cllr M Sutton said he would look into it.

Cllr M Sutton then had to leave for another appointment.

1846 **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr R Wright Reported:

- SSDC have a Budget that is going before the Council Cabinet with an increase in Council Tax that is in Government Guidelines.
- Corners of Land not used by the Council are going to available for the Public to buy.

Cllr B Cox Reported:

- The consultation regarding Housing for sites allocated for the Birmingham over spill has been extended from 6 weeks to 9 weeks, but nothing is in the Blymhill and Weston area.
 - Cllr D Maddocks asked if Barn Conversions came in the consultation? Cllr R Wright said that no that would come under normal planning process but would be looked upon favorably as long as is a suitable conversion and application has an Engineers Report.
 - Cllr B Cambridge asked if there was any use in putting in for more Housing. Cllr B Cox responded that it would be looked at by an inspector but Small Villages do not have the infrastructure to cope and it has to be an appropriate mix of housing. Cllr D Maddocks asked if an application for 6 Houses would be frowned upon. Cllr B Cox said that it would be on its merits and if the infrastructure could cope. Also if Affordable and adjacent to built homes, would have to be the Parish Council's local residents who had sponsored it and then to the next nearest Parishes. These could be exception sites and could not be sold on.

1847 **PLAY AREAS**

Nil

1848 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- Cllr M Stokes said that outside No2 Blymhill Lawn Cottages a Grid over the Sewage man hole cover needed repair.
- Other Pot hole issues were reported – On the A5 by the Estate Offices and also a Large Pot hole that had already been marked on the King Street to Orslow Road.
- That the Double Humps on the Straight Mile were breaking up and there were Multiple Potholes.
- Cllrs D Maddocks and Cllr P Maddocks again raised the issue of the effectiveness of Temporary repairs.

1849 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 11th November 2015

16/00011/LBC - Two storey extension to create additional bedroom and living space. - Rangers Lodge Weston Park Weston Under Lizard Staffordshire TF11 8NA

15/01103/COU - Mobile food bar on lay by at Ivetsey Bank on A5 - Layby At Watling Street Ivetsey Bank South Staffordshire

15/01062/FUL - Two storey extension to create additional bedroom and living space. Rangers Lodge Weston Park Weston Under Lizard Shifnal South Staffordshire TF11 8NA

15/01013/COU - Change of use of existing domestic annexe to separate retirement bungalow - Uplands Farm Bun Lane Great Chatwell Shifnal South Staffordshire TF10 9BN

15/01010/FUL - Demolition of existing light industrial window factory and domestic stables and erection of dormer bungalow. Uplands Farm Bun Lane Great Chatwell Shifnal South Staffordshire TF10 9BN

15/00995/LBC - Part enclosure of existing Dutch barn to include biomass boiler room and woodchip storage. Weston Hall Weston Park Weston Under Lizard Staffordshire TF11 8LE

15/00994/FUL - Part enclosure of existing Dutch barn to include biomass boiler room and woodchip storage. Weston Hall, Weston Park Weston Under Lizard Staffordshire TF11 8LE

Planning Applications to be Considered by the Parish Council

Nil

Cllr B Cambridge requested that an objection be raised by the Council with regard to 5/01103/COU - Mobile food bar on lay by at Ivetsey Bank on A5, due to the Traffic issues and Safety issues already involved in that area and the turn to Blymhill. Cllr B Cambridge proposed, Cllr A Lowe seconded and this was passed with one abstention

1850 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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	£1600.00
Subtotal	£6,561.32
TOTAL	£26,052.79

Expenditure since 1st April 2014

Clerks Quarterly Fee	£900.00
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
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 11th January 2015	£20,147.94

FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Balance as at 09.11.2015	£20,462.94
<u>Payments since meeting held on 11th January 2015 - to be confirmed</u>	
<u>Payment Made as Approved since 11th January 2015</u>	
Clerks Quarterly Fee	£300.00
Bradford Estates Play area rent	£15.00
<u>Payment to be Approved</u>	
<u>Income received since Meeting held on 11th January 2015</u>	
Dividends	£0.00
Precept	£0.00
Balance as at 11.01.2016	£20,147.94

BLYMHILL AND WESTON- UNDER- LIZARD PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FROM 1 APRIL 2016 TO 31 MARCH 2017

	£
Insurance (awaiting new quote)	350.00
Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association	240.00
Donations	
- Churchyards	1150.00
- Parish Magazine	250.00
- Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	200.00
Rent for Playing Field	30.00
Clerk's Fee	1,200.00
South Staffordshire District Council Loan	450.00
Grounds Maintenance	500.00
Stationary	50.00
Weston Institute Rooms	150.00
Audit Fee	360.00
TOTAL	£4,930.00

ESTIMATED INCOME FROM 1 APRIL 2014 TO 31 MARCH 2015

Consols 2.5% Dividends	2.68
Parish Precept	4,960.00
TOTAL	£4,962.68

ESTIMATED EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE £32.68

ESTIMATED BALANCE AT BANK - 31 MARCH 2016 £20,000.00
Loans Outstanding: SSDC Village Hall (to 2022 £450 pa) £3,150.00

1851 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cllr D Maddocks said that the Layby on the Chester Road was a disgrace – tyres and rubbish had left on it and then put into the farmer’s field. He asked if this layby could be closed. Cllr R Wright said that to remove the rubbish the Council should be contacted and they would clear it. But the Farmer cannot put it back onto the Layby as that would be illegal and he would be liable. from for all the work that he had done on his time with the Council and that he wished both Michael and Hazel the Councils best wishes.
- Cllr D Maddocks reported he had had a nomination of Doug McCowan, seconded by Cllr M Stokes and all voted in favour. The Parish Clerk was requested to invite Mr McCowan to the next meeting.
- Cllr N Parton said that there had been a complaint about the new street lights in Brineton being too High and too bright. Cllr M Stokes suggested that he and Cllr N Parton review the matter and report back at the next meeting.
- Cllr G Carter reported that he has reported to Clarence the opposite situation in Weston under Lizard in Bridgeman Court where there was no light at all.
- Cllr B Cox said that there was a New Year New You Event at the Council Offices – Cllr G Carter Volunteered to attend and report back.

1852 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:7th March 2016.....