

**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 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2013**

PRESENT: Cllr J B Cambridge  
Cllr A J T Lowe  
Cllr D L Maddocks (Chairman)  
Cllr P D Maddocks  
Cllr K C Stockley  
Cllr M Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk  
Cllr R A Wright – South Staffordshire District Council

APOLOGIES: Cllr R Osborne  
Cllr R Mayer  
Cllr B J W Cox – South Staffordshire District Council  
Cllr R Roberts OBE – Staffordshire County Council (Due to  
Illness)

1679 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1680 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday  
07.01.2013 be approved as a correct Record.

1681 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

No matters Arising from the previous meeting were recorded

1682 **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr R Wright reported – That with Wolverhampton Council, South  
Staffordshire District Council had won the Media Award for Partnership  
achievement of the Year award for the I54 Project.

1683 **REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No Report from Cllr R Roberts due to absence

1684 **BLYMHILL OLD SCHOOL**

Contracts are being exchanged. An issue has been raised by the Bradford Estate that there is a covenant in place regarding a percentage of the monies raised by the sale of the property. Cllr M Stokes proposed and Cllr B Cambridge seconded a motion that Cllrs D Maddocks and R Osborne represent the Parish Council with the Old School Sale with all parties. This was to facilitate the sale and the dispersal of funds raised. All present voted in favour of the proposal.

**RESOLVED:** That Cllrs D Maddocks and R Osborne would negotiate on behalf of the Parish Council on the Old School Sale with all parties involved.

1685 **BLYMHILL PLAY AREA**

Cllr K Stockley passed out the original plans for the refurbishment of the Blymhill Play area to the Councilors. Cllr D Maddocks requested that everyone reviewed these plans and discussed these and additional suggestions.

1686 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

Following Letters and Emails between the Parish Council Mr Mark Keeling the Community Infrastructure Liaison Manager from Staffordshire County Councils Highways Department attended the meeting.

He reported that in Staffordshire there were

- 2,500 potholes outstanding - 700 were repaired each month - There were 2000 defects in Pavements - 1000 Drainage Defects.
- Inspectors view each road 6 or 12 monthly.
- That the main problem has been the water affecting the roads over the past summer and past couple of winters.
- Staffordshire County Council were trialling a new machine that could repair 300sq ft of road at a time.

The councilors put a number of issues to Mr Keeling

- That the parishes roads may be too far gone for the repairs made by the new machine
- The temporary repairs have not been completed properly by the contractors
- The contractors take too much time (not necessarily on the actual repair)

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- The repairs have themselves be repaired 2 months later
- Marking out gets washed away before repairs done.
- Gulleys are not emptied yearly as previously done
- Contractors work not inspected or checked by the Council
- System of repairs not cost effective or of good quality
- System needs to change and the council taking notice as this wastes taxpayers money.
- How many "gangs" in the area?
- Can the Parish Council have regular updates on the work done?

Mr Keelings responses

- No specific gangs for the Parish area but 12 for South Staffordshire to cover Kniver to Rugeley approx. 3500 miles of road.
- Contractors work is checked by themselves not Council
- Contract is being reviewed
- Extra funding has been received for 4 more gangs for next 3-4 months
- Would like suggestions from the council for areas of priority then will come back to the council with a plan
- Updates can be done but on a quarterly basis.
- Contact the hotline number 03001118000 this is also for street lighting failures and defects.

Cllr D Maddocks thanked Mr Keeling for attending the meeting and hoped that things would improve.

## 1687 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Nil

Planning Applications to be Considered by the Parish Council

Nil

Planning Applications approved or refused by SSDCI since 7th January 2013

Nil

Cllr R Wright reported that South Staffordshire Council had received a proposal for a new Railway Junction near to Gailey Island and would keep us informed on it.

1688 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Balance as at 07.01.2013  
£3551.92

**Payments since meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2013 - to be confirmed**

Clerks Quarterly Fee  
£250.00

South Staffordshire District Council Grounds Maintenance  
For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012/2013  
£170.40

British Gas – Standing charges for Old School  
£40.93

**Payment Made as Approved since 7th January 2013**

Nil

**Payment to be Approved**

**Income received since Meeting held on 7th January 2013**

HMT Consoles  
£0.66

Balance as at 04.03.2013  
£3,091.25

1689 **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from the Community Council of Staffordshire regarding The Staffordshire Diary of Village Festivals and Events 2013 was received and it was suggested that the Village Hall might be able to make use of this for advertising events it holds. The Parish Clerk was asked to forward this to Hilary Rodwell.

A Letter was received from the South Staffordshire Playing fields Association regarding availability of grants for Play Areas. Cllr K Stockley was asked to review its possibilities' for the Parishes' play areas.

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A Letter regarding Community Parish Recycling has been received. It was suggested to have one site in Blymhill and one in Weston under Lizard. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the Village Hall to see if one could be sites in the grounds / car park of the Village Hall. A suitable area in Weston was to be thought about. All proceeds from these Recycling sites would be used to help the community.

A letter had been received regarding the street light not working in the lane leading from the Weston under Lizard Old School to the Play area. The resident had tried contacting South Staffordshire District Council to no avail. Following the discussion earlier with Mark Keeling the number for all lighting problems is 0300 111 8000

1690 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Plaque for the Weston under Lizard Play area was finished at a cost of £50.00

1691 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.30 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall which would also include the Parish Assembly.**

**The following dates were also agreed upon for the Parish Council meetings in 2013:- 9<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

Signed.....

(Chairman)

Date:.....13 May 2013.....