

**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 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2013**

PRESENT: Cllr J B Cambidge  
Cllr D L Maddocks (Chairman)  
Cllr P D Maddocks  
Cllr R Osborne  
Cllr K C Stockley  
Cllr M Stokes  
Cllr R Mayer

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr A J T Lowe  
Cllr R Roberts OBE – Staffordshire County Council (Due to  
Illness)

1664 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1665 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**Cllr B Cox pointed out** point 1654 which said that the Core Strategic plan would be adopted until 2018 this should be 2028.

**RESOLVED:**

Other than point 1654 that would be amended the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12.11.2012 be approved as a correct Record.

1666 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

No matters Arising from the previous meeting were recorded

1667 **V FESTIVAL**

Nothing to Report and to be removed from the Agenda as an item for the next meeting.

1668 **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Cllr B Cox reported – The Settlement from the Government had been better than anticipated and good news for the budgeting that South Staffordshire District Council had done.

Cllr R Wright reported - that since the last Parish Council Meeting 2 District Council Cabinet Members had passed away and they were looking to replace them.

Cllr R Wright reported – that due to the governments cutting of benefits by 10% this was going to have to be passed on. This will mean that some who do not at present have to pay any Council Tax will have to pay some and those who only pay a small amount will have to pay more, this would start April / May 2013.

Cllr B Cox reported - that in addition to the 3 year relaxation on some Planning Application requirements for extensions for private dwellings that has been introduced by the government to assist the building trade – such as extending 3 meters from the property without the need now for Planning Permission but still to Building Regulations. A Government Minister has produced a proposal to double the distances and to include Businesses to the relaxation. Cllrs Cox and Wright said that to this proposal 99% of all Councils had already sent in objections and disagreeing with this proposal on the grounds that it could bring about ill planned and poorly built properties.

1669 **REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No Report from Cllr R Roberts due to absence

1670 **PARISH COUCIL CODE OF PRACTICE**

The Parish Clerk sent a reminder to all the last councillor that had not completed and returned the Notification by Members of Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests to do so.

1671 **BLYMHILL VILLAGE HALL AND CAR PARK**

Nothing was Reported and as an agenda item was to be removed in the future.

1672 **PLAY AREAS**

Cllr D Maddocks asked if there were anymore pieces of equipment that might be put on the Weston under Lizard play area. Cllr K Stockley replied

there were but each item could be around the £2,000 mark. A Discussion followed on how the old area of the Play area could be used more, but it was pointed out that the Bradford estate had plans to use that area as an extension of the buildings they have there. Which was why the Parish Council now had the area where the new play area was sited

Cllr K Stockley said that the grounds maintenance of the area had not helped the play area as now there were patches in some areas of the grass and he did not think that the schedule and way the present groundskeepers were mowing the area. He had obtained a quote for fortnightly maintenance of the area to put that right. Cllr D Maddocks said that he had been recently to the area and that the condition could also be due to the weather conditions. The Parish Clerk was asked to make further enquires from the present groundskeepers to get like for like quotes and also other schedule solutions as other areas in the Parish are maintenance under the present cost although as pointed out by Cllr R Wright there would be another increase this year.

Cllr D Maddocks requested more wording for the proposed plaque for the play area. This the Parish Clerk said he had a new proposal and would send to Cllrs D Maddocks and K Stockley in the next couple of days.

The Parish Clerk then said that he had had a communication from South Staffordshire District Council regarding a Health and Safety Inspection that they had carried out on the Blymhill Play area from which they said all was well except for the Bench that was adjacent to the play area which if not repaired or replaced could be a hazard. Cllr R Osborne said that he would get it removed.

Cllr D Maddocks then said that the Blymhill play area needed to be looked at as had previously been recorded. A number of Councillors stated that they had in the past few days been asked to raise this matter at this meeting. Following some discussions Cllr K Stockley said that he would bring in the plans for the Blymhill area that had been drawn up at the same time as the Weston play area. It was noted that the Weston play area could not just be replicated into the Blymhill play area due to constrictions and limitations due to the other uses made of that area such as the Garden Fete etc.

### **RESOLVED**

It was agreed that at the March meeting the Blymhill play area would be an Agenda item, that Cllr K Stockley would bring the plans along and that a budget would be discussed for the project.

1673 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

A number of footpaths were mentioned to be in poor repair or blocked by rubbish. The full details of these would be sent to Stafford County Council to the Rights of Way department to deal with. Cllr R Osborne said he would help get the co-ordinates of this from an Ordinance Survey Map.

It was commented that Stable lane crossroads off King Street was liable to Flood. Other roads have been flooded and Cllr Stokes spoke to a Council Highways official who was marking repairs to be done about this. He has also spoken to CLARENCE regarding this and offered to show the workmen the different sites. He also said that at one of the flood sites he saw a pumping vehicle but it only stayed a few minutes and left the area as it had found it.

It was agreed that all Councilors would email the details of potholes or flooding to the Parish Clerk who would then send this information to the head of the Highways Department Cllr M Maryon requesting action and an accompanied visit to those sites. Cllr R Wright said that he would obtain for the Parish Council the name of the new Highways Engineer to also contact on this matter, and that Cllr R Roberts although not very well had said that if he could be of assistance to use him as well.

**RESOLVED**

That the Parish Clerk once he had received the appropriate information from the Parish Councillors would send letters to the Rights of Way and Highways Departments of Stafford County Council.

1674 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012

- 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 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012

- Refused 12/00217/COU Application for the change of use at White Sytch to Weston Hideaway, Blymhill Common for construction of up to 89 lodges.

1675 **FINANCIAL MATTERS****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Balance as at 12.11.2012	£3,599.79
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**Payments since meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2012 - to be confirmed**

Weston Club fee for use of Weston under Lizard Institute Rooms	
For meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2012	£5.00
Stationary	£8.00
British Gas – Standing charges for Old School	£40.93

**Payment Made as Approved since 12th November 2012**

Nil

**Payment to be Approved**

Nil

**Income received since Meeting held on 12th November 2012**

Nil

Balance as at 07.01.2013	£3,545.86
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1676 **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Brewood & District Voluntary Car Scheme again had requested that an appeal for Volunteer Drivers from Blymhill and Weston under Lizard again be made as there are none at present. This means that for trips arranged for Residents in the Parish Area it costs the scheme in expenses for 4 journeys not just the trip of the passenger at 50p per mile. A separate item was asked to be put in the Parish Magazine.

Jeremy Lefroy MP has sent in the dates for his Advice Surgeries which are it was also suggested that they are put into the Magazine for the appropriate months.

**RESOLVED**

The Parish Clerk would ask for an appeal to be placed in the Parish Magazine for Volunteer Drivers and for the Dates of Jeremy Lefroy MP's Advice Surgeries published in the Magazine as well.

1677 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr D Maddocks reported that the Old School was Sold Subject to

Contract and that the Council needed to think what could be done with the Councils part of the proceeds to benefit the Parish and its Community

Cllr K Stockley reported that in the Monthly Crime Data Statistics received from South Staffordshire District Council there had not been any mention of an incident that had occurred in December in Weston under Lizard which had been reported to the Police, the Neighbourhood Watch and himself. From this he had also been asked if there was a Young Offenders Hostel in Weston under Lizard. It was confirmed that one did not exist in Weston under Lizard.

Cllr M Stokes reported that there had over the past few months been incidents where litter – mainly bottles and cans, had been thrown onto other people’s property and asked if there was anything that could be done about this. Cllr R Wright responded that if it was on private land and not Council Property, without any proof or catching the person or persons doing the littering nothing could be done. That it maybe best that if the perpetrators were known that they were just spoken to.

Cllr R Mayer asked if it could be arranged for a new sign for Orslow to replace the old one. Cllr R Wright said that it may take time due to budgetary constraints, but if a letter was sent to him he would get it to the right department.

**RESOLVED:**

The Parish Clerk would request a new Sign for Orslow from South Staffordshire District Council via Cllr R Wright.

1678 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 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 2013:- 13<sup>th</sup> May, 9<sup>th</sup> September and 11<sup>th</sup> November.**

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date:.....04 March 2013.....