

**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 8 SEPTEMBER 2014**

PRESENT:

Cllr D L Maddocks (Chairman)  
Cllr A J T Lowe  
Cllr P D Maddocks  
Cllr R Mayer  
Cllr R Osborne  
Cllr M Stokes

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 J B Cambridge

1761 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1762 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the Public Assembly and Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12.05.2014 be approved as a correct Record. Proposed by Cllr R Osborne and Seconded by Cllr R Mayer

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Public Assembly and Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12.05.2014 be approved as a correct Record. Prop

1763 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

No other matters arising from the previous meeting were recorded

1764 **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr R Wright

- said that for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the South Staffordshire District Council there was to be an awards Ceremony to also celebrate those who had done a lot for their communities and that nominations had to be in by the end of September.

Discussion were made on those that were thought to be potential candidates and the Clerk was asked to submit any nominations.

- also said that as had been notified to Parish Councils, Council meetings can be recorded by the Public or Press but the Council's must be informed that this was happening.
- That Re-cycling in the District had increased by 5%

Cllr B Cox said that the process had already started for the 2015 Budget and they still had to try and make more saving s to meet government targets.

1765 **REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton reported:

- Reforms From September 1 2014 changes to the law nationally on Special Educational Needs and Disability provision means children, young people and their families will have a greater say on how they are supported. Young people themselves are also being given greater rights to decide upon the best options for them when they turn 16, and for the first time support will be extended until people reach the age of 25. Although the new law comes into effect from today, the changes will be phased in over the coming months and will include allowing more parents and young people to receive direct payments to allow them to choose from an online directory of local support to suit their lives. People can find out more about the changes due to take place at [www.staffordshirecares.info/send](http://www.staffordshirecares.info/send)
- Hundreds of apprentices from across Staffordshire will have the opportunity to celebrate completing their Apprenticeship at a new graduation ceremony which will take place in 2015. For years university graduates have enjoyed the trimmings of a full Graduation ceremony, and now Apprentices will have the chance to enjoy the same privileges. Staffordshire County Council was one of 19 organisations from across the country chosen to host the events. 9,620 people started an apprenticeship in Staffordshire in 2012/13 compared to 4,570 in 2008/09 - more than double over a five year period. The new Graduation ceremonies are being held to raise the profile of Apprenticeships and to show that they are on an equal footing with a

university route to success. Employers can call 0300 111 8002 to find out more about taking on an apprentice.

- Plans for a residential centre specialising in dementia care in Leek have moved an important step forward. Staffordshire County Council is looking to discuss proposals to develop a Dementia Centre of Excellence at Knivedon Hall with the Symphony consortium. Centres of Excellence will offer the finest through-life care for dementia patients, reducing the need for them to be transferred from residential care to specialist units as their condition deteriorates. In June, the county council's cabinet chose the Symphony consortium as its preferred bidder to create two new dementia centres in Lichfield and Burton. In September, the county council will extend talks with Symphony on the potential centre at Knivedon Hall to serve the north of the county. The Alzheimer's Society reports that as much as 80% of people currently in care have dementia or memory problems. In Staffordshire, the number of people over 85 is predicted to double in 2025, with issues such as dementia and disability also on the increase
- IRONMAN 70.3 Staffordshire has released the bike course for the newest IRONMAN 70.3 event in the UK ahead of entries opening next week. The 56 mile single-circuit course will link the swim at Chasewater Country Park with Shugborough Hall Estate, which hosts the run and finish line. The route, for this inaugural event on 14th June 2015, takes in the picturesque Staffordshire scenery around Kings Bromley, Draycott in the Clay, Blithfield Reservoir, Rugeley and Cannock Chase. Ahead of this new and exciting 56 mile bike route, IRONMAN Staffordshire will commence with a 1.2 mile swim in Chasewater reservoir before concluding with a 13.1 mile run which will start and finish at the historic Shugborough country estate. Online entries for the event will open on August 26th 2014 at 1pm BST for athletes who have pre-registered their interest in the event. Pre-registered athletes will have 24 hours to secure a place on a first come, first served basis before general entries open at 1pm BST on 27th August when any remaining places will be made available.  
[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/ironman](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/ironman)
- There is to be an expansion of MoD Stafford, also known as Beacon Barracks, for the two additional regiments that are due to be based there. The focus of the Borona programme is the closure of the Rhine Garrison and Münster Station in Germany, with the 1 Armoured Division Signal Regiment (which will become 1 Signal Regiment) and 16 Signal Regiment (currently ELMPT) coming to Stafford, bringing a total of 1038 personnel.
- The Job Seekers Allowance claimant figures show a decrease in the county of 4.6% between June and July. The claimant figure now stands at 1.4%; below both regional (3%) and national (2.3%) averages. Over

the last 12 months Staffordshire has seen a decrease in JSA claimants of 40.2% .

- The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, which came into force on 6 August 2014, allow any person attending a public local government meeting to take photographs, film and audio-record the proceedings, and report on the meeting. The Regulations apply to all English two-tier and unitary authorities, fire authorities, national park authorities, joint committees (such as Police and Crime Panels) and also parish councils. The key change is that the regulations allow for reporting of meetings via social media of any kind, such as tweeting, blogging or via Facebook; however, oral reporting or commentary is prohibited.

#### 1766 **PLAY AREAS**

Cllr R Osborne reported that the chosen contractor was to start work and that the play area would include items such as a Climbing Frame, roundabout to enable a variety of ages of children to enjoy playing there. The old equipment was to be removed. The cost of preparation, build, equipment and installation would be in the region of £30,000.

#### 1767 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- Cllr R Mayer reported that he had been told that Stable Lane was to have worked started on it. Cllr M Sutton added that 3 new Gulley's were to be put in. Cllr R Mayer said that there may still need to have drainage put into the field. Cllr M Stokes added that he had spoken to someone who used to work on that Farm and that there is a Manhole cover in the hedge which if found may or may not be blocked.
- Cllr M Stokes said that in Wallowy Lane the water had gone but the Pot holes still there. Cllr M Sutton said that he would investigate.
- Quarry Hall Road had been actioned.
- Weston Bank, Cllr M Sutton reported had been resolved.
- Cllr D Maddocks asked if the new machine was being used on the roads. Cllr M Sutton said yes in the rural areas.
- Cllr M Stokes said that there were still issues with the Straight mile and Cllr M Sutton took details and said would investigate.

#### 1768 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014

14/00681/VAR removal of planning condition (1) to planning application 97/0021. Pool Cottage, Brockhurst Road, Blymhill Lawn TF11 8ND

14/00649/FUL Replacement of existing calf shed Brineton Farm, Brineton Shifnal South  
Staffordshire TF11 8NQ

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14/00492/TREE Conservation Area tree works Consultation. 3 Village Lodges, Watling Street,  
Weston-under-Lizard (Blymhill and Weston-u-Lizard Ward).

14/00444/COU Change of use from existing dwelling to residential social care - Location: Brook  
Cottage Chatwell Lane Great Chatwell Newport South

14/00460/FUL Formation of new vehicular access, Grange Cottages 54 Blymhill Road Blymhill  
Shifnal South Staffordshire TF11 8LR

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> May 2014

Nil

## 1769 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts 01.04. 2014 to 09.2014

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 12th MAY 2014

<b>Balance in Account as at 1 April 2014</b>	<b>£67,601.13</b>
<b>Income since 1 April 2014</b>	
Consolidated 2.5% Dividend	£1.32
Parish Precept – 6 months	£2,480.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£2,481.32</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£70,082.45</b>
<b>Expenditure since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014</b>	
South Staffs Parish Council Association annual subscription	£223.00
Clerks Quarterly Fee	£600.00
South Staffordshire District Council Loan	£450.00
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 4th Quarter 2013/2014	£33.37
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014/2015	£167.39
Clerks expenses	£18.71
Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	£200.00
Zurich Insurance (Parish Councils Liabilities)	£334.75
St Andrews Graveyard annual grant	£800.00
Weston under Lizard Institute Rooms annual grant	£150.00
Parish Magazine annual grant	£200.00
St Marys Graveyard Committee annual grant & additional grant (12.05.2014)	£150.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£3,527.22</b>
<b>Funds as at 8th September 2014</b>	<b>£66,555.23</b>

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

Balance as at 12.05.2014	£69,108.79
 <u>Payments since meeting held on 12th May 2014 - to be confirmed</u>	
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 4th Quarter 2013/2014	£33.37
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014/2015	£167.39
Clerks expenses	£18.71
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Parish Magazine annual grant	£200.00
St Marys Graveyard Committee annual grant	£150.00
St Marys Graveyard Committee additional grant as agreed 12.05.2014	£200.00
Clerks Quarterly fees	£300.00
 <u>Payment Made as Approved since 12th May 2014</u>	
Nil	
 <u>Payment to be Approved</u>	
 <u>Income received since Meeting held on 12th May 2014</u>	
Precept	£0.00
Income from Consoles	£0.66.
 Balance as at 08.09.2014	 £66,555.23

**1770 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Cllr D Maddocks said as discussed at the last meeting a notice had been put out for candidates to be Co-opted on to the Parish Council to replace Cllr K Stockley has left the Council. There had been 2 candidates – Mr Graham Carter and Mr Michael Tebbutt who had shown interest and been spoken to and following confirmation from Cllr R Wright both could be Copted on to the Council until the next elections are held.

Cllr R Osborne to Co-opt both candidates, this was seconded by Cllr A Lowe and voted unanimously by the rest of the Council

**RESOLVED:**

**The Parish Clerk invite Graham Carter and Michael Tebbutt to the next Parish Council as Co-opted Councillors.**

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Cllr R Wright informed the Parish Council that Wheaton Aston Parish Council had obtain grant funding to run a Bus from Wheaton Aston to Telford, he thought it was to run on the third Thursday of the month and that it would come through the Parish.

The Parish Clerk was asked to contact his opposite number to find out n what was involved and if stops could be made in the Parish.

1771 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.**

Date:.....10 November 2014.....