

**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 9 NOVEMBER 2015**

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

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

APOLOGIES: Cllr P D Maddocks  
Cllr M Tebbutt  
Cllr B J W Cox – South Staffordshire District Council

1828 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1829 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 07.09.15 be approved as a correct record.

1830 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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

No other matters arising from the previous meeting were recorded

1831 **VISITOR**

The South Staffordshire District Council's Village Agent, Jan Wright attended the meeting to let the Parish Council know what she does and can do for the local community of Blymhill and Weston under Lizard. She already has had dealing s with Bill Hill to help the Village Hall.

She can:

- Help organisations get grants – although Vass does this she can assist.
- Work regarding Health and Wellbeing in the community
- Help with Transport the Connect Bus
- Do Health Checks with a qualified person – Blood Pressure etc. and discuss people's well-being concerns.
- Any Age related issues people may have
- Helps with the SSDC GoodLife Website –The Parish Clerk was asked to get some Village Hall information to that Website

Cllr G Carter suggest doing more with the Village Agent such as a monthly Surgery.

Cllr D Maddocks asked Cllr G Carter if he would liaise with Jan Wright to action

that suggestion.

1832 **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton Reported:

- That there was a new Consultation on the Website
- There is now a Casserole Club in the County – basically after some checks - volunteers an extra meal once a week or how ever often they want to; and take it to someone who is lonely. They are put in touch by the County Council – more people are required to actually receive meals.  
[www.staffordshirecares.info/pages/my-life/befriending-loneliness/Casserole-Club.aspx](http://www.staffordshirecares.info/pages/my-life/befriending-loneliness/Casserole-Club.aspx)
- The County has 3 Pilot Schemes for Asset Based Community Development – where local people suggest projects they want done in their area – a report on these will be given in the future.

1833 **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr R Wright Reported:

- SSDC now looking after Welfare Benefits such as Respite care for the next 7 years as part of the care act.
- SSDC have are doing more re-arrangement of their offices to free up office space that they can then rent out to other organizations
- There is a consultation regarding Housing for sites allocated for the Birmingham over spill.
  - Cllr D Maddocks asked if our local plan would be affected as Newport's and Signal's had.
  - Cllr R Wright replied that it would not as there is not the infrastructure for large build.
  - Cllr A Lowe said that those youngsters that live in the community would not have the ability to have new homes in the local villages.
  - Cllr M Sutton said there is the Potential for new green towns and villages – like Telford was, but small builds of 30 to 70 homes do not get the infrastructure with them due to the cost. Whereas for Hundreds of homes there are the economies of scale plus the need for more school places, doctors etc.

1834 **PLAY AREAS**

Cllr G Carter said that he went to the Weston under Lizard play area with Roger Osborne to look at moving the Plaque and has spoken to the Bradford Estate and that will be moved and securely attached to the Cedar Tree there.

1835 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- Cllr B Cambridge said that at the Layby on the A5 by the Bradford Arms the HGV lorries always park on the pavement not just in the layby itself and that this is affecting that pavement. Cllr M Sutton said that he would look into it.
- Cllr D Maddocks raised the issue that Chapel Lane, by the bottom of Buns Lane had a drain blocked and the road was subsiding – Cllr M Sutton said he would look at it but it may be partly Shropshire County Council as well.
- Cllr M Stokes reported a grid opposite Greenacre Cottage in Brineton – the pipework between 2 Gully's were jetted but the workers thought there was a

problem with the pipe also that by Terrace Farm at Terrace Corner Brineton, the grid there was the only one for a quarter of a mile. Cllr M Sutton said he would look at those as well.

Regarding the Traffic Issues for the A5 Cllr M Sutton he shares our thoughts on the matter and reported:

- He had met with Mark Keeling of the Highways Department and the Police Commander. Re the fatality there is still a Police inquiry going on and the Police can make no comments at present.
- Mark Keeling is taking the issues to the Safer Road Partnership.
- Speed measurements were taken in the summer and the average of 12,000 cars was 43 mph.
- 2 more speed measurement projects were still to be carried out.
- Regarding the double white lines – these can only be put in place where there is a lack of Vision and on the A5 between Weston and the Bradford Arms the vision is ok – but will look at points where it is not. But not for the whole stretch.
- He cannot get figures from the Safety Vehicles that have the speed Cameras as to how many are caught speeding.
- Cllr has requested a report from Highways on this issue.

Cllr M Stokes said that the turn to Blymhill from the A5 is also an issue.

Cllr G Carter also said that still not had any action regarding the speed in Weston.

Cllr M Sutton suggested a subcommittee to go through the 2 issues in greater depth – he would get plans of the A5 and they could document what solutions could be looked at.

**RESOLVED** A meeting would be held in December and Cllr M Sutton thanked for his help in this matter.

#### 1836 **PLANNING MATTERS**

##### **Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

15/00856/FUL - The erection of a 48.8m long x 30m wide steel portal framed building for the purpose of storing grain. The proposal includes a landscaping scheme. - Woodlands House Mill Lane Weston under Lizard Shifnal South Staffordshire TF11 8PX

##### **Planning Applications to be considered by the Parish Council**

Nil

##### **Planning Applications approved or refused by South Staffordshire Council since the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Nil

#### 1837 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

##### **Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council Accounts** **1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31st March 2016**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 9th NOVEMBER 2015**

<b>Balance in Account as at 1 April 2014</b>	<b>£19,490.60</b>
<b>Income since 1 April 2015</b>	
Consolidated 2.5% Dividend	£1.32
Parish Precept – 6months	£4960.00
Blymhill and Weston Village Hall (Solar Roof Loan) repayment	£1600.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£6,561.32</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£26,051.92</b>
<b>Expenditure since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014</b>	
Clerks Quarterly Fee	£600.00
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,588.75</b>
<b>Funds as at 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015</b>	<b>£20,462.53</b>

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

Balance as at 07.09.2015 £18,572.63

Payments since meeting held on 7th September 2015- to be confirmed

Nil

Payment Made as Approved since 7th September 2015

Grant Thornton LLP – Audit Fees £360.00  
SSDC Grounds Maintenance 1st Quarter £229.46

Payment to be approved

Nil

Income received since Meeting held on 7th September 2015

Dividends £0.00  
Precept £2480.00

Balance as at 09.11.2015

£20,463.17

1838 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cllr M Sutton was asked to look into the request made last year for some extra Grit Bins in the community.
- It was announced that that Cllr M Tebbutt had resigned to look after his wife Hazel.
- Cllr D Maddocks said that the Parish Council were very grateful to him 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.
- The Parish Clerk was requested to put an advertisement in the Parish Magazine for another Co-opted Councillor.

1839 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday Monday 11th January 2016; Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016; Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016; Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016.**

Signed.....  
(Chairman)

Date: .....11th January 2016.....