

**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 10 SEPTEMBER 2012**

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

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 J B Cambridge
Cllr R Mayer
Cllr R Roberts OBE – Staffordshire County Council

1636 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

1637 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14.05.2012 be approved as a correct Record.

1638 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

No matters Arising from the previous meeting were recorded

1639 **V FESTIVAL**

Cllr A Lowe reported that he had attended a V Festival meeting for the local Parish Councils in June. That had been very positive for leading up to the Festival in August. Although at the meeting some of the Parish Councils said that did not receive any benefit from the V Festival only inconvenience.

Cllr B Cox said that he was also at the meeting and knew that other Parish Councils did receive some money but that that was between them and the V Festival organizers and not the Council. This could not be taken up by Roseclaim the festival organizers as they were not present as also were the police.

For the actual Festival it was noted:

- a) Cllr R Wright said that there had been 3 breaches during the weekend where the noise levels went over 70 Decibels.
- b) Cllr A Lowe said that recycling was up 30%
- c) Still some issues with Traffic with a queue back at one point to Newport and from Weston to Gailey Island on the Friday morning. On the Monday, Cllr B Cox said he had been at the Festivals Traffic Control Office where CCTV had been used to help modulate the releasing of the traffic on to the Roads that it had gone well and that all traffic had gone from the Park by 1pm.
- d) Cllr A Lowe said he had received a complaint from the Red Lion in Great Chatwell as a member of staff had been unable to attend work as they could not get through the road closures. Cllr D Maddocks said a different route could have been used or a suggestion that the person could have applied for a pass.

Cllr D Maddocks reported that he had had a complaint from Mr Colin Sweeney the Chief Executive of the Weston Park Foundation regarding the V Festival Meeting and the actions and behavior of Cllr A Lowe during it. He said that Mr Sweeney had contacted him after the meeting and had asked if the Parish Council had sent Cllr Lowe to the meeting with an agenda. Mr Sweeney was told that a request had gone to all councilors to see who would be able to attend and report back to the council on what had been said at the meeting and that Cllr A Lowe had volunteered to attend. In the letter from Mr Sweeney, he stated the Cllr A Lowe had used his position as Councillor to push his own agenda and views against the Weston Park Foundation.

After some discussion Cllr A Lowe agreed that he should have only reported on the meeting and in future if he wants to give his own views than he would not attend a meeting as a Parish Councillor but as a resident.

Cllr D Maddocks made the statement that in future any Councillor attending a meeting on behalf of the Parish Council is there to give the Parish Council's views and not their own, whatever they maybe. This was agreed and accepted by all,

1640 **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

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.

Cllr B Cox reported - that a new Housing Market Assessment of 9,400 homes in the district would be taking place.

Cllr B Cox reported – Their Service Challenge had started which starts the budget process to see if what has already been proposed for next year can be cut further. For example in Planning they were looking at potentially using special teams for specific planning areas rather than having full Planning Committee Meetings. They will be going to look at Wolverhampton Council to see what they have done as well as other Councils to see what works best and best for SSDC.

Cllr B Cox reported – There had been a lot of consultation papers such as Sustainable Development. Also one which could if passed enable some of the Planning Appeal costs to be passed on. This is where the Council has asked another Agency for advice or information and if they delay this or give incorrect advice or information – if the appeal is up held and the costs given against the Council some can be gained back from the Agency who gave them the wrong or no information.

Cllr B Cox reported – Proposed Consultation on Permitted Development which he says could be a potential minefield. This would allow an expansion of what people can do without Planning Permission. Cllr D Maddocks asked when this would take place. Cllr B Cox replied soon but it would only be available for 3 years. This is to try and stimulate the building Industry.

Cllr R Wright reported – that the Benefits Section of SSDC had got through to the final 3 in the Best Improved Awards being held in Telford in October.

Cllr R Wright reported – The Council telephone operator will try to assist more with customers, so that if some requires a form they will not be put through to a department the operator will send the form.

Cllr R Wright reported – A local List of Listed buildings was to be adopted.

1641 **REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No Report from Cllr R Roberts due to absence – Cllr B Cox said that sadly Cllr R Roberts had been in Hospital for 10 weeks and only just come out and was going to be retiring from office.

1642 **BLYMHILL VILLAGE HALL AND CAR PARK**

Nothing was Reported

1643 **PLAY AREAS**

Cllr K Stockley reported some of the Grass Cutting that was done by the Council was not good and clumps had been pulled out. The Parish Clerk had complained to the Council about this.

Cllr D Maddocks reported that he had a contact who could do the Plaque. Cllr K Stockley said that he and the Clerk would get some words together for this.

Cllr K Stockley said that once the Weston Under Lizard play area was bedded in and reviewed then they would move on to the Blymhill one.

1644 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

Cllr M Stokes said the previous query on the Bridle path that went down to a footpath he had found out that due to lack of use by Riders this had been overgrown and officially downgraded from a bridle to a foot path.

The Parish Clerk said that he had been in contact with the Highways department of Staffordshire Council regarding Beighterton Lane where it had been marked out for repairs but since that time the markings had been washed away. He had asked how many other areas had been marked for repair and had been washed away and how long would they take to repair it. Also how many other repairs had been programmed in for the Parish and if he wanted a tour of the Parish with some of the Councillors to see the Pot Holes and state of repairs. No further Information has been received other than that the repair to the Lane was delayed as they needed to programme in temporary Traffic Lights and that any other concerns be forwarded to Cllr R Roberts.

Cllrs R Wright and B Cox suggested that with Cllr R Roberts situation Cllr Robbie Marshall would be a better contact. Cllr D Maddocks said that he would write to him and Cllr M Maryon head of the Highways department on this and the way they are repaired as all the Councilors were unhappy with the large numbers of potholes and the methods used on them.

1645 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 10th May 2012

12/0056/FUL Application for the retention of Spanish Plytunnels for soft fruit production (retrospective)

Planning Applications to be Considered by the Parish Council

Planning Applications approved or refused by South Staffordshire Council since the meeting held on 10th May 2012

Granted 12/00319/FUL Proposed extension, build above existing lean to form first floor bathroom. Internal alterations to update kitchen/dining area. 27 School Lane, Weston under Lizard Nr Shifnal TF11 8JZ

Refused Appeal Ref APP/C3430/A/11/2162189 Wind Farm New House Farm, Brineton, Shifnal, South Staffordshire TF11 8NF

1646 **FINANCIAL MATTERS****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Balance as at 14.05.2012 £3,685.27

Payments since meeting held on 14th May 2012 - to be confirmed

Zurich Municipal Insurance £749.54

Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall SSDC Grant £4500.00

Payment Made as Approved since 14th May 2012

Quarterly Clerks Fee £250.00

Blymhill and Weston Magazine Grant £200.00

St Marys Blymhill Graveyard Committee Grant £150.00

St Andrews PCC Graveyard Grant £600.00

Brewood District Voluntary Car Scheme Grant £200.00

Payment to be Approved

None

Income received since Meeting held on 14th May 2012

Precept	£0.00
Income from Consoles	£0.00
Loan from SSDC for the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall	£4,500.00
Balance as at 10.09.2012	£1,906.30

Proposal to pay £450.00 following each September meeting for the next 10 years to SSDC for the loan for the Village Hall of £4,500.00 by Cllr R Osborne and seconded by Cllr A Lowe and was agreed to unanimously by all present.

Resolved Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council would make a payment of £450.00 every September up to and including September 2021 to repay the Loan from South Staffordshire Parish

1647 PARISH COUCIL CODE OF PRACTICE

The Parish Clerk in line with Legislation had circulated in July the proposed Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council Code of Conduct.

Cllr K Stockley proposed the adoption of this code of conduct by the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr M Stokes and passed by the Parish Council.

The Parish Clerk reminded the councillors that they had 28 days to complete and return the Notification by Member of Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests.

RESOLVED

Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council adopted its Code of Conduct.

1648 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

From the Correspondence:

Notification re the registration for the Police Authority election later in the

year newsletter update

Bulk Oil Buying information from the Community Council of Staffordshire. Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme thanked the Parish Council for its grant of £200 and said at present they have no volunteer drivers from the Parish and asked if anyone would be interested in joining them. South Staffordshire Playing Fields Association Subscription – Proposed by K Stokley and Seconded by M Stokes.

RESOLVED

Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish Council subscribe to the South Staffordshire Playing Fields Association for the coming year at the fee of £15.00 adopted its Code of Conduct

The meeting was then closed.

1649 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Monday **12th November** 2012 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 :- 7th January, 4th March, 13th May, 9th September and 11th November.

Signed.....
(Chairman)

Date:.....12 November 2012.....

