

BLYMHILL AND WESTON-UNDER-LIZARD
ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY MINUTES AT 7.30 PM ON MONDAY 11 MAY 2015.

THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY OF BLYMHILL AND WESTON-UNDER-LIZARD TOOK PLACE IN THE BLYMHILL AND WESTON-UNDER-LIZARD VILLAGE HALL.

- 1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING –
Were read and approved at the September 2014 Paris Council meeting.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES –
None.

- 2 REPORT ON THE BUSINESS OF THE PARISH COUNCIL SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING – the report for the year was read out by the Chairman of the Parish Council – attached to this document.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE REPORT
None

- 3 MATTERS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PRESENT AT THE MEETING –
None

- 4 VISITORS
None

- 5 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Mark Sutton reported that the Speed Measurement box for the measuring of speed of traffic going through Weston under Lizard by the old Shop, was on the itinerary of the Highways Department and would be in place at some point soon. Then once the measurements had been gathered options can then be based on factual information.

He also reported that he had a again a fund of £10,000 that residents could apply for grants from for community projects. Portions of this Grant have previously helped fund signs for the Run around Blymhill and the Defribulator for Blymhill and Weston Village Hall.

For information on this please email Cllr Mark Sutton on mark.sutton@staffordshire.gov.uk

- 6 REPORT FROM SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR:

Cllr B Cox reported that they also had an allowance of £500 for the year available from July to assist small organisations for community projects – last year some went to the local First Responders. For more information contact Cllr Brian Cox on b.cox@sstaffs.gov.uk

Cllr R Wright reported that following the election the previous Thursday, the Council had stayed almost the same as the previous elected Council – 1 Labour, 1 UKIP, 4 Independents and 44 Conservatives.

- 7 REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE LOCAL CHARITIES
None in attendance

- 8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS
None

The Assembly finished at 20.00 and the Chairman, Councillor David Maddocks thanked Cllr Mark Sutton, the Staffordshire County Councillor and then the District Councillors, Cllr Brian Cox and Cllr Roy Wright for all their support during the past year.

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The following matters were raised

- Noise levels seemed to be acceptable as no objections had been raised to the Parish Council.
- Traffic Management still an issue for the Friday and Monday

BLYMHILL VILLAGE HALL

The has had an installation of Solar panels to assist with covering electricity costs and also to generate future funding. It wishes the Village Hall Committee well and for it to have continued Success with it being financially sound.

FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

Council Members expressed their continued concern regarding the worsening situation relating to pot holes in a number of roads around the Parish especially with the winter conditions this year. County Councillor Mark Sutton is also being pro-active in looking at the issues and although there has been considerable work done there are still areas that need work and some areas that Cllr Mark Sutton is taking Highways officers back to after work has been completed. The company that previously held the contract for Road maintenance has now been replaced after the County Council went out to Tender and won by Amey Infrastructure.

The Clerk reminded members that residents could help the situation by recording details of potholes; flooding etc on the County Council's computerised road maintenance system – CLARENCE.

The Parish Council also looked into a complaint regarding access for vehicles which is still being dealt with. Also with the help of Cllr Mark Sutton the A5 by the old Village shop is being reviewed regarding speed and safety.

The Parish has requested 3 new Grit Bins as part of the County Councils "Ice Busters" strategy.

PLANNING

The Parish Council has been involved in consultation relating to 16 planning applications during the past twelve months. A large majority of all these applications, to which no objections were raised, have been approved by the District Council but the proposed.

FINANCE

The Parish Council has continued to monitor carefully expenditure of the precept, and has kept the precept at £4,960.

The Blymhill play area was refurbished for the sum of £30,570.00 and has attracted good comments and reviews from local parents and children.

The Parish Council gave a grant of £5,000 towards the installation of Solar panels as well as a loan of £12587.20 for them.

In addition the Council has continued to undertake the distribution of the donation from the V-Festival organisers for local organisations. A further £6,144 had been donated to a variety of good causes in the current year.

Including a new printer for the Parish Magazine grant towards a new Lawn mower for the St. Marys Graveyard Committee, a grant towards the Defibrillator at the Village Hall.

The Parish Councils Accounts for 2013 to 2014 have been Audited by the Grant Thornton for the Audit Commission.

PLAY AREAS

The Blymhill Play area has now been completed and been inspected by ROSPA, as has the Weston under Lizard Play area will next to be looked at for refurbishment..

The Parish has a new PCSO - Adam McAree PCSO 6497 adam.mcaree@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk 101 Airwave no. 06497

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to all the members of the Parish Council for their support and commitment during the year.

Thanks also for the regular reports and support received from our District Councillors, Brian Cox and Roy Wright and our County Councillor Mark Sutton. Special thanks go to Roger Osborne who has stood down from the Parish Council for personal reasons. His work and commitment will be sorely missed, especially with all the work put in for the Blymhill Play area.

Thanks also go to the Graham Carter and Michael Tebbett for volunteering as Co-Opted councillors during the year.