

**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 WEDNESDAY 26 January 2022**

PRESENT: Cllr D Maddocks (Chairman)  
Cllr V Cook  
Cllr A Lowe  
Cllr N Parton

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk  
Cllr M Sutton – Staffordshire County Council  
Cllr B J W Cox – South Staffordshire District Council  
Cllr V Jackson

APOLOGIES: Cllr D McCowan (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr P Maddocks  
Cllr M Stokes

Cllr D Maddocks opened the meeting

3073 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**  
None

3074 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday day 24.11.2021 be approved as a correct Record.

3075 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- The Parish Clerk reported that Mark Keeling the Liaison with Staffordshire County Council said that due to budgetary restraints the 40mph Speed sign by Beighterton Lane that had been removed will not be replaced. Cllr Mark Sutton said that he could be able to provide some money towards a replacement up to 50% from his Highways fund either this year or next year. All Councillors present thought this would be good to carry out dependent on costs
- Regarding Cllr V Cook's request about costs for dropped kerbs, on either side of the A5 close to the entrance to Weston Park and the Granary, the Parish Clerk reported that Mark Keeling had said the cost would be approximately £3,200 using Amey the Councils nominated Highway's contractor. Cllr M Sutton said that he would talk to Mark Keeling about Costs and potential contractors other than Amey which may make the cost lower.

No other matters arising from the previous meeting were recorded

3076 **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton reported:

- The Strategic review was being finalised
- The Council Tax will have an increase this year of 2.99% of which 1% is ringfenced purely for Social Care with £360m being spent on Social Care for both Adults and Children. £44m was spent on Highways but an extra £15m will be spent on Highways. Spending Development will be circa £100m which does include some Highways work, as well as 2 new adult Care Homes being built and other buildings being refurbished. National



- Insurance for employees is going up as well as salary increases that will be coming out of the budget. This increase equates to £0.78 per week increase for Band D properties.
- Highways will have teams of workers in the parish area from the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 for 2 weeks on a number of projects. Cllr D Maddocks asked if the Parish Council could add to the works. Cllr M Sutton said only by adding on to the County Council's website, but this work may already be fully planned out.

### 3077 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr B Cox reported that:

- The increase in the Council Tax part of the Council Tax for the District Council would equate to £5.00.
- There will be a change in waste collection for the coming Tax year with Paper and Cardboard will be collected separately to other recycling items as it will be more cost effective and efficient than having them altogether. The other change will be that the Green Waste will again be free.

### 3078 PLAY AREAS

Cllr N Parton reported:

- Following the last meeting and the ROSPA annual audit of the Play Areas, actions to be undertaken at the Weston under Lizard Play Area and the Blymhill Play Area all items to be completed by the next meeting in March.
- Cllr N Parton also said that there was an opportunity to put some Education Boards in the play areas to help children learn from play. He Proposed the Parish Council buy and place them in both Play areas. Cllr A Lowe seconded and the rest of the Council unanimously voted this through from the V Festival funds.
- Following an accident in the Weston under Lizard Play Area the Bradford Estate had been contacted with regard the condition of the Path and also from branches and boughs that had fallen on to it as well as breaking some fencing. The Parish Clerk had received confirmation from the Bradford Estates that they were looking into this and were going to be fixing the fencing
- It was also raised that there was a lot of leaves and debris on the path between Rectory Drive and the Play area. After some discussion and internet searching during the meeting, the Land does not come under The Parish, SSDC County Council or Bradford Estates. Although the Parish Council pays for the District Council to do the grass cutting of that area it is not under their auspices. Cllr V Cook agreed to ask the Weston under Lizard Action Group if this was something that they may be clear as a community project, as one of the local residents in the past had done it themselves but due to health could no longer do this.
- The Parish Clerk was asked to contact SSDC Street Scene to find out what areas the Parish Council was actually paying for and what the Council did for areas that they had adopted.

### 3079 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- General view was that the speed limit reduction was working but Cllr V Cook said that there were still times when vehicles were going through at 50 and 60mph. Cllr N Parton added that the Police Cameras were needed more now as there does not seem to have been any since the speed limit was changed. Cllr A Lowe asked if there was a process to get more Camera visits to the area – Cllr M Sutton said that he would look into that.
- Cllr M Sutton said that from his Highways budget he would get a speed Survey put in place to measure the levels and speeds to compare to that of the last survey that was done prior to the speed limit changing.
- Cllr M Sutton also reported he had received a letter from the Weston under Lizard Action Group regarding the A5 and some comments and suggestions for it.



3080 **PLANNING MATTERS****Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Application No: 21/01232/FUL Proposal: Proposed extension to an existing grain store at Woodlands Farm

Location: Woodlands House Mill Lane Weston Under Lizard Staffordshire TF11 8PX

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Please respond with your observations by 10 January 2022 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to [planning@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:planning@sstaffs.gov.uk)

**Planning Applications to be Considered by the Parish Council**

Nil

**Planning Applications approved or refused by South Staffordshire District Council since the meeting held on 24th November 2021**

Nil

SSDC Planning Approvals, Validation and Enforcement Emails sent to all Parish Councillors when received.

3081 **FINANCIAL MATTERS****RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

Balance as at 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021 £9,164.87

**Payments since meeting held on 1st March 2021- to be confirmed**

Nil

**Payment Made as Approved since 1st March 2021**

South Staffordshire District Council Grounds Maintenance Quarters 1 and 2 £466.47

Parish Clerk Fees 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter £500.00

**Payment to be Approved**

Nil

**Income received since Meeting held on 1st March 2021**

Precept £2750.00

Balance as at 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021 £10,948.40

**Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 March 2020**

Funds at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 £10,031.57

Income since 1 April 2020

Parish Precept – 12 months	£2,750.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£2,750.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£15,531.57</b>

**Expenditure since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020**

Staffordshire Parish Council Association Annual Subscription	£231.00
Parish Clerk's Fee Quarter 1, 2 & 3	£1,500.00
Zurich Insurance	£353.70
Town and Parish Council Websites – Parish Council Website, annual web hosting fee	£282.00
St Andrews Parish (Graveyard fund)	£800.00
Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	£200.00
St Marys Parish Churchyard fund	£350.00
Blymhill and Weston Parish Magazine	£250.00
Weston Club – Institute rooms	£150.00
South Staffordshire District Council Grounds Maintenance Quarters 1 and 2	£466.47

**Subtotal** **£4583.17**

**Funds for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021** **£10,948.40**

**3082 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cllr N Parton reported that the Community Shop had been in existence now for 12 months and was holding its own.
- There was also a request for more volunteers for the shop and for more residents to try to use the shop..
- Cllr N Parton asked Cllr M Sutton that pre Covid there were 4 exercise classes a week but now there are only 2 as the Lady that runs it has to pay for the Village Hall but cannot guarantee the people will attend due to Lockdowns of them having to self-isolate and if there was any funding available from the County Council to assist this. Cllr M Sutton said if she was doing the classes for financial gain the County Council would not fund it, as the funding was for Voluntary groups, though he would check the criteria. The Village Hall, he said maybe able to claim for a grant but he would again check and get back to the Parish Council.
- Cllr M Sutton said that he still funds available from the Climate Fund for up to £500 for groups who are trying to be more environmentally friendly, i.e. putting LED lights in instead of Halogen, but the closing date is coming up soon.
- Cllr D Maddocks said that he would have a conversation with the CEO of Weston Park Foundation regarding the Bestival and what was happening as 32,000 people were expected but it would be camping only.
- Cllr V Cook asked if there was to be any events to mark the Queens Jubilee in June. Cllr M Sutton said that there were some grants available for this. It was reported that the Village Hall had no events to mark the Jubilee as there a number of weddings arranged.
- Cllr D Maddocks asked Cllr V Cook to see if the Weston under Lizard Action Group would be interested in organising an event, to which the Parish Council would be willing to put money towards it.

Correspondence

1 The Bradford Estate had emailed to request if the Parish Council would give permission for the Bradford Estate to move the Red Telephone Box from Blymhill to Weston under Lizard to house a Defibrillator. The Parish Council unanimously said this could not happen. The Parish Clerk was asked to relay that back to the Bradford Estate but suggesting they contact the Village Hall to find out the make etc of the Defibrillator on their outside wall, so potentially one could be put on the outside wall of the old shop, just off the A5.

**3083 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 23th March 2022  
At 7.30pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.**

**2022 Meetings – all Wednesdays 25<sup>th</sup> May, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022, all at 7.30pm to 9.00pm**

Signed.....

(Chairman)

Date: .....23<sup>rd</sup> March 2022.....