

**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 24 NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT:

Cllr V Cook  
Cllr D McCowan (Vice Chairman)  
Cllr A Lowe  
Cllr N Parton  
Cllr P Maddocks  
Cllr M Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk  
Cllr B J W Cox – South Staffordshire District Council

APOLOGIES:

Cllr D Maddocks (Chairman)  
Cllr B Cambidge  
Cllr M Sutton – Staffordshire County Council  
Cllr V Jackson

Cllr D McCowan opened the meeting as the Chairman, Cllr D Maddocks was unable to attend the meeting due to sickness. It was pointed out that this was the first meeting in the 15 years of his being on the Parish Council that he had had to miss a meeting. The Council wished him a speedy recovery.

3062 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

3063 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the ~~virtual~~ meeting held on Wednesday day <sup>15-09</sup> ~~15-11~~ 2021 be a approved as a correct Record. D

3064 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- The Parish Clerk reported that the Speed sign by Hatch Lane had now been adjusted to the 30mph Speed limit.
- Cllr V Cook at the last Parish Council meeting had asked for Staffordshire Highways Department to see if a dropped kerb could be installed on the A5 by the entrance to Weston Park from close to Beighterton Lane. She was unhappy with the response of the Staffordshire County Council's Highways Departments to the request of the installation of dropped curbs and asked for a request to find out how much this would cost from them, to then see if there was something the Parish Council could do with this. The Parish Clerk was asked to contact Stafford County Council on this matter
- The Parish Clerk said that the Moss on Beighterton Lane and Rectory Drive was to be removed in the next couple of weeks.

No other matters arising from the previous meeting were recorded

3065 **REPORT OF THE COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Although Cllr M Sutton was unable to attend he sent this report  
Items to mention.



- There is a climate change grant available organisations in the Parish might be interested. The link is.

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/environment/Climate-change/Climate-Action-Fund.aspx>

- Holiday Activity and Food programme is launched for Christmas it is available for Children who qualify for free school meals, during the summer there was a very successful one run in the grounds of Weston Park  
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Newsroom/Articles/2021/11-November/Free-Holiday-Activities-and-Food-for-Low-Income-Families-this-Christmas.aspx>
- COVID online survey looking for resident's views  
<https://consultation.staffordshire.gov.uk/insight-planning-and-performance/covid-19-residents-survey/>
- Final stage of the Stafford Western Access Road has been opened.  
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Newsroom/Articles/2021/11-November/Final-section-of-multi-million-pound-road-project-opens.aspx>
- Public urged not to touch dead birds as Avian flu confirmed in county  
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Newsroom/Articles/2021/11-November/Public-Urged-Not-To-Touch-Sick-or-Dead-Birds-as-Avian-Influenza-Confirmed-in-the-County.aspx>
- Rural community support for Broadband.  
<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Newsroom/Articles/2021/11-November/Rural-communities-urged-to-get-connected-to-ultrafast-broadband.aspx>

#### 30676 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr B Cox reported that:

- With the District Council Boundary changes, Blymhill and Weston under Lizard would join Bishops Wood, Brewwood and Coven and would have 3 District Councillors to cover that area.
- The SSDC Local Plan is open to Consultation from 01.11.2021 to 13.12.2021  
<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/planning/local-plans-consultations.cfm>

#### 3067 PLAY AREAS

Cllr N Parton reported:

- Following the last meeting and the ROSPA annual audit of the Play Areas, 3 of the 5 actions to be undertaken at the Weston under Lizard Play Area have been completed and 2 in the Blymhill Play Area with all items to be completed by Christmas.

#### 3068 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- Cllr V Cook said a number of footpaths in the area were blocked. The Parish Clerk requested a map of where these were so that he could send it to Staffordshire County Council's Ranger to action.
- Cllr M Stokes also said that there were some styles that needed replacing and or re-siting. The Parish Clerk requested a map of where these were so that he could send it to Staffordshire County Council's Ranger to action.
- Cllr D McCowan said there was still the on going problems with Pot holes in the area and that the system used to manage how and when they were repaired was flawed. Cllr N Parton said with County Cllr M Sutton unable to attend this and the last meeting the concerns of the Parish Council were not getting dealt with. Cllr D McCowan said that when he had raised any issues by email he had very quickly been called by Cllr M Sutton in response. Parish Clerk stated he had recently asked Cllr D Maddocks, if he had had any response from the letter he had sent to the new Cabinet Member for Highways in Staffordshire County Council, but since receiving an email saying he would investigate the matter he had not received anything back. The Parish Clerk was



asked to invite the Highways Cabinet Member for Staffordshire County Council, Cllr M Sutton and Mark Keeling the Staffordshire County Council Highways Liaison Officer to a meeting during the day or an evening purely to discuss these matters.

- Cllr M Stokes reported that there were a number of signs in the Parish that were in a poor state of repair missing (Give way sign on Hatch Lane) or broken Blymhill Road sign from the A5. Also that some White Road markings had worn away. Cllr M Stokes agreed to supply the Parish Clerk with a list of them after going around the Parish, so the Parish Clerk could then contact the Highways Department.
- Cllr Stokes also reported that one of the Wooden Finger Posts had its paint peeling, the Supplier was to be contacted to make good.

### 3069 PLANNING MATTERS

#### Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 15th September 2021

Application No: 21/00933/FUL Proposal: Installation of a second air source heat pump adjacent to existing air source heat pump

Location: The Old School, School Lane Blymhill Staffordshire TF11 8LL

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess Please respond with your observations by 6 October 2021 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to [planning@sstaffs.gov.uk](mailto:planning@sstaffs.gov.uk)

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

### 3070 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
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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**

<b>Funds at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021</b>	<b>£10,031.57</b>
<b>Income since 1 April 2020</b>	
Parish Precept – 12 months	£2,750.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£2,750.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£15,531.57</b>
<b>Expenditure since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020</b>	
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
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>£4583.17</b>
<b>Funds for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021</b>	<b>£10,948.40</b>

## BLYMHILL AND WESTON- UNDER- LIZARD PARISH COUNCIL

## ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE FROM 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

	£
Insurance (awaiting new quote)	400.00
Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association	229.00
<b>Donations</b>	
Churchyards	1150.00
Parish Magazine	250.00
Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme	200.00
Weston Club / Weston Institute Rooms	150.00
Rent for Playing Field	30.00
Clerk's Fee	2,000.00
South Staffordshire District Council Loan	450.00
Grounds Maintenance	500.00
Stationary	50.00
Audit Fee	360.00
Parish Council Website hosting fees	270.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,039.00</b>

## ESTIMATED INCOME FROM 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023



Parish Precept	£5500.00
TOTAL	£5500.00
ESTIMATED EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	-£539.00
ESTIMATED BALANCE AT BANK - 31 MARCH 2022	£10,500.00
Loans Outstanding: SSDC Village Hall (to 2025 £450 pa)	£1350.00

Following a discussion on the Precept and the Income and Expenditure of the Parish Council, it was agreed to increase the Precept to £6,000.00  
 Cllr P Maddocks proposed the motion, which was seconded by Cllr A Lowe and voted unanimously by the rest of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** Accounts accepted and the Parish Clerk to request an increase of the Precept to £6,000.00

### 3071 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### Community Shop

- Cllr N Parton reported takings were a little lower than before but still reasonably healthy
- Cllr N Parton reported that when the Christmas Fayre was held they had a stall and the shop was open and they did very well.
- There was also a request for more volunteers for the shop.

#### Community Pay Back

- Cllr V Cook reported that the Bradford Estate and joined with the Community Pay Back Scheme to supply work around Estate for those having to undertake Community Service, this has and will involve them carrying out work at weekends on such projects as clearing the Church Graveyard, painting the old Bus Stop and Lichgate to the Graveyard.

#### Correspondence

- 1 South Staffordshire Council, The Chief Inspector and representatives from the former Safer Neighbourhood Panel to hold newly established "Partners Discussion Forums" which will be Community Safety Focussed and will take place twice a year. The first will be held in January/February and the second will be held in June/July either in a venue or online. It was asked if a Parish Councillor would become a "Police Liaison" who would be responsible for feeding back information from the Parish to the Police and/or Council in relation to community issues. Cllr D McCowan volunteered to attend the first Forum meeting as the role will be discussed in more detail at the it and report back to the Parish Council with that information and what would be involved in the role and then to see who would volunteer to be the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Police Liaison
- 2 An email from a local resident asked what did the Parish Council know about the Bestival that was going to be held at Weston Park in 2022 that would be replacing the V Festival and what impact it would have on the local residents, as there seems to have been no consultation or information to the locality and residents. Cllr D McCowan said that he had heard that it would be smaller and held completely within the walls of the Park with no parking in adjacent fields as previous years. Cllr N Parten wanted to know what factors regarding traffic management SSDC and Stafford County Council were taking into consideration like previous V Festivals. Cllr B Cox said that the Traffic Management was





down to the Police. The Parish Clerk was requested to send a letter to the Police, Staffordshire County Council and South Staffordshire District Council requesting answers to a number of questions that were raised. The Parish Clerk requested each Parish Councillor to send him the questions they wanted answered so he could collate them and send to the appropriate area.

- 3 A letter had been received from the Chair of the Weston under Lizard Action Group regarding the A5 and the speed limit and was discussed at length.

Points raised from the letter and from the discussion were:

- There was a notable reduction in the speed of traffic through the village but there was still a large number of HGV's and Commercial vehicles that were well above the speed limit and other measures were still required to deter this.
- The Speed sign by Hatch Lane had now been recalibrated to the 30mph limit.
- The County Councils 40mph Speed Sign by Beighterton Lane had been removed – The Parish Clerk was asked to contact the Highways Department to find out when a replacement would be installed
- There was a query as to whether there had been an increase or a decline of Speed Cameras operating in the area to help police the new speed limit.
- It was suggested that the Action Group could organise volunteers for a Community Speed Camara team. The Parish Clerk had obtained information regarding how to go about this with regard to training and the cost of signage and equipment and the person in the Police who would be able to arrange this. Cllr V Cook proposed and Cllr N Parton seconded that the Parish Council would finance the scheme if it went ahead, this was voted in unanimously.

Actions:

- Parish Clerk to email Staffordshire County Council Highways Department regarding – Rumble strips, traffic speed monitoring, replacement Speed Sign by Beighterton Lane and request for more Speed Camera visits to the village.
- The Chair of the Weston under Lizard Action Group to be contacted regarding the Voluntary Community Speed Camara team.

3072 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 26th January 2022 At 7.30pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.**

**2022 Meetings – all Wednesdays - 26<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 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: .....26th January 2022.....