

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 25th JANUARY 2023

PRESENT: Cllr D Maddocks (Chairman)
Cllr V Cook
Cllr L Cross
Cllr A Lowe
Cllr D McGowan
Cllr N Parton
Cllr M Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk
Cllr M Sutton – Staffordshire County Council

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Maddocks
Cllr B J W Cox – South Staffordshire District Council
Cllr V Jackson – South Staffordshire District Council

3129 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
None

3130 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 23.11.2022 be approved as a correct Record and governance of the Parish Council.

3131 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- The Parish Clerk reported that the issue with the Stiles near Blymhill Church said that the Rights of Way team were going to discuss with the Land owner to offer to replace the styles with new ones.

3132 **VISITORS**

None

3133 **REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

- Cllr M Sutton reported that the County Council Council Tax, would increase by 2.9% and 2% for Social Care, this he said was a lot better than many County Councils
- He was also pleased that the Path on the A5.

Cllr D McCowan asked why at the start of the period when snow fell, there was a lack of gritting. Cllr M Sutton responded that there had actually been more grit used in this period than most years – he said that he would send a link for the Gritting Routes.

Cllr N Parton raised the issue of the ditch that had been filled as the Council had put the mud and debris from clearing the road rather than clearing it – the response from Mark Keeling Highways Liaison was read out – *“In regards to the verge areas, following the clearance works, the spoil was put back on the verge, most of the lane is high banked and therefore the spoil was put at the lower*



This is common practise as the spoil would be classed as contaminated waste and therefore both difficult and expensive to remove from site. I understand we cleared the drainage ditches and no further works are planned at this time." Cllr M Sutton said he would look into this.

Cllr D Maddocks raised the question why had Mark Keeling said that "We have checked our records and Beighterton Lane is on an annual inspection route and was last inspected during October at which time there were no actional defects, therefore it is likely the potholes you mention have appeared after the inspection took place. Currently we have only one enquiry raised for Beighterton Lane which relates to a pothole near to the A5 so it looks like these particular potholes have not been reported to us." Cllr M Sutton said that that was not correct as he knows the state of that part of Beighterton lane and it was bad before October and he would get in touch with Mark Keeling on this matter. Cllr L Cross also added that a number of the taxis that picked up school children were threatening use it so it could impact school children.

3134 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

None as not present

3135 PLAY AREAS

- Following the annual ROSPA audit Cllr N Parton reported that in the Weston under Lizard play area, the Tyre Swing does not now meet the required standards and would need to be replaced but following investigation a replacement would cost close to £4,000 so best to just remove it at this stage- this was agreed to by the Parish Council.
- Cllr N Parton then reported that the Picnic table that needed to be replaced would cost £250 (this had been agreed at the last meeting).

3136 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

- It was stated that the Community Payback scheme had done a good job on both Footpaths that run parallel to the A% that goes from the old School in Weston under Lizard to Weston Bank, as well as from the A5 along Beighterton Lane and Rectory Drive.
- At Weston Bank it was reported that there was a blocked Drain
- The path in Blymhill to Grove Farm has been cleared and Cllr L Cross was going to take photo's to check the integratory of the path

3137 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 23rd November 2022

Application No: 22/01171/FUL

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension and garden outbuilding.

Location: Church View Barn Watery Bank Ivetsey Bank Staffordshire ST19 9ER

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess Please respond with your observations by 30 January 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk

Application No: 22/01147/FUL

Proposal: Retention of shipping container and summerhouse for domestic storage

Location: 1 The Green Brineton Shifnal Staffordshire TF11 8NH

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess Please respond with your observations by 9 January 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to 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 23rd November 2022

Nil

Local Plan Review email with links to proposed local plan sent to all Councillors though this was on hold until the Government had given some clarification on a number of planning process points

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

3138 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Balance as at 23rd November 2022 **£7282.79**

Payments since meeting held on 23rd November 2022 to be confirmed

Payment Made as Approved since 23rd November 2022

Clerks Fees 4 th Quarter	£500.00
Clerks expenses	£47.58
Optimus Groundcare – cleaning of Blymhill footpath to Grove Farm	£550.00
Bradford Estates Play area rent March 2021 to September 2022	£45.00

Payment to be Approved

Subtotal **£1,142.58**

Income received since Meeting held on 23rd November 2022

Balance as at 25th January 2023 **£6,140.21**

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts
1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 March 2022

Funds at 1st April 2022 **£6,950.66**

Income since 1 April 2022	
Parish Precept – 12 months	£6,000.00
Subtotal	£6,000.00
TOTAL	£12950.66
Expenditure since 1st April 2022	
Parish Clerk's Fee Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4	£2,000.00
SSDC Grounds Maintenance Q 3 & 4 2021/2022 and Q1 2022/2023	£391.25
Expenses	£129.70
SSDC interest free loan repayment 2022	£450.00
Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association	£238.16
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
Optimus Groundcare – cleaning of Blymhill footpath to Grove Farm	£550.00
Bradford Estates Play area rent March 2021 to September 2022	£45.00
Delayed payments due to issues at SSDC during Pandemic not sending invoices out	
SSDC interest free loan repayment 2021	£450.00
SSDC Grounds maintenance 3 rd & 4 th Quarter 2020/2021	£170.64
Subtotal	£6,810.45
Funds for 31st March 2023	£6,140.21

RESOLVED: All Councilors agreed the Accounts

3139 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Community Shop


- Cllr N Parton said that the shop was still going steady but needed more volunteers – Cllr L Cross suggested possible Internships or Apprenticeships. Cllr N Parton said he would speak to the lady in charge of the Rota.
- The Parish Clerk reported that following the generous grant from Lord Newport, a new Parish Council Notice Board was to be ordered and sited in the Weston under Lizard Play area replacing the old Notice Board that had been attached to the Shop. This would be more accessible to the residents than the old one.
- The Parish Clerk reported that the Lloyds Bank in Newport was to close on the 13th June 2023
- Cllr M Sutton Reported the Boundary changes that will affect Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Parish from the May elections in that the 3 South Staffordshire District Councillors assigned will also cover who Bishops Wood, Brewood and Coven.

- Cllr M Sutton also reported that after July 2023 The National Parliamentary Constituency for the area, will be from called the Stone and Great Wyrley Constituency.
- Cllr M Sutton also reminded the Parish Council that at the Elections this year when voting Photo ID will be needed at that time.

3140 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 7.30 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.

Dates of the other meetings for 2023 – 24th May 2023, 20th September 2023 and 22nd November 2023

Signed 
(Chairman)

Date: 22nd March 2023.....