

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 THURSDAY 18 MAY 2023

PRESENT: Doug McCowan (Chairman)
Cllr V Cook
Cllr L Cross
Cllr A Lowe
Cllr R Newton
Cllr N Parton (Vice Chairman)
Cllr D Smith

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

APOLOGIES : Cllr P Maddocks

3168 **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

None

3169 Cllr D McCowan welcomed Cllrs L Cross, R Newton and D Smith, the newly co-opted Parish Councillors to the Parish Council

3170 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting and the Public Assembly held on Wednesday 18.05.2023 be approved as a correct Record and governance of the Parish Council.

3171 **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Cllr L Cross reported that the Style by the Church into the field was still blocked, so that dogs still had to be carried over or jump over it, which could be an issue for people dependent upon health or size of the dog. As this issue had already been notified to the Rights of Way people at Staffordshire County Council, Cllr M Sutton said he would have another word with them, if they could not do anything Cllr D McCowan said he would have a word with the Landowner.

3172 **VISITORS**

None

3173 **REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr M Sutton reported:

- That he still had £700 still available in his Community Fund for helping community groups
- He also has funds in his Climate Change Fund that can be used for such things as Recycling bins, changing Light Bulbs to LED ones as long as it is match funded.
- That Covid and Flu vaccinations were free for those at Risk and over 65's.

3174 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr W Sutton reported

- That some of the Refuse collections had been delayed or missed due staff shortages due to illness and retirements. That if this occurred people should leave their bins another 24 hours. If still not collected to contact SSDC.
- The District Council's Local Plan was being worked on as the National Plan was coming with some changes to Permitted Developments, which needed to be included.
- SSDC was trying to make more Tourist "sound bites" from around the district to attract people to visit the area, to such places as Weston Park etc.
- That SSDC had local enablers for different areas. Andy Aston of Street Scene was our Local Enabler – part of the role would be to help groups to gain grant funding.
- She was getting new signs and Dog bins ordered.
- Some Street Cleaning was to be done in Blymhill
- She had noted that there was a lot of mud on some of the roads from Tractors and Farms

3175 PLAY AREAS

Cllr N Parton reported

- That the Roundabout had been replaced in the Blymhill area.
- The Weston under Lizard Play Area had achieved a Low Risk marking from the Annual ROSPA check.
- The Blymhill Play area had a Medium Risk score and following the reports recommendations Optimus Groundcare was to be asked to quote to give it a deep clean to remove moss etc. Also the steering wheel and column was to be removed and the Bench securely fitted in place.
- All present agreed for this work to be carried out.

3176 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

Footpaths

- Cllr R Newton reported that a number of paths in the area became blocked with weeds and other overgrown flora over the year and that for some he would use a strimmer for it and clear some. He wondered whether the Parish Council could help organize a volunteer group for this. Cllr M Sutton said that he thought that the Right of Way area was looking at Volunteer groups for this sort of thing and would contact them and point them in our direction. Cllr L Cross said that this might be able to be tied in with Litter Picking as well. Cllr M Sutton added that might be where the Community Fund could be used. Cllr W Sutton suggested that if done to contact SSDC as excess wood chippings that they had could be used as a covering for the cleared paths.

Highways

- Cllr M Sutton reported that the Pot holes outside Beighterton Farm and Beighterton Lane by the farm and also in Great Chatwell, had been part of a special package of work with more to be done by the A5.
- Cllr M Sutton reported the County Council had purchased a JCB Pot hole machine but these were only suitable for A roads.
- With situation in the Parish, Cllr D McCowan said the more reports made on the County Council Website the more pressure is put on the County Council to repair them. To report Potholes etc go to <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#divSelectionHeader>
- The A5 speed reduction to 30mph through Weston under Lizard was voiced as still a concern by Cllr V Cook with Many motorists still driving well above 30. The Speed Camera Van was still very rarely seen in the Village and the best way was to police this was

Average Speed Cameras. Cllr M Sutton responded that speed checks had been carried out before and after the speed limit change., but the County Council could not afford the Average speed Cameras as they cost £100,000 plus to buy, install and maintain.

- Following the last Parish Council meeting, the Parish Clerk had advertised for potential volunteers and had 10 come forward. He was then asked to contact the Community Speed Watch Coordinator to get things started.

3177 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 18th May 2023

Application No: 23/00669/FUL Proposal: Conversion of agricultural building into domestic dwelling house including partial demolition and extension.

Location: Brineton Court Brineton Shifnal TF11 8NQ

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess Please respond with your observations by 15 September 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk,

Application No: 23/00650/FULHH Proposal: Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension

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

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess

Please respond with your observations by 25 August 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk,

Application No: 23/00555/LBC Proposal: Conversion of the East Wing at The Granary within Weston Park to Class E Office Space other than use Class A2.

Location: Weston Park And Parkland Weston Park Weston Under Lizard

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess. Please respond with your observations by 11 August 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk,

Application No: 23/00548/FULHH Proposal: Single storey rear extension, replacement porch and demolition of store

Location: Greenacre Cottage Brineton Shifnal TF11 8NJ

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess Please respond with your observations by 21 July 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 18th May 2023

Nil

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

3178 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Balance as at 18th May 2023 £8,472.24

Payments since meeting held on 18th May 2023 to be confirmed

Payment Made as Approved since 18th May 2023

Parish Clerk's Fee Quarter 2	£500.00
SSDC Grounds Maintenance Q4 2022/2023	£35.16
SSDC interest free loan repayment 2022	£450.00
Town and Parish Council Websites – Parish Council Website, annual web hosting fee	£302.00
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
Bradford Estates Play area rent March 2023 to September 2023	£15.00

Payment to be Approved

South Staffordshire District Council Election Charges	£140.00
Subtotal	£3192.16

Income received since Meeting held on 18th May 2023

Subtotal	£0
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Balance as at 20 th September 2023	£5280.08
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Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts
1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 March 2023

Funds at 1st April 2023	£5,322.76
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Income since 1 April 2023

Parish Precept – 6 months	£3,250.00
Transfer from closure of Parish Councils Community Shop Account	£753.00
Subtotal	£4,003.00

TOTAL	£9,527.44
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Expenditure since 1st April 2023

Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
Parish Clerk's Fee Quarters 1 and 2	£1,000.00

SSDC Grounds Maintenance Q4 2022/2023	£35.16
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Bradford Estates Play area rent March 2023 to September 2023	£15.00
South Staffordshire District Council Election Charges	£140.00

Subtotal **£5,247.36**

Funds for 31st March 2023 **£5,280.08**

3179 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Cllr L Cross had been asked whether the Field by the Blymhill play area is, could be used by a Personal Trainer on a Monday – after a discussion the Parish Clerk was asked to check with the Bradford Estate, from whom the Parish Council lease the field, if it would be acceptable if the Trainer charges for the sessions and if a rental fee could be charged by the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council had been asked by someone getting married in St Mary’s Church in 2025 whether they could use the Field by the Blymhill play area, for a reception. After a discussion it was decided that this could not be allowed as could set a precedence, also with regard to Liabilities, noise, facilities, utilities, security etc.
- Cllr D Smith said that the Village Hall Committee whether a representative could attend its meetings as a liaison. It was agreed this could be done and Cllr D Smith was to initially be the representative.

3167 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Dates of the other meetings for 2024 would be confirmed at the next Parish Council Meeting

Signed 
 (Chairman)
 Date: 22nd November 2023.....