

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 22 MARCH 2023

PRESENT: Cllr D Maddocks (Chairman)
Cllr V Cook
Cllr L Cross
Cllr A Lowe
Cllr P Maddocks
Cllr D McGowan
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

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Stokes
Cllr V Jackson – South Staffordshire District Council

3141 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3142 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 25.01.2023 be approved as a correct Record and governance of the Parish Council.

3143 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- Cllr N Parton reported that the new Parish Notice Board had arrived and was to be erected when the final work in the Weston under Lizard Play area was to be completed.

3144 VISITORS

Diane Dean attended following an email to the Parish Council regarding the potential of a voluntary group of Litter pickers, but there would be need for equipment. The volunteer group would make the area a lot nicer for all who lived in it and the consensus was, that if a group did form the Parish Council would fund the equipment required. Another visitor attending was Wendy Sutton a District Councilor for Brewood and Coven, who said that she was involved in the Brewood Litter picking group and that their need to be 3 parts for the group

- 1) Identification of the Group
- 2) Public Liability Insurance
- 3) Personal Protection Equipment and picking equipment.

Cllr B Cox said that he would check to see if the District Council had equipment that could be used. Cllr D Maddocks asked if Diane Dean would Liaise with Wendy Sutton on the project and what would be needed and to report back to the Parish Council.

3145 REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR

- Cllr M Sutton reported that he had taken Highways to Lower Beighterton Lane and that they agreed that it needed to be done and would schedule it in
- Cllr M Sutton also reported that there was funding for just 8 Capital projects in the County as the Government had reduced the by £10 million.
- There was then a discussion on the poor quality and method of Pot hole and general Road Repairs done by Amey for the County Council. Cllr P Maddocks asked about the Council's JCB Pot Hole Master Machine. Cllr M Sutton replied that they had found for Country lanes it was not a good answer as was better for long straight stretches, but that the Council was trying out some other road mending equipment.
- Cllr M Sutton said that many of the Country Lanes were had roads with a lower standard of substructure compared to A roads and this does not help. Also, for road repairs priorities are given to roads with higher volumes of traffic, so lower volumes mean a lower priority to fix them. He also stated that Pot Holes were a national problem not just a local one.
- Cllr M Sutton said that any issues where Pot holes had damaged vehicles whether wheels, tyres or suspension, these should be reported and claimed from the council by taking pictures of the damage and the Pot hole that caused it.

3146 **REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

None as information on the District Council Newsletter.

3147 **PLAY AREAS**

- Cllr N Parton the new Notice Board and the rest of the equipment would be completed in the next couple of weeks.

3148 **FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS**

- Foot Paths were good and the Highways had been dealt with during the County Councilor's report

3149 **PLANNING MATTERS**

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 25th January 2023

Application No: 23/00177/LBC

Proposal: Reinstatement of leaded light windows to four bricked up first floor window openings to the east elevation.

Location: The Old Stables And Coach Houses Weston Park Weston Under Lizard Staffordshire

You can now view these documents online at PublicAccess

Please respond with your observations by 4 April 2023 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk,

Application No: 22/01030/FUL

Proposal: Construction of two new lodges within the park for holiday let.

Location: Weston Park And Parkland Weston Park Weston Under Lizard, Staffordshire. You can view the application details, associated documents and make comments via PublicAccess at www.sstaffs.gov.uk/publicaccess. Please respond with your observations by 11 April 2023

Cllr L Cross thought the Lodges were going to be close to Mill Lane and wanted to see where they were in the mentioned Landscape Management Plan – Cllr B Cox said he would get that plan for him.

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 25th January 2023

Nil

Local Plan Review email with links to proposed local plan sent to all Councillors

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

3150 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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

Payments since meeting held on 25th January 2023 to be confirmed

Payment Made as Approved since 25th January 2023

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association Annual Subscription £230.64

SSDC Grounds Maintenance Quarters 2 and 3 2022/2023 £350.47

Parish Clerks sundry expenses (Ink, paper, Stamps) £34.84

Payment to be Approved

Subtotal £615.95

Income received since Meeting held on 25th January 2023

Balance as at 22nd March 2023 **£5,524.26**

Potential 2023 Election Costs

Blymhill Ward – 370 Electors - £904.50

Weston under Lizard Ward – 222 Electors - £785.09

Total cost to the Parish Council = 1,689.59

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, 2 and 3 2022/2023	£741.72
Expenses	£164.54
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
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association Annual Subscription	£230.64
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	£7,426.40
Funds for 31st March 2023	£5,524.26

RESOLVED: All Councillors agreed the Accounts

3151 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Community Shop

- Cllr N Parton said that the shop was still going steady but needed more volunteers – Cllr L Cross said that he had looked into Apprenticeships with Telford and Wrekin but they were not viable. He was still looking into Internships and Work experience and when he has more information, he would contract the Community Shop and give it to them.

- An email had been received asking if Event Licencing applications could be sent to the Parish Council like with Planning applications. Cllr Wendy Sutton said in future all Parish Councils in the area would be invited to meetings on the applications
- Cllr M Sutton also reminded the Parish Council that at the Elections this year when voting Photo ID will be needed at that time.

3152 **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 – 20th September 2023 and 22nd November 2023

Signed 
(Chairman)
Date: 18th May 2023.....