

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 MAY 2024

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr P Delaloye – Parish Clerk
Cllr M Sutton – Staffordshire County Council
Cllr D Holmes – South Staffordshire District Council
Cllr S Szalapski

APOLOGIES : Cllr W Sutton

3216 Election Of Parish Council Officials

The Parish Clerk took the chair and asked for nominations for Parish Council Chairman. Cllr A Lowe nominated and Cllr R Newton seconded Cllr D McGowan for the position. There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED: Cllr D McGowan was elected as Chairman of the Blymhill and Weston Parish Council.

Cllr D McGowan took the chair and thanked the Councillors for their support. He then asked for nominations for Parish Council Deputy Chairman. Cllr A Lowe nominated and Cllr P Maddocks seconded Cllr N Parton for the position. There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED: Cllr N Parton was elected as Deputy Chairman of the Blymhill and Weston Parish Council.

Cllr D McCowan asked for nominations for Parish Clerk. Cllr N Paton nominated and Cllr V Cook seconded P Delaloye for the position. There were no other nominations and the vote was unanimously passed.

RESOLVED: P Delaloye was appointed as Parish Clerk of the Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council.

3217 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3218 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED: That the amended minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21.01.2024 and those held on Monday 25.03.2024 be approved as a correct Record and governance of the Parish Council.

3219 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

From item 3206 regarding the style by St Mary's Church being blocked and could be an issue for people with large dogs or who were not able to carry dogs over the style safely for themselves or their dogs. Cllr D McCowan said he would talk to the Landowner about having the Rights of Way people of Staffordshire County Council installing as new "Kissing Gate" to replace the Style, for everyone's benefit.

3220 COOPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The Parish Clerk reported that there had not been any volunteers for the role of Parish Councillor. Cllr D McCowan asked that the position be again advertised and that if anyone was known to be interested in the role that they put themselves forward. The Parish Clerk reiterated that this position was for the Blymhill Ward of the Parish Council, therefore and volunteers from Blymhill would be given preference to any volunteer from the Weston under Lizard Ward. There was also the ability that anyone from within 3 miles from the Parish Council border could also apply but again the people from the Parish Council Wards would have preference over them. The closing date for applications to be 1st August 2024

3221 VISITORS

None

3222 REPORT OF The COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Dealt with in the Public Assembly

3223 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Dealt with in the Public Assembly

3224 PLAY AREAS

- Cllr N Parton reported that he had not been able to find some to look after the Blymhill play area but would he do that until they found someone to replace Optimus Groundcare. It was suggested that the Community Justice team be involved and Cllr V Cook said that she would find out if that was possible as they were changing from weekends to mid-week for working.

3225 FOOTPATHS AND HIGHWAYS

Footpaths

- Cllr R Newton was to send information to Cllr D Holmes for the Street Scene team as discussed in the Public Assembly..

Highways

- Cllr D McCowan said that he had been asked by residents and wondered himself, why with all the Pot Holes in the area, had Mill Lane been surfaced Dressed when there had not been any pot holes as it was the road that was in about the best condition in the area. Cllr M Sutton responded by saying, it was for that exact reason that it was done so that it would stay in good condition as could be prevention better than a cure. The other roads just were not in a good enough condition. Cllr D McCowan then asked if Brockenhurst were to be fixed would that then be good to give that a Surface Dressing? Cllr M Sutton reponed by saying he would ask the question.
- With the Worsening Pot Hole situation in the Parish, Cllr D McCowan asked the Parish Clerk to put a note in the Parish Magazine as 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> Cllr M Sutton said

that if they were not repaired to email him the reference number at mark.sutton@staffordshire.gov.uk

3226 PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Application considered by Parish Council since the meeting held on 25th March 2024

Application No: 24/00136/FULHH

Proposal: Extend existing garage by conversion of car parking space

Location: Forgotten Well School Lane Weston Under Lizard SHIFNAL TF11 8JZ

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Please respond with your observations by 26 April 2024 in writing, via

ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk,

Application No: 24/00345/VAR

Proposal: Variation of condition 3 to planning reference 24/00020/COU. To increase the maximum number of dogs from 30 to 80 per day.

Location: Upper Brockhurst Farm Brockhurst Road Blymhill SHIFNAL TF11 8NE

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Please respond with your observations by 11 May 2024 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk, Please note that all documents on planning files are available for public inspection and copying, including any comments you make.

This planning application was objected to by the Parish Council – due to Traffic concerns and road safety concerns as well as to the condition of the roads involved with the increase in vehicle traffic proposed.

Application No: Proposal: 24/00297/FUL

Proposal: Proposed change of use and conversion of agricultural building to bicycle inner tube re-purposing facility (Use Class E(g)(iii)).

Location: Agricultural Buildings (Northwest Of Shifnal Cricket Club) Beighterton Lane Weston Under Lizard

You can now view these documents online at <https://planning.sstaffs.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Please respond with your observations by 7 June 2024 in writing, via ConsulteeAccess or email to planning@sstaffs.gov.uk, - Posted on the Parish Council Website and Blymhill Buzz on the 15.05.2024.

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 March 2024

Nil

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

Tree Planning

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO CARRY OUT TREE WORKS IN A CONSERVATION AREA.

Application Number: 24/00383/TREE

Proposed: Weston-Under-Lizard Conservation Area: T951, T952, T953, T954, T951, T957, T958, T959, T960, T964, T965, T968, T969, T970, T971, G972 (Sycamore and Willow), T973, T974 (2 Larch), T975, T977, T978, T980, T982, T983, T986, T987, T988, T989, T991, T992, T994, T995, T996, T997, T998, T999 - all trees to be diamanted and removed.

950 Sycamore- Short-term: Heavily reduce biased canopy height and branch extension by up to 5m.

Long-term: Remove the tree 955 Pine-Reduce branch adjacent highway by 8m

962 Oak- Short-term: Remove deadwood above the fishing peg and closely monitor within future surveys. Long-term: Reduce upswept limb over the fishing peg by up to 4m

966 Beech- Remove the squirrel damaged canopy that is above the track and parking area.

967 Beech- Reduce roadside extended branches by up to 4m

984 Beech- Reduce squirrel damaged roadside limb by up to 5m

At: Weston Park And Parkland Weston Park Weston Under Lizard

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There was some discussion on the Planning application for the Change of use and then the build of an Inner Tube Recycling Facility. The main feeling was that the Councillors were not in favour of the application, but more information was required as to what Processes were involved and also what traffic flow would be involved. The Parish Clerk was asked to email Bradford Estates requesting that information. Then to circulate that information to the Parish Councillors prior to objecting.

3227 FINANCIAL MATTERS

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Balance as at 25 th March 2024	£6,414.16
Payments since meeting held on 25th March 2024 to be confirmed	
Payment Made as Approved since 25th March 2024	
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association subscription 2024/25	£242.00
Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
Clerk's fees 1 st Quarter	£500.00
Payment to be Approved	
Clerk's Sundry expenses	£85.94
Subtotal	£1,181.64
Income received since Meeting held on 22nd January 2024	
Parish Precept – 6 months	£3,250.00
Subtotal	£3,250.00
Balance as at 22nd May 2024	£8,482.52

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
Income since 1 April 2023	
Parish Precept – 12 months	£6,500.00
Transfer from closure of Parish Councils Community Shop Account	£753.00
Subtotal	£7,253.00
TOTAL	£12575.76
Expenditure since 1st April 2023	
Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70
Parish Clerk's Fee Quarters 1, 2, 3 and 4	£2,000.00
SSDC Grounds Maintenance Q4 2022/2023 & Q1, Q2 and Q3 2024	£623.55
SSDC interest free loan repayment 2023	£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 2024	£45.00
South Staffordshire District Council Election Charges	£140.00
Staffordshire County Council Community Speed Watch Equipment	£497.53
Parish Clerk's sundry expenses	£85.94
Subtotal	£6,247.72
Funds for 31st March 2024	£6,328.60

RESOLVED: All Councilors agreed the Accounts

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council Accounts
1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT AS AT 31 March 2023

Funds at 1st April 2024	£6,328.22
Income since 1 April 2024	
Parish Precept – 6 months	£3,250.00
Subtotal	£3,250.00
TOTAL	£9,578.22
Expenditure since 1st April 2023	
Zurich Municipal Parish Council Insurances	£353.70

Parish Clerk's Fee Quarters 1	£500.00
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association Annual Subscription	£242.00
Subtotal	£1,095.70
Funds for 31st March 2025	£8,482.52

3228 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Cllr V Cook reported that the Community Speed Watch Team had done a number of events on the A5 with the Bradford Estates assisting with the storage of the equipment
- More volunteers for the Community Speed Watch group would be greatly welcomed and that anyone who wanted more information on this and the training involved should contact the Parish Clerk on phil.delaloye@googlemail.com
- Community Shop – Cllr N Parton reported it was still doing okay.

3229 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED: That the next meeting of the Parish Council be held on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 7.30 pm at the Blymhill and Weston under Lizard Village Hall.

Dates of the other meetings for 2024 –20th November 2024

Signed 
(Chairman)
Date: 25th September 2024.....