

# BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 8 January 2016

**Present:** Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr S Hulme, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Atkins, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish, Mr P Riley, Mr J Walker, Mr & Mrs K Massey, Mr & Mrs R James, Ms J Capewell, Mr J Malein, Mr S Ashcroft, Ms A Vickers

**Apologies:** Mr D Leech, County Councillor Philip Atkins

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 6 November 2015 were agreed and signed. Minutes of the Planning Applications Meeting dated 25 November were agreed and signed

### Matters Arising

Booth Lane water problem – The Chairman reported that the work had been completed to a high standard and the Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Staffordshire County Council Highways

Security fencing outside Middle Farm – This has now been removed

Laminated cards regarding defibrillators – A quote of £30 has been received for printing the cards

Local Government Transparency Code 2014 – After discussion it was agreed that the purchase of a laptop for the dedicated use of the Parish Council be made and that a meeting be arranged to discuss the setting up and inputting of a Blithfield Parish Council website

Resetting of one oak post and replacing of another oak post, School Lane, Admaston – After contacting Staffordshire Highways, the Parish Council was informed that no work would be carried until Spring 2016

### Planning Applications

P/2014/01445 Erection of a single storey rear extension and extension to existing detached garage – A reply from ESBC Planning Enforcement stated that no breach of planning regulations would justify enforcement action

P/2015/01369 Erection of a single storey rear extension, Clover Grass, The Old Rectory, Blithfield Church Road, Admaston – ESBC permission 9 December 2015

P/2015/01706 – Felling of 2 leylandii trees, 4 holly trees and 3 apple trees, Middle Allotment, School Lane, Admaston - After discussion it was the opinion of the Parish Council that the trees did not create heavy shading and that it was unnecessary to remove them. Instead it was agreed that the leylandii and apple trees could have a crown reduction and the holly trees, which break up the hedgerow and do not affect the sunlight coming into the allotment, could be trimmed

### Financial

<u>Payments Received</u>	£
VAT repayment	819.63
<u>Payments Made</u>	
ESBC – Election expenses for May 2015	73.56
<u>Payments Due</u>	
Admaston and Blithfield Village Hall – Hall hire	137.50
Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31/01/2016)	210.00

2016/2017 Budget – Precept – No rise in Parish Council tax

**Correspondence**

Community Council of Staffordshire – Best Kept Village Competition 2016

**Any Other Business**

Queen’s Birthday Celebrations – This item to be discussed when further information is to hand

**Public Questions**

Fly tipping in Booth Lane – The Chairman volunteered to contact ESBC and ask them to remove the rubbish

Lea Lane/Newton Lane – Concern was expressed regarding the state of the edge of the roads in the Parish where large vehicles had eroded the grass verges on the narrow lanes. In particular, on the very narrow road leading to the corner of Lea Lane and Newton Lane, and also on the corner of Newton Lane and Manor Lane. The Clerk was asked to contact Staffordshire Highways to see what could be done to improve these particular areas

**Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary General meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 4 March 2016 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

With there being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Signed ..... Date .....