

# BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 3 January 2014

**Present** Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr G Smith, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Riley, Mr S Hulme, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish Miss J Capewell, Mr C Watson and Mr D Leech

**Minutes** The minutes of the OGM dated 1 November 2013 were agreed and signed. The minutes of the Planning Application Meeting dated 21 November were agreed and signed.

### **Matters Arising**

Put out the Flags Down Your Way - It was agreed that a planning application would be made to request the erection of a flagpole in the grounds of Admaston Village Hall.

### **Planning Applications**

P/2013/01286 Conversion of existing attached garage and store and installation of a mezzanine floor to form dependant relative accommodation, Chase View, Newton Lane, Newton – ESBC permission granted 4 December 2013

P/2013/01321 Selective removal of branches of ash and sycamore tree (2), reduce to hedge height of 1 sycamore and holly by stable (3), reduce sycamore section and holly to hedge height (4 and 5), Admaston Farmhouse, School Lane, Admaston – No objection from ESBC 10 December 2013

P/2013/01297 Erection of a silage building, Newbuildings Farm, Lea Lane, Newton – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

### **Financial**

<u>Payments Due</u>	£
Mr W Poultney, Lengthsman (wages to 31 January 2014)	210.00
<u>Payments Made</u>	
Admaston Village Hall (hire of hall for PC meetings)	147.50
Mr W Poultney, Lengthsman (wages to 31 January 2014)	210.00

2014/15 Budget – Precept

### **Correspondence**

Cruse Bereavement Care – Donation

ESBC – Electronic Consultation on Planning Applications

Community Council of Staffordshire - Best Kept Village Competition 2014

Heart Start Scheme – It was agreed to take up the offer from the West Midlands Ambulance Service for training in Basic Life Support. Mr Leech agreed to co-ordinate.

### **Any Other Business**

HS2 - Councillor Hulme reported that the final road show at the County Showground had produced no surprises, just the same tired, discredited arguments and the misleading sound booths were trotted out. The Tamworth Herald rejected out of hand, claims, made by the Prime Minister during his visit,

about the benefits of HS2 to the town. "Did he think we were all idiots?" was the question asked. Copies of the 50,000 page environmental document, in memory stick form, were distributed free before Christmas by the DfT to all Parish Councils directly affected by HS2 (anyone else has to pay £25). They now have less than 56 days in which to respond. The Woodland Trust and CPRE have now joined the "anti" lobby. Residents of Primrose Hill in London are standing alongside the residents of Camden in opposition to HS2. Information on the disruptive effects of the work being carried out on the West Coast mainline has now been released.

**Public Questions**

Concern was expressed regarding potholes in Steenwood Lane and Newton Lane. Parish Clerk to register concern with Staffordshire Highways Department.

There was a complaint of unswept verges in Steenwood Lane. It was explained that Staffordshire County Council are unwilling to sweep the edges of roads without pavements because the wire brushes rip up the tarmac surface.

**Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled for Friday 7 March 2014 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

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