

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 6 January 2017

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 C Watson, Mr A Boston, Mr & Mrs P Brown, Mrs P Atkins, Mrs P Nelson, Mr K Massey

Apologies: Mr D Leech

Minutes: Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 4 November 2016 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Admaston Notice Board – It was agreed to accept a quote of £200 to replace the existing board

Planning Applications

P/2016/01267 Change of use of agricultural land to facilitate the siting of 10 holiday lodges, for a holiday season of 11 months each year, including installation of septic tank, formation of reed bed, pond/wetland and formation of vehicular access, Land at St Stephens Hill Farm, Steenwood Lane, Admaston – After lengthy discussion Blithfield Parish Council voted two for the application, two against, and one abstention

P/2016/01113 Erection of a general purpose agricultural building, Booth Meadow Farm, Booth Lane, The Blythe – ESBC permits 15 December 2016

P/2016/01480 Crown reduction by 2 metres and reshaping of 1 yew tree, Admaston Village Hall, School Lane, Admaston – ESBC granted consent 28 November 2016

Financial

£

Payments Made

S. Manning Electrical Services, replacing defibrillator PIR unit 85.00

Payments Due

Admaston Village Hall Committee, hire of hall for 2016 meetings 27.50

Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31 January 2017) 210.00

Budget 2017/2018 – Precept – no increase in Parish Council tax

Correspondence

Western Power Distribution – Business Plan Commitments

Staffs CC – Debt benefit and consumer advice, funding contribution

Staffs CC – Notice of termination of lengthsman agreement

Any Other Business

Restoration of steel/concrete barrier on bridge over culvert on Newton Hurst Lane – Concern was expressed regarding the health and safety aspect of this damaged bridge. The Clerk informed the meeting that this had been reported to Staffordshire County Highways.

Public Questions

Broadband – Concern was still being expressed regarding the poor reception of broadband in certain areas of the Parish

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 3 March 2017 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Signed Date