

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 7 March 2014

Present Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr G Smith, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Riley, Mr S Hulme, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk), PC Boulter, and from the Parish Mr J Walker, Miss J Capewell, Mrs P Nelson

Minutes The minutes of the OGM dated 3 January 2014 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Put Out the Flags Down Your Way – Permission has been obtained to erect a flagpole in the grounds of Admaston Village Hall and the telescopic flagpole and flags have been received.

Heart Start Scheme – A good response was received from parishioners. Training will take place in Admaston Village Hall on 19 March 2014. Mr Leech to be thanked for co-ordinating the event

Felling of Trees in Conservation Area – No reply from ESBC despite sending two emails. The Chairman to contact ESBC by telephone.

Planning Applications

P/2013/01297 Erection of a silage building, Newbuildings Farm, Lea Lane, Newton – ESBC permission granted 30 January 2014

P/2013/00292 Appeal against the refusal of planning permission for the installation of a wind turbine with a hub height of 50 metres and a height to blade tip of 74 metres, including association equipment cabinet, Manor Farm, Manor Lane, Newton

Financial

Payments Made/Receipts

	£
Mr W Poultney, Lengthsman (wages to 31 January 2014)	210.00

Payments Due

Mrs D Clarke 6 months salary to 31 March 2014	657.38
Mrs D Clarke expenses to 28 February 2014	117.80
SPCA Membership 2014/15	92.00
Community Council of Staffordshire	40.00

Correspondence

Community Council of Staffordshire – Staffordshire Diary of Village Festivals and Events 2014

ESBC – The Green Deal & Energy Companies Obligation (ECO)

Lichfield District Council of Staffordshire – Good Neighbour Schemes

Staffordshire County Highways Procedures Invitation – Councillors Vernon and Hulme to attend

Any Other Business

Flooded road in Booth Lane – Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Staffordshire Highways Department

Superfast Broadband – Councillor Hulme informed the meeting that Blithfield Parish should receive this in March 2015

HS2 – Councillor Hulme reported that although local input continues in terms of fund-raising in support of HS2 Action Alliance activities, at the moment the emphasis on fighting HS2/DfT is one of national action as the challenges and submissions to

Parliament on the Phase 1 (London – Birmingham) Environmental Consultation are being made. The outcome of this will directly affect those areas covered by Phase 2 (Birmingham – Manchester, Birmingham – Leeds). Outside the city centres, growing popular opinion is heavily against HS2 as a project, as the submissions are showing.

Our MP has submitted an alternative route proposal following the line of existing transport corridors along the M42 and the M6 toll/M6. This was very recently reported in the “Express & Star” newspaper. The proposal is really one of mitigation for the people in the Constituency and stops short of campaigning for the cancellation of HS2 as a project.

Questions were taken from a member of the public attending the Parish Council meeting, expressing concern over the project.

Public Questions

Concern was expressed regarding the glare of lights at night on a house in Newton Lane.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Blithfield Parish Council will be the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting and an Ordinary General Meeting are scheduled for Friday 2 May 2014

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

Signed Date