

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 15 May 2015

Present: Mr A Vernon, Mrs P Massey, Mr S Hulme, Mr P Atkins, Mr D Leech, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish, Mr P Riley, Mr J Walker, Mrs P Nelson, Mrs P Atkins, Mrs A Garden, Miss J Capewell, Mr & Mrs S Ashcroft

Minutes: Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 6 March 2015 were agreed and signed. The minutes of the Planning Applications Meeting dated 1 April 2015 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Defibrillator to be sited in Newton telephone box – The defibrillator is in place but the cabinet suppliers have sent the wrong model and this will have to be replaced. A parishioner asked if it was possible to leave a telephone in the box as she thought it was an important historical feature. After a general discussion it was agreed that a telephone could be left in the box but it should be clearly marked “not in use”.

Water problem in Booth Lane – After a site meeting with a representative of Staffordshire Highways, it was agreed that the Parish Council would purchase the drainage pipe and pay for the excavation and backfill across the field, and Staffordshire Highways would be responsible for laying the pipe across the road.

Planning Applications

P/2015/00333 Felling of 1 Ash tree, Blithfield Forge, School Lane, Admaston – No objection from ESBC 10 April 2015

P/2015/00394 Crown reduction by 20% and crown raising of one Yew tree to give 2 metres clearance above ground level (T1 of TPO67), Admaston Village Hall, School Lane, Admaston – ESBC refused consent 12 March 2015

P/2015/00409 Erection of a part two storey and part single storey rear extension, Fair View, Manor Lane, Newton – ESBC permission 14 May 2015

Financial

Payments Received

	£
ESBC Precept	2,006.47
Staffs CC Lengthsman Allowance to 31/05/2015	350.00

Payments Made/Receipts

Mrs D Clarke 6 months salary to 31 March 2015	702.70
Mrs D Clarke expenses to 28 February 2015	85.37
Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 30/04/2015)	210.00
British Heart Foundation, second defibrillator	400.00
Turtle Engineering, defibrillator cabinet	630.00
Mr P Riley, work on telephone box for defibrillator	116.19
R H Harris, supplying & laying of drainage pipes	2,355.48

Payments Due

SPCA subscription	92.00
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Aon Insurance renewal commencing 1 June 2015	343.56
Abbots Bromley First Responders donation	50.00
Donna Louise Trust donation	50.00
Midlands Air Ambulance donation	50.00
St Giles Hospice donation	50.00
British Heart Foundation donation	50.00
Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31/05/2015)	210.00

The accounts for the year ending 31 March have been independently internally audited by Mr M Gadsby prior to submission to Grant Thornton, Auditors

Correspondence

Police & Crime Commissioner – Newsletter

Any Other Business

Watering Pit Corner – Councillor Atkins reported that the site was overgrown and needed weeding. He suggested that a party of volunteers be asked to tidy the area

Nomination of a Vice Chairman – Councillor Hulme was elected to the position of Vice Chairman, having been proposed by Councillor Massey and seconded by Councillor Leech

Public Questions

It was suggested that signage be erected by watering pit corner warning of the danger of deep water.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General meeting of Blithfield Parish Councils is scheduled to take place on Friday 3 July 2015 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

With there being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

Signed Date