

**BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 3 July 2015**

**Present:** Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr S Hulme, Mrs P Massey, Mr D Leech, Mr P Atkins, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish, Mr P Riley

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 15 May 2015 were agreed and signed

**Matters Arising**

Water Problem in Booth Lane – On inspection of the site it was found that it was the habitat of great crested newts (a protected species). It was therefore decided that no more work could take place until Autumn 2015.

**Planning Applications**

P/2015/00374 Listed building application for the repair and restoration of the Water Tower and Well at the Cloister House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – ESBC consent given 15 May 2015

P/2015/00821 Installation of 5 ground mounted solar arrays with a generating capacity of 50KW, Lower Booth Farm, Booth Lane, The Blythe – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

P/2015/00893 Subdivision of existing dwelling to form two dwellings, including the reinstatement of the steps to the front of the cottage and the erection of a front porch, Holly Cottage, 1 School Lane, Admaston. Councillor Leech expressed a personal interest in this application and abstained from any discussion. No objection from Blithfield Parish Council

**Financial**

Payments Made

	£
Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31/07/2015)	210.00

**Correspondence**

Staffordshire CC – The new Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030) – Final Draft –June 2015

Ethical Standards Training

Staffordshire CC – Highway Winter Maintenance Review

Thank you letters for donation from Midlands Air Ambulance, CPRE, The Donna Louise Childrens Hospice, St Giles Hospice, British Heart Foundation and Abbots Bromley Community First Responders who wish to recruit another part-time responder.

**Any Other Business**

Cards regarding defibrillator – It was suggested that laminated cards be issued to all parishioners. Discussion took place on the required wording and it was decided that in the first place a proof of the card would be made for Councillors' comments. It was also decided that a more detailed explanation would be printed in the next Parish Newsletter.

Concern was expressed regarding some of the grass verges in the Parish that had not been cut.

Concern was also expressed regarding the large and heavy equipment that would be travelling through Newton to the site of the new wind turbine.

Discussion took place on the need for security fencing in front of a house in Newton. Councillor Atkins informed the meeting that he had arranged for a "tidy-up" of watering pit corner, Newton to take place on 11 July at 10 a.m.

The quality and intermittent connection to Broadband in the Parish was discussed.

**Public Questions**

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that new tables were required in Admaston Village Hall. It was agreed that a sample table be ordered before the Parish Council pay for a total of ten. Councillor Hulme suggested that at least one alternative table option be pursued for comparison purposes.

**Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary General meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 4 September 2015 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

With there being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

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