

## BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 8 July 2016

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

**Apologies:** Mr A Vernon (Chairman)

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 12 May 2016 were agreed and signed.

#### **Matters Arising**

Staffordshire County Council Ending of Lengthsman Service on 31 March 2017 – After contacting the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association, the Clerk reported that they could not help with funding of the Service and that, if we wished to continue with a lengthsman, we would have to budget for this from our precept. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the cost of employing a lengthsman but with reduced hours. The Chairman of Admaston Village Hall Management Committee was asked to consider making up the lengthsman's hours by utilising him on village hall projects.

#### **Financial**

<u>Payments Made</u>	£
Staffordshire Parish Councils Association	93.00
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
CPRE donation	30.00
Aon Insurance renewal commencing 1 June 2016	354.00
Community Council of Staffordshire	25.00
<u>Payments Due</u>	
Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31 July 2016)	210.00
Mr E Roy, deposit of website	260.00

#### **Correspondence**

ESBC – Electronic Consultations on Planning Applications – The Vice Chairman agreed to contact ESBC Planning Department in respect of this item.

Centenary Fields Programme

Thank you letters for donation from Midlands Air Ambulance, British Heart Foundation, St Giles Hospice, Donna Louise Children's Hospice, CPRE. Abbots Bromley Community First Responder Group

Office of the Police Crime Commissioner Staffordshire – Support for victims of crime  
SPACE Programme

**Any Other Business**

Disabled access to pavement – Concern was expressed that there was a need for a dropped pavement in Admaston layby. After contacting the Leader of Staffordshire County Council, Councillor Leech reported that this would be rectified

Hedge Cutting – It was reported that the hedges on the left hand side of the B5013 Uttoxeter to Abbots Bromley road, just approaching the right turn into Newton Hurst Lane, needed cutting as it was difficult to see any oncoming traffic approaching round the bend. The Clerk was asked to contact the Borough Councillor for Bagots Ward to see if he could facilitate this.

**Public Questions**

Ironman Race – An Admaston parishioner was concerned that, after telephoning a contact number for the race to ask for confirmation for the correct formal procedure on the local road closure, he had had no response.

**Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary General meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 2 September 2016 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

With there being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

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