

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 2 September 2016

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 8 July 2016 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Hedge cutting at B5013 junction with Newton Hurst Lane – After contacting the Borough Councillor for Bagots Ward, the Clerk reported that he had visited the site and thought the hedge itself was not the main cause of the reduced visibility but that a clump of nettles on the verge between the pole and the hedge (which he has now dealt with) was also obscuring the junction. He has made our Staffordshire County Councillor and the Clerk for Abbots Bromley aware of our concern, and expects the landowner will cut the hedge in the autumn.

Planning Applications

P/2016/00905 Listed building application for internal and external alterations including the re-instatement of quarry tiled floor, underpinning of the cellar wall, installation of a replacement internal replica window, replacement of external stone with replica, renewal of cellar steps, removal of paint finish to vaulted brickwork, relocation of ceiling mounted drains, replacement of plasterboard ceilings to upper cellar, and partial dry lining of poor brickwork areas in upper cellar, Oriel House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

P/2016/00987 Listed building application for alterations to include installation of log burner, new stone cill to oriel window, replacement radiators, replacement floor boards, raised service platform, underfloor heating and new partitions, Oriel House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

P/2016/01140 Listed Building application for works to include repaired and reconfigured storm drainage system, repaired vent wells and iron grilles fitted, cast hoppers and lead drainpipes to 3 roof drainage points, log burner installed to Bedroom 6, secondary glazing to circular window in hall, access hatch enlarged, underfloor heating, stud walls between landing and Bedroom 6 to be removed and installation of radiators on second floor, Oriel House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

P/2016/01091 Listed Building application for works to include underfloor heating, oak balustrade to cellar steps, installation of suspended floor and log burner, underpinning to side wall, replacement beams and joists, dropped ceilings, replica skirtings and spotlights, Oriel House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

P/2016/00922 Demolition of existing agricultural building to facilitate the erection of a replacement agricultural building to form Animal Shelter & Storage Building, Cherry Tree House, Admaston – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

P/2016/01113 Erection of a general purpose agricultural building, Booth Meadow Farm, Booth Lane, The Blythe – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

Financial

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Payments Made

Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31 July 2016) 210.00

Payments Due

Mrs D Clarke 6 months salary to 30/09/2016 702.70

Mrs D Clarke expenses to 31 August 2016 94.67

Correspondence

Western Power – From 6 September 2016 new national phone number of 105

Any Other Business

A question was raised as to whether the Parish Council should receive a copy of the Village Hall Management Committee accounts. A Councillor agreed to investigate the matter

Admaston Notice Board - As this is in a dilapidated state it was decided to purchase a new one. The Clerk to obtain some quotes

Admaston Telephone Box – Concern was expressed regarding the dilapidated state of the box and it was suggested that BT be asked to repaint it. It was also mentioned that the Parish Council may wish to adopt the box for £1

Corner of Newton and Lea Lane (Watering Pit Corner) – A letter of thanks to be sent to the parishioner who recently tidied the area

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 4 November 2016 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