

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 4 September 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, Mr C Watson, Mr & Mrs S Ashcroft, Miss J Capewell

Minutes: Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 3 July 2015 were agreed and signed. The minutes of the Planning Applications Meeting dated 21 July 2015 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

Land on the corner of Lea Lane and Newton Lane (watering pit corner) – Discussion took place regarding the long term plans to maintain the site in a suitable manner. It was decided to keep asking for volunteers from the Parish once a year to help with the upkeep of the corner.

Security fencing outside Middle Farm – Complaints had been received from neighbours in Newton regarding the detrimental effect on the hamlet and the rubbish it captures. It was agreed that the Clerk write to the ESBC Planning Enforcement Officer, with a copy to the ESBC Borough Councillor for Bagots Ward.

Purchase of tables for Admaston Village Hall – it was agreed that Blithfield Parish Council would purchase ten tables for use in Admaston Village Hall at a cost of £1,656 including VAT.

Laminated cards regarding defibrillators – A draft of the wording intended on the cards was given to the meeting. It was agreed that this would be sent to West Midlands Ambulance Service for their approval and afterwards the cards would be circulated to every household in the Parish.

Planning Applications

P/2015/00821 Installation of 5 ground mounted solar arrays with a generating capacity of 50 KW, Lower Booth Farm, Booth Lane, The Blythe – ESBC permitted 5 August 2015

P/2015/00955 Replace existing front door with a new oak door and frame with fanlight, Oriel House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – ESBC granted listed building consent 21 August 2015

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 – ESBC permitted 25 August 2015

P/2015/01054 Change of use from holiday let to permanent living accommodation, Blythmoor, School Lane, Admaston – Councillor Hulme reported on the planning history of this dwelling and asked that this be forwarded on to the ESBC Planning Department. Three Councillors voted against the application and two Councillors voted for the application.

FinancialPayments Made

L.G. Woodward Ltd, defibrillator cabinet electrical supply £ 246.59

Payments Due

Mrs D Clarke, 6 months salary to 30/9/15 702.70

Mrs D Clarke, expenses to 31/8/15 102.05

Correspondence

Community Council of Staffordshire – Press Release

ESBC Neighbourhood Rural & Resident Participation – Neighbourhood

Projects 2015 – new ideas

Any Other Business

Footpath at side of Admaston Village Hall - Discussion took place regarding the height of the overgrown hedge bordering this footpath. It was decided that the Clerk would contact the Staffordshire County Council Ranger Service who it was understood had been responsible for this in the past.

Old Telephone box in Newton – Now that this is the property of Blithfield Parish Council, and is also the site of one of the defibrillators, it was suggested that it might be painted yellow if this was agreeable to parishioners. It was also suggested that defibrillator signage could be obtained to attach to the box. It was decided that no decision be made until the views of parishioners had been obtained.

Potholes – Discussion took place regarding potholes in Lea Lane, in particular between Newton Lane and Lea Heath and also in Steenwood Lane.

It was suggested that County Councillor Phillip Atkins be invited to a meeting of Blithfield Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to contact him with a list of appropriate dates.

Finger post sign to Newton on the B5013. It was reported that this sign had been obstructed with overgrown foliage. The Clerk agreed to contact the Staffordshire Highways Department to ask for it to be cleared.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 6 November 2015 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

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

Signed Date