

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 5 September 2014

Present: Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr G Smith, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Riley, Mr S Hulme, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk), Mr D Leech, Mr J Walker, Mrs C Hulme, Miss V Smith, Mr C Watson

Minutes: The minutes of the OGM dated 4 July 2014 were agreed and signed. The minutes of the Planning Applications meeting dated 23 July 2014 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Water problem in Booth Lane – The Chairman informed the meeting that levels had been taken and Staffordshire Highways had agreed to lay the water pipes under the road. It was hoped that the Parish Council would meet any costs for laying the pipes across the field.

Heart Start Scheme – The meeting was informed that the defibrillator was now in place at Admaston Village Hall and that a course was to take place on how to use the machine.

Land on the corner of Lea Lane and Newton Lane (known locally as Watering Pit corner) – The Chairman thanked the volunteers involved in tidying the plot.

Planning Applications

P/20114/000822 Listed Building application for the conversion of existing stables to provide ancillary domestic accommodation, Vaughans Lane Farm, Lea Lane, Newton – ESBC consent granted 20 August 2014

P/2014/00866 Change of use of existing stables to provide domestic accommodation, Vaughans Lane Farm, Lea Lane, Newton – ESBC permission granted 20 August 2014

P/2014/00814 Conversion and alterations of existing barn to form dependant relative accommodation including installation of roof lights, Newbuildings Farm, Lea Lane, Newton – no objection by Blithfield Parish Council

P/2014/00990 Crown thinning of 4 apple trees and 1 plum tree and felling of 1 beech tree, Blythmoor, School Lane, Admaston – Blithfield Parish Council has asked for further clarification regarding the felling of 1 beech tree as original application form states “cut back/trim to boundaries”.

P/2014/01027 Crown reduction of 1 Turkish Hazel tree by 10% and felling of 2 self set Wild Cherry trees, 1 Crack Willow tree, 2 Holly trees and 2 Cypress Leylandii trees – Holly Cottage, 1-2 School Lane, Admaston – no objection by Blithfield Parish Council

P/2014/01052 Crown reduction of 2 Golden Fir trees by 33% and 1 Ash tree by 50%, Blithfield Forge, School Lane, Admaston – no objection by Blithfield Parish Council

P/2014/01073 Felling of a Christmas tree (Abies nordmannians), 1 School Lane, Admaston – no objection by Blithfield Parish Council

Financial

Payments Made

Mr W Poultney, Langthsman (wages to 31/7/14)	£ 210.00
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Payments Due

Mrs D Clarke, 6 months salary to 30 September 2014	657.38
Mrs D Clarke, expenses to 31 August 2014	63.72

Correspondence

Do the Honours for Staffordshire – nominations
ESBC – Members allowance for Parish/Town Councils – Blithfield Parish Council decided not to pay allowances to its elected members
Staffordshire CC – Supporting People Review
The Parish Lengthsman will be resigning from the post at the end of October. The job to be advertised on the Parish notice boards and in the Parish magazine

Any Other Business

Give Way sign obstructed on Lea Lane just before B5013 – Clerk to ask Staffordshire Highways to clip the hedge on their next visit to the area

Public Questions

It was reported that a stile post on Steenwood Lane had rotted
It was suggested that a donation to the British Heart Foundation be added to the list of charities that the Parish Council supports annually

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 7 November 2014 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

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

Signed Date