

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 4 November 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 2 September 2016 were agreed and signed. Minutes of the Planning Applications Meeting dated 28 September 2016 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

The Chairman welcomed Lucy Hadfield, Police Constable Support Officer, who informed us that, as well as Blithfield, she covered Uttoxeter, Kingstone, Barton and Marchington. In answer to concerns of Councillors regarding speeding on the roads throughout the Parish, she advised the meeting that efforts were being made to mobilise a Speed Camera Team to monitor the area and hopefully this would take place in the new year. The subject of aggressive speeding aggregate lorries on the B5013 between the reservoir and Colton (particularly through Admaston and the bends at Hamley Heath) was a major concern to locals. She said that the police were aware of the problem but she was unable to offer any solution at present.

Admaston Telephone Kiosk – The Clerk reported that she was awaiting a reply from BT regarding the purchase of this kiosk.

Admaston Notice Board – After discussion it was agreed to purchase a new notice board from a local company for around £200

Admaston Village Hall Management Committee Accounts – After investigation it was agreed that the Parish Council did not require to have a copy of these accounts

Planning Applications

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, Smithy Lane, Admaston – ESBC refusal to permit 19 October 2016

P/2016/01128 Listed Consent for the repair works to the ha ha wall including one additional supporting buttress, Cloister House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – ESBC granted Listed Building consent 24 October 2016

P/2016/01205 Erection of a single storey rear extension, Old Post Office, 4 Steenwood Lane, Admaston – ESBC permits 20 October 2016

P/2016/01480 Crown reduction by 2 metres and reshaping of 1 yew tree, Admaston Village Hall, School Lane, Admaston – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

Financial

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Payments Made

Mrs D Clarke 6 month's salary to 30 September 2016	702.70
Mrs D Clarke expenses to 31 August 2016	94.67
Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31 October 2016)	210.00

Payments Received

ESBC Precept	2,037.00
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Correspondence

ESBC Neighbourhood Development Programme
Community Council of Staffordshire – Smart Meters

Any Other Business

HS2 Phase 2a - Discussion took place regarding this new phase from Handsacre to Crewe. The Chairman showed the meeting a Working Draft Report which included maps of the area that would be covered by this latest phase.

Retirement of Local Nurse – It was agreed to send a letter of thanks to the local nurse who had retired at the end of October after 24 years' service.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 6 January 2017 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

With there being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Signed Date