

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 6 November 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 F Pritchard, Miss J Capewell, Mrs P Nelson, Mr S Ashcroft, Ms A Vickers

Minutes: Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 4 September 2015 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

Security fencing outside Middle Farm – Discussion took place regarding the reply from the ESBC Planning Enforcement Officer to the Parish Council's letter. The Parish Council was not happy with the response and the Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Councillor for Bagots Ward accordingly

Invitation to County Councillor Phillip Atkins – The meeting was advised that he had accepted the invitation and would be attending the Parish Council meeting on 8 January 2016

Laminated cards regarding defibrillators – The wording on the cards has now been finalised and these will shortly be distributed to all households in the Parish

Planning Applications

P/2015/01054 Change of use from holiday let to permanent living accommodation, Blythmoor, School Lane, Admaston – ESBC permitted 6 October 2015

Financial

<u>Payments Received</u>	£
Precept for half year ending September 2015	2,006.54
<u>Payments Due</u>	
Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31/10/2015)	210.00
<u>Payments Made</u>	
Mrs D Clarke 6 months salary to 30/10/2015	702.70
Mrs D Clarke expenses to 31/8/2015	102.05

Correspondence

Neighbourhood Forum 2015 – confirmation of date and invitation to attend

Staffordshire Parish Councils Association – AGM

Staffordshire County Council – Highway Winter Operations

Any Other Business

Booth Lane water problem – The Chairman informed the meeting that work could now be completed at the site and was due take place before the end of November 2015.

Local Government Transparency Code 2014 – The Clerk informed the meeting that all smaller Parish Councils are now required to publish data and information specified in this Code on a website. Discussion took place on how best to achieve this and it was agreed to place this item on the agenda for the next meeting. It was suggested that a laptop be purchased for the dedicated use of the Parish Council.

Public Questions

Newton telephone box – The meeting was advised that this had now acquired “listed building” status and therefore no changes could be made to the colour. It was requested that the Admaston telephone box should similarly have “listed building” status. Discussion then took place regarding the placing of an old black telephone in the box, complete with a transparent plastic cover printed with the words “not in use”, to replicate the original ethos. It was decided that a ‘mock-up’ would be made to see if there would be room in the box to accommodate this.

HS2 - In response to a question from the floor, the meeting was informed that there was no new information to date.

School Lane, Admaston – It was reported that one oak post needed re-setting and another replacing.

Next meeting

The next Ordinary General meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 8 January 2016 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

With there being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Signed Date