

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 7 November 2014

Present: Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr G Smith, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Riley, Mr S Hulme, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk), and from the Parish, Miss J Capewell, Mr D Leech, Mr K Massey, Mrs P Nelson

Minutes: The minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 5 September 2014 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

The meeting was advised of the appointment of Mr Kevin Massey as the new Lengthsman

Planning Applications

P/2014/00814 Conversion and alterations of existing barn to form dependent relative accommodation including installation of roof lights, Newbuildings Farm, Lea Lane, Newton – ESBC permission granted 9 September 2014

P/2014/00990 Crown thinning of 4 Apple trees and 1 Plum tree and felling of 1 Beech tree, Blythmoor, School Lane, Admaston – No objection by ESBC 22 September 2014

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 ESBC 11 September 2014

P/2014/01027 Crown raising of 1 Turkish Hazel tree to 3 metres and felling of 2 self set Wild Cherry trees, 1 Crack Willow tree, 2 Holly trees and 2 Cypress Leylandii trees, Holly Cottage, 1 School Lane, Admaston – No objection by ESBC 9 September 2014

P/2014/01073 Felling of a Christmas tree (*abies nordmanniana*), Holly Cottage 1 School Lane, Admaston – No objection by ESBC 11 September 2014

P/2014/01309 Change of use of ancillary living accommodation to form a holiday let, Blythmoor, School Lane, Admaston – No objection by majority decision from Blithfield Parish Council

Financial

Payments Received

	£
Precept for half year ending September 2014	1,975.00

Payments Made

Mrs D Clarke 6 months salary to 30 September 2014	657.38
Mrs D Clarke expenses to 31 August 2014	63.72
L.G. Woodward Ltd, electricity supply for defibrillator	231.19
Mr W Poultney, Lengthsman (wages to 31/10/14)	210.00

Correspondence

Ethical Standards Training - It was agreed that three councillors and the clerk would be likely to attend

Neighbourhood Forum invitation

Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association – Annual Report and Accounts

Any Other Business

Booth Lane – The Chairman reported that Staffordshire Highways had approved the work under the road but it would not be started until after April 2015. Blithfield Parish Council would be expected to cover the costs/carry out the work on either side to complete the drainage.

Defibrillator – The Chairman suggested that a second defibrillator for the Parish should be purchased and placed in the old telephone box at Newton. Mr Leech agreed to pursue with West Midlands Ambulance Service/British Heart Foundation. Any attempt to more widely publicise/encourage further installations in other Parishes would be welcomed by West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Speeding – Councillor Hulme expressed concern regarding speeding cars on the Parish roads, in particular through Newton and Dapple Heath. PC Boulter to be made aware of specifics. A question was asked about the possibility of residents using a speed gun. The need for training was explained, together with reference to utilising the Abbots Bromley gun and its legal limitations.

Public Questions

It was suggested that if the old telephone box was going to be used to house a defibrillator the concrete surface outside the box needed to be repaired

It was reported that the reflectors on the posts on the corner of Lea Lane and Newton Lane are not as reflective as when they were first installed. Staffordshire Highways to be approached for more permanent fixing of new reflectors.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 9 January 2015 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