

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 3 March 2017

Present: Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr S Hulme, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Atkins, Mr D Leech, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish, Mr P Riley, Mr J Malein, Mr S Ashcroft, Ms A Vickers, Mr K Massey

Minutes: Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 6 January 2017 were agreed and signed. Minutes of the Planning Applications Meeting dated 30 January 2017 were agreed and signed

Matters Arising

Admaston Notice Board – This has now been purchased at a cost of £200 and erected on site

Planning Applications

P/2017/00007 Removal of one Silver Birch tree, three Sycamore trees, one Ash tree and one Cherry tree, crown reduction by 40% of three Birch trees and removal of spur from one Pine tree, Admaston Farmhouse, School Lane, Admaston – ESBC granted consent 15 February 2017

P/2017/00011 Pollarding of one Ash tree and crown reduction by 4 metres of one Oak tree, Wood View, School Lane, Admaston – ESBC granted consent 16 February 2017

Financial

Payments Made

	£
Admaston Village Hall Committee, hire of hall for 2016 meetings	87.50
Mr K Massey, Lengthsman (wages to 31 January 2017)	210.00

Payments Due

Mrs D Clarke 6 month's salary to 31 March 2017	702.70
Mrs D Clarke expenses to 28 February 2017	136.42

Correspondence

Blithfield PCC – Contribution towards the cost of maintenance of St Leonard's Churchyard – It was agreed that a grant of £200 be made towards the initial cut of the grass by the Parish Council's lengthsman

Community Council of Staffordshire – Diary of Village Festivals for 2017

ESBC – Neighbourhood Planning News

Community Council of Staffordshire – Best Kept Village Competition

Community Council of Staffordshire – Defra Report Survey

Any Other Business

Lea Lane as far as Drointon – Excess mud on the road from the erosion of the grass verges - After discussion the Chairman agreed to contact Biffa, in an attempt to establish what means they have in place to make good the damage caused by vehicles carrying waste products along the narrow lanes in the Parish.

School Lane, Admaston – Mud and potholes at the lower end of the lane – The Chairman reported that, after a site meeting with Staffordshire Highways, there was no money available to improve this particular area. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that the best way to resolve this problem would be for the householders to agree a solution between themselves.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of Blithfield Parish Council will be the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting, followed by an Ordinary General Meeting, is scheduled to take place on Friday 5 May 2017

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.

Signed Date