

# BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 5 May

**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 Walker, Mr C Watson, Mrs P Nelson, Mr S Ashcroft

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 3 March were agreed and signed.

### Matters Arising

Draft web pages – The Clerk reported that after receiving the draft web pages there were a few changes to be made, but the website should be finalised in the next few weeks

Agreement for sale and purchase of telephone kiosk in Admaston – The Clerk reported that this had been completed, the kiosk decommissioned and Blithfield Parish Council is now the legal owner.

### Planning Applications

P/2017/00300 Erection of a single storey extension on north and east facing elevations, Cherry Tree House, Smithy Lane, Admaston. Blithfield Parish Council objected to the proposed extension of the property being of a flat roof construction. It was felt that this was not acceptable in a conservation area. There is no flat roof residential extension in the hamlet and the proposal will not improve the visuals of the property or the area.

P/2017/00301 Demolition of existing building to facilitate the erection of a replacement agricultural building for animal shelter and storage building, Cherry Tree House, Smithy Lane, Admaston. Blithfield Parish Council objected to this application on grounds that the height and footprint of the proposed structure was excessive for the 1.05 acre of land it would occupy within a conservation area. It would be easily visible from the road and in fact not appropriate to the area.

P/2017/00480 Felling of one Leylandii tree and one Cherry tree, Holly Cottage, 1 School Lane, Admaston, Councillor Leech expressed a personal interest in this application and abstained from any discussion. No objection from Blithfield Parish Council.

### Financial

#### Payments Made

|  | £      |
|--|--------|
| BT for telephone kiosk                         | 1.00   |
| Staffordshire Parish Councils Association      | 85.00  |
| Mrs D Clarke 6 month's salary to 31 March 2017 | 702.70 |
| Mrs D Clarke expenses to 28 February 2017      | 136.42 |

#### Payments Due

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|--|-------|
| Abbots Bromley First Responders donation | 50.00 |
| Donna Louise Trust donation              | 50.00 |
| Midlands Air Ambulance donation          | 50.00 |
| St Giles Hospice donation                | 50.00 |
| British Heart Foundation donation        | 50.00 |

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| Katherine House Hospice donation | 50.00 |
| CPRE                             | 50.00 |

**Correspondence**

SCC – Community Paths Initiative – Bids for 2017/2018  
SCC – Neighbourhood Highway Team limited availability

**Any Other Business**

Standing Orders for Blithfield Parish Council to be adopted – These were adopted after agreeing some alterations

Oak posts in School Lane, Admaston – It was reported that two of the posts were loose in their post holes.

Well in School Lane – Thanks was given by the Councillors to the parishioners responsible for painting the well in School Lane

**Public Questions**

Erosion of grass verges in Blithfield – A question was asked regarding whether any progress had been made relating to the damage caused by heavy vehicles transporting converted waste along the narrow lanes in the Parish.

Village Hall Car Park – Concern was expressed regarding the flooding at the entrance to the car park. Quotes for rectifying the problem are to be obtained.

**Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary General Meeting is scheduled to take place on Friday 7 July 2017 in Admaston Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.40p.m.

Signed ..... Date .....