

**BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 4 January 2019**

**Present:** Mr A Vernon (Chairman), Mr S Hulme, Mrs P Massey, Mr P Atkins, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish Mr P Riley, Mr S Ashcroft

**Apologies:** Mr D Leech

**Minutes:** Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 2 November 2018 were agreed and signed.

**Matters Arising**

Services from Staffordshire County Council – State of roads in the area. After agreeing a sample agenda for a joint meeting of neighbouring parishes, it was decided that this would take place on Wednesday 6 March 2019

Updated Risk Assessment sheet – this was completed and signed as from January 2019

**Planning Applications**

P/2018/01230 Erection of an agricultural building for the housing of livestock and storage (Amended Description), Booth Meadow Farm, Booth Lane, The Blythe. ESBC permits 2 January 2019

**Financial**

<u>Payments received</u>	£
VAT refund to 31 December 2018	207.80
<u>Payments Due</u>	
Mr K Massey, Parish Lengthsman	500.00

Parish Precept – Budget for 2019/2020 As there has been no increase in the Parish Council budget since 2010 (the additional expenditure that has occurred was met by reserved funds), it was agreed that there had to be an increase of £33.95 per year on a band D property in the 2019/2020 budget; the Parish Precept being £4,715.

**Correspondence**

Western Power Distribution – Winter Resilience Committee launched to help protect vulnerable people across the UK (via email)

Community Transport Service – Little Staffie – withdrawal of financial support by Staffordshire County Council

**Any Other Business**

Gas Distribution Centre, Booth Lane – It was reported that the perimeter hedges were very overgrown. It was agreed that contact should be made with a view to the owners reducing the height.

Newton Sign – It was thought that the sign indicating the approach to Newton from Lea Heath did not give road users sufficient warning before turning left into the village.

**Next Meeting**

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Friday 1 March 2019.

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

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