

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

Present: Mr P Atkins (Chairman), Mr S Hulme (Vice Chairman), Mrs P Massey, Mrs D Clarke (Clerk) and from the Parish Mr P Riley, Mr J Walker

Apologies: Mr A Vernon, Mr K Massey

Minutes: Minutes of the Annual General Meeting dated 10 May 2019 were agreed and signed. Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 10 May 2019 were agreed and signed. Minutes of the Planning Applications Meeting dated 18 June 2019 were agreed and signed.

Matters Arising

Appointment of new Lengthsman – A new lengthsman for Blithfield has been appointed, starting 1 July 2019.

Planning Applications

P/2019/00646 Replacement windows to the front and rear elevations and installation of two rooflights, Stansley Wood Court, The Arches, Newton Hurst Lane, Dapple Heath – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council.

Financial

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| | £ |
| Current Account | 7,259.56 |
| Deposit Account | 2,132.91 |
| Village Hall Account | 284.68 |

Correspondence

ESBC – Parish/Town Council Representative on the Borough Council’s Standards Committee (via email). It was considered as little or no value to the Parish.

VE Day 75 – Participation in VE Day 75 – outlining plans being organised (via email). It was decided to place this on the agenda for the September meeting when numbers interested in any event taking place were known.

Community Foundation for Staffordshire – Rural Development Fund (via email). Not applicable to the Parish.

ESBC – Supplementary Planning Document consultations (via email). Not applicable.

HS2 - Amended Bill, Plans, Sections and Book of Reference (via email). Believed to have no direct effect on the Parish other than proposal to install overhead power transmission lines between Newborough and Colton. At the moment, the whole project is up for discussion in Parliament.

Donation to Charities – Thank you letters have been received from our charities

Trent Valley Collaboration Group – Copy of minutes dated 5 June 2019. It was agreed to email the local parish representatives who attended the meeting regarding Services from Staffordshire County Council, organised by Blithfield Parish Council in September 2018, to see if they were still interested in scheduling another meeting in September this year.

Any Other Business

Bollards on corner of Manor Lane and Newton Lane – It was reported that these had all been damaged after grass cutting had taken place. Staffordshire County Council Highways have been notified.

Speeding, racing and noise from Cars and Motorbikes – Complaints are continuing to be received about these problems across the reservoir causeway and down Admaston bank towards Colton. The Police are being informed on an on-going basis although we have had no formal response.

Lack of Superfast Broadband and poor mobile phone reception – An in-depth discussion took place regarding this subject to see how this could be resolved but no solution is forthcoming at the moment.

Public Questions

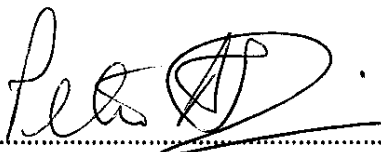
Mobile Phone signals in parts of the Parish – The mobile phone signal concern was confirmed and a question was asked as to whether it was possible to get a repeater to improve the signal.

Defibrillator Pads – It was reported that these could now be supplied by West Midlands Ambulance Service.

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday 5 September 2019 at 7.00 p.m.

With there being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8 p.m.

Signed  Date 5/9/19