

BLITHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 5 September 2019

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

Minutes: Minutes of the Ordinary General Meeting dated 4 July 2019 were agreed and signed. Minutes of the Planning Applications Meeting dated 24 July were agreed and signed.

Councillors Declared Interests: Mr K Massey regarding Planning Application P/2019/00995

Matters Arising

Participation in VE Day 2020 – The Chairman informed the meeting that initial arrangements had been made to celebrate this event on 8 May 2020. It was decided to discuss this again at the January Parish Council meeting.

Mobile Phone signals in parts of the Parish – A report is expected and will be discussed at the January Parish Council meeting.

Planning Applications

P/2019/00790 Tree works to 7 Yew trees comprising crown lifting to give a 2 metre clearance to allow moving (trees 5, 6 and 7) and pruning of trees 1-4, St Leonards Church, Blithfield Church Road, Admaston – ESBC no objection 2 August 2019

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 – ESBC permits 16 August 2019

P/2019/00995 Crown reduction by 1-2 metres and crown raise to 2.5metres to 3 Yew trees (T1, T2, T4), crown reduction by 3-4 metres and crown raise to 2.5 metres to 1 Yew tree (T3), crown reduction by 3-4 metres and crown raise to 2.5 metres to 1 Sycamore (T5), crown reduction by 2-3 metres and crown raise to 2.5 metres (T6) and remove lowest limb over drive to one Cedar (T7) (TPO 60 and 67), Bagot Lodge, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – no objection from Blithfield Parish Council

P/2019/00728 Listed Building Consent for the removal of partition on second floor, removal of lime ash floor on second floor and replace with oak boards with insulation, Oriol House, Blithfield Hall Drive, Blithfield Hall, Admaston – ESBC grants Listed Building Consent 28 August 2019

Financial	£
Current Account	6,795.00
Deposit Account	2,213.09
Village Hall Account	284.68
<u>Payments Due</u>	
Mrs D Clarke – Expenses to 31 August 2019	74.10
Mrs D Clarke – Half year salary to 30 September 2019	875.16

It was agreed to increase the Parish Clerk's hourly rate to bring it into line with nationally recommended rates of remuneration.

Correspondence

Consultation: Staffordshire County Council's draft revised Statement of Community Involvement (via email). The Parish had no comments to make

Cadent Gas Limited – Update on work at Drointon site, Booth Lane (via email). This was noted

ESBC – Burton Flood Risk Management Scheme July Newsletter (via email). This was noted
Small Habitats Grant Fund – GBSKLEP – Small Grants Project (via email). Not applicable to the Parish

CPRE Staffordshire – Tree and Hedge Planting for your Community (via email). This was noted

ESBC – Consultation for Public Space Protection Orders (via email). This was noted

Any Other Business

It was reported that a property within the Parish has had a section of its garden enclosed with a high fence in which two dwellings have been installed. The ESBC Enforcement Officer has been notified.

The Rural Parish Councils Group – The next meeting has been arranged for 31 October 2019. Items for the agenda were discussed and other Parishes will be asked for any items they wish to include.

Steenwood Lane – It was reported that a gully was blocked and the road surface was uneven and could cause damage to cars which do not have a very high ground clearance.

Chairman's meeting with Police – Discussions took place regarding an alternative method to telephoning 101 for emergency assistance, this includes the use of the new IT system that the police have adopted and which they consider to have a faster response.

Flooding on boundary opposite old Village Hall – The Chairman to investigate.

Traffic on the narrow Blithfield roads – Concern was expressed that there seems to be no care and attention given by both motorists and cyclists using these roads.

Tree felling in Conservation Area – It was reported that a large tree had been cut down without the appropriate planning application. Awaiting response from the ESBC Enforcement Officer.

Fly Tipping – Concern was expressed that once again this had happened in Admaston lay-by.

Speeding on Blithfield Reservoir causeway – This is still a problem

Next Meeting

The next Ordinary General Meeting of Blithfield Parish Council is scheduled to take place on Thursday 7 November 2019

With there being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Signed

7/11/19

Date