

NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING (LGA 1972)

**To Members of the Parish Council:**

Cllr P Atkins, Cllr S Hulme, Cllr P Massey, Cllr A Vernon, Cllr K Massey.

This NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of Blithfield Parish Council will be held at Admaston Village Hall, School Lane, Admaston WS15 3NH commencing at 7.00 pm on Thursday 07.11.2024 and members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of transacting the following business. The meeting will be open to the public unless the Council otherwise directs. (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Issued by - *Mrs Fiona Shipley* (Clerk)

Date: 01 November 2024

**Agenda**

- 24.11.01 To accept Apologies for Absence
- 24.11.02 To accept the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 12.09.2024
- 24.11.03 To receive declarations of Interest by members in respect of items on the agenda
- 24.11.04 Matters arising from the minutes
- 24.11.05 Clerk Update
- a) Green Waste Collection
  - b) We have received an invitation to have a tree at the St Nicholas Church Abbots Bromley Christmas tree festival.
  - c) Robert Pritchard the new County Officer of the SPCA has commenced work.
  - d) The SPCA AGM is on 16 December 2024 in Stafford.
  - e) Emergency plan for the unexpected absence of parish clerk – instructions have been given to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
  - f) East Staffordshire Borough Council are holding a Town and Parish Forum on 21 November 2024.
  - g) Agree dates of future meetings 6 March 2025, 15 May 2025, 3 July 2025, 28 August 2025
  - h) NALC have a new website. Councillors are encouraged to set up their own accounts so that they can access all the information on it.
  - i) Staffordshire County Council are working on a Local Transport Plan, more information can be found on the parish council website.
  - j) National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has reached an agreement on rates of pay applicable from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025. The clerk should now be paid £14.36/hour (SCP12) back dated to 1 April 2024 in line with her contract.
- 24.11.06 Public Participation. (this will be limited to 20 minutes per standing orders and 5 minutes per person)

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- 24.11.07 Upgrade of Broadband in the Parish – we have confirmation that a company called Direct Fibre will be building full fibre broadband within a 3 year project for hard to reach areas, in Adamaston.
- 24.11.08 To receive oral report from Borough and County Councillors
- 24.11.09 To receive Chairman’s report
- 24.11.10 Police and Crime – more information can be found at <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/>  
Needwood area 63 crimes in July 2024, 52 crimes in August 2024
- 24.11.11 Speeding Cars and Motorbikes S59 signs.
- 24.11.12 Admaston telephone box – Although confirmation has been received that our application is suitable for funding, there is no money left for this year.
- 24.11.13 Admaston Village Hall Update.
- 24.11.14 Planning
- a) New
- b) Pending P/2024/00371 Conversion and alterations of former education centre to form 7 no dwelling houses with associated works. Location: Blithfield Education Centre, Newton Hurst Lane, Dapple Heath, Staffordshire, WS15 3PH
- c) Decisions P/2024/00643 Retention of two unauthorised windows on north east elevation  
Location: 2 Stansley Wood Cottages, Newton Hurst Lane, Dapple Heath, Staffordshire, WS15 3PH  
Grid Ref: 405284 325116 PERMITS
- P/2024/00515 Retention of a single storey rear extension, the alteration of a pitched roof to flat roof and associated alterations including installation of first floor side window Location: 1 Stansley Wood Cottages, Newton Hurst Lane, Dapple Heath, WS15 3PH Grid Ref: 405282 325123 PERMITS
- P/2024/00858 Felling of one multi-stem Lleylandii tree Location: Blithfield Hall, Uttoxeter Road, Admaston, Staffordshire, WS15 3NL Grid Ref: 404474 323943 NO OBJECTION
- P/2024/00850 Installation of roof mounted 76.56kW solar PV system comprising of 176 x Canadian Solar 435w modules Location: Newbuildings Farm, Lea Lane, Newton, Staffordshire, WS15 3NR Grid Ref: 403147 325584 PERMITS
- d) Anticipated planning application for Moreton Brook Solar Farm by Aura Power south of Newton. No application has been received. The parish council will keep a watching brief on this matter.
- e) P/2019/01105 Leaways, Newton – apparent non-compliance with planning decision. Within 6 months of the date of this consent a scheme of landscaping to provide a native species hedge for the land in front of the fencing hereby approved has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The planning enforcement officer has spoken to the proprietor of the property and he hopes the hedge will be planted by the end of November. The black polythene is not a breach of planning regulations.

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24.11.15 Highways and Lengthsman

- a) Booth Lane Potholes – majority repaired
- b) Newton Lane Pothole – majority repaired
- c) Newton Hurst Lane Road Surface – majority repaired
- d) Grit bin – Rectory Farm – hope that this will be sorted as part of regular schedule next autumn
- f) School Lane, Admaston – replacement of verge posts, notification received that these are the responsibility of the parish or ESBC but not SCC highways.
- h) ESBC and Admaston signage upgrade on B5013 – Staffordshire County Council have now agreed that they are responsible for removal of the ESBC sign if ESBC are not willing to replace it. Clerk has asked that they remove it and lower the Admaston sign to the usual height of village signs.

24.11.16 Finance. a)

Ref/Cheque	Item	Amount
SO 28.08.24	Fiona Shipley – Parish Admin	£220.65
Chq 597 11.09.24	K Massey Lengthsman	£600
Chq 598 11.09.24	British Heart Foundation	£100
Chq 599 11.09.24	Rugeley First Responders	£100
Chq 600 11.09.24	Midlands Air Ambulance	£100
Chq 601 11.09.24	Katharine House Hospice	£100
Chq 602 11.09.24	Douglas Macmillan Children's Hospice	£100
Chq 603 11.09.24	St Giles Hospice	£100
Chq 604 11.09.24	Admaston Village Hall Hire and defib electricity	£130
Chq 605 12.09.24	Fiona Shipley clerks expences /working from home allowance	£165.90
A/c Balance 01.10.24	A/c 054 £4741.95	A/c 575 £5076.00

2<sup>nd</sup> precept payment £2718.00 received 20.09.2024

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b) to approve the budget for 2025 – 2026, previously circulated to parish councillors and agree precept for 2025 -2026.

c) A mid year audit carried out by Cllr A Vernon 16.10.2024

24.11.17 To discuss any other business including items for the next agenda

24.11.18 Date of next meeting - 09.01.25