

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 12.09.2024 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: 09 September 2024

Agenda

- 24.09.01 To accept Apologies for Absence
- 24.09.02 To accept the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 11.07.2024
- 24.09.03 To receive declarations of Interest by members in respect of items on the agenda
- 24.09.04 Matters arising from the minutes
- Defibrillator – assistant custodian – Nicola Birch has volunteered to assist Paul Riley
- 24.09.05 Clerk Update
- a) Green Waste Collection
- b) Communities Strategy - The county council has been developing a Communities Strategy, to set out how it will work with residents across the county and with partners including town and parish councils. For the first time, this will set the long term vision and a set of key priority areas for the council to focus on in partnership with others.
- c) Newsletter - the 2nd newsletter of the year has been distributed by email and the parish notice boards.
- d) Rural Speed Limits - The SPCA executive committee are interested in parish councils thoughts in them developing a policy position on rural speed limits. Should they for instance, push for more 20 mph stretches around all schools. Are there other situations where 20 mph should be considered?
- Is it possible to identify criteria for proposing limits other than the current national speed limit which applies on most rural roads?
- e) Emergency plan for the unexpected absence of parish clerk.
- 24.09.06 Public Participation. (this will be limited to 20 minutes per standing orders and 5 minutes per person)
- 24.09.07 Upgrade of Broadband in the Parish – There is some reason for optimism that the work to upgrade Admaston to Superfast Broadband will be contracted by the end of the summer.
- 24.09.08 To receive oral report from Borough and County Councillors

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- 24.09.09 To receive Chairman's report
- 24.09.10 Police and Crime – more information can be found at <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/>
Needwood area 66 crimes in May 2024, 42 crimes in June 2024
- 24.09.11 Speeding Cars and Motorbikes S59 signs. Escalation in anti-social behaviour.
- 24.09.12 Admaston telephone box – Re-instating, possible grant from Cllr Philip Atkins Community Fund.
Repainting Newton telephone box.

To approve Cllr K Massey's plan for reinstatement and to consider use as a community exchange or other community use. Plan circulated to councillors by email prior to the meeting.
- 24.09.13 Admaston Village Hall Update.
- 24.09.14 Planning
- a) New 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

P/2024/00858 Felling of one multi-stem Lleylandii tree Location: Blithfield Hall, Uttoxeter Road, Admaston, Staffordshire, WS15 3NL Grid Ref: 404474 323943

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

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
- 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/2024/00365 Prune the side of the canopy back by up to 1.5m to clear the building of one Yew tree (T18), reduce and shape the canopy by up to 2m of one Cherry tree (T49). Location: The Old Rectory, Blithfield Church Road, Admaston, Staffordshire, WS15 3NL Grid Ref: 404196 323966
APPROVAL DELEGATED
- 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.

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24.09.15 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.

24.09.16 Finance. a)

Ref/Cheque	Item	Amount
SO 28.06.24	Fiona Shipley – Parish Admin	£220.65
Chq 596 11.07.24	Clerks expenses	£119.30
SO 29.07.24	Fiona Shipley – Parish Admin	£220.65
A/c Balance 29.07.24	A/c 054 £3561.15	A/c 575 £5066.68

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

24.09.18 Date of next meeting - 07.11.2024