

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Jennings (Chairman), Colclough, Mrs Baskin, Mrs Brayford, Brunt, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Lovatt, McNaught, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor & Mrs Wheat

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 3 members of the public, Mr Bill Waller (Bio-diversity Officer, Stafford BC), S. Beck (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Evans, BC Roycroft and BC Dodson

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public presented details of a proposed industrial and housing development in Cresswell. Approval for the development had been given by Staffordshire Moorlands DC, despite considerable opposition from local communities. The proposal was now with National Planning Unit, who will decide whether the application should be called in by the Secretary of State. Support to the objection of this development was being sought from the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported on three items raised by the public in emails/telephone calls.

*Balaam Lane, Moss Gate* – it had been reported that people walking their dogs were letting them off the leads and in one instance a resident's car had been damaged by a dog carrying a stick.

*Grass verge by sub-station on 'Creda' roundabout* – contractors, assumed to be Western Power, had left the grass verge in a poor state of repair.

*Bus shelter, Stallington* – further complaint regarding the graffiti on the bus shelter

**33/15 PRESENTATION FROM BILL WALLER**

Mr Waller explained to the council that the wildlife meadow area on Grindley Park will take some time to develop. Meir Heath school is again interested in doing some work on the site later in the year. Following a suggestion from Councillors it was agreed that an information board should be erected to explain what is happening. Further information will also be included in the next parish newsletter.

Mr Waller also briefed the council on ongoing issues with a piece of the common land which is opposite the Rough Close Common top carpark. It is likely that the Borough Council will plant some trees in this area. Following a question from Cllr Colclough Mr Waller confirmed that the pond opposite the bottom common will be cleared this spring.

**34/15 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**35/15 POLICE REPORT**

No report, however Cllr. Mrs Jennings reported that she had received feedback from the police concerning the car(s) parked on Stone Road close to the junction with Lightwood Road. The police have said there is no offence being committed, therefore they cannot take

action, however they will send letters to all the residents in this row of houses asking them to be more considerate with their parking.

### **36/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Cresswell development* – the Clerk was asked to write to the National Planning Unit outlining the Parish Council’s objections on the following grounds:

- the local services to support this development are totally inadequate with local schools, including Fulford, already oversubscribed
- highway issues, which will create considerable extra volumes of traffic on rural roads, that were not built to cater for large volumes of traffic, particularly commercial traffic;
- trunk road A50 issues, with local villages already having to cope with overspill traffic from this very busy trunk road;
- lack of public transport;
- contamination of the current site;
- mix of housing with the industrial estate;

*Balaams Lane* – details to be reported to the Borough Council’s dog warden

*Grass verge* – the Clerk to contact the County Council with a view to getting the verge reinstated to a reasonable state

*Bus shelter* – additional frosting to be applied to cover the whole panel.

### **37/15 MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

### **38/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

Borough Councillor Holmes reported the following:

- Stallington Hall has a new owner and we await developments
- Stafford BC have written to Staffordshire Moorlands DC re: proposed gypsy site developments on Uttoxeter Road. Early stages and no decision have been made at this stage.
- Borough Council are waiting for a reply from the County Council re: roundabout at junction of Fulford Lane/Stallington Lane.
- Fence on Tesco roundabout damaged again plus the iron railings onto the sliproad. The County Council will be informed.

### **39/15 FINANCE**

#### **(a) Accounts for Payment**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That authority be given for cheques to be issued in settlement of the invoices shown in the accounts for payment attached as an Appendix to the signed minutes.

#### **(b) FoSSA’s Staffordshire Tithe Map Digitisation Project**

##### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that a donation of £160 should be made to this project.

#### **(c) Membership of the Community Council of Staffordshire**

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the Parish council should join this organisation and pay the annual fee of £25

**40/15 PLANNING**

**(a) Applications**

The following decisions made by the Planning Sub-Committee were reported to the meeting:

That no objections be raised to the following application:

15/22033/FUL - Windmill Hill Day Nursery, Windmill Hill, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – form access ramp and extend playground terrace

15/22047/HOU – 2 Greenacres Avenue, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension to dwelling

15/21990/FUL – Alder Grange, 51 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of condition 2 of 11/16194/FUL – increased size of bedrooms

15/21973/FUL – Rosedale Croft, Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath – variations to conditions 2 & 5 of appl. no. 12/17151

**(b) Decisions**

The following decisions were reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

**Approved:**

14/21533/FUL – 136 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – amendment to original application

15/21663/HOU – Hawthorn Cottage, Meadow Lane, Fulford – refurbishment of existing cottage, demolition of single-storey kitchen and front porch, new 2-storey rear extension, conservatory and front porch

15/21728/HOU – The Willows, Fulford Road, Fulford – orangery to rear of property

**Refused:**

15/21597/HOU – Cavendish House, 47A Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed rear extension

**(c) Other Planning Issues**

None

**41/15 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

**(a) Items - the notice of which was given to the Clerk**

As instructed, the Clerk included the following matters on the agenda for this meeting and the topics were then discussed by members:-

- Ceramic Poppies

**RESOLVED:**

1. Cllr Miss Noblett presented proposals for the mounting of some of the ceramic poppies and putting them on permanent display in one or both of the parish's village halls. Fulford ward members felt more thought needed to be given as to how many and where the poppies should be displayed, given that there is 17 named individuals on the war memorial and graves in Fulford Church. It was agreed that the item be carried over to the May meeting.

**(b) Adopt a Kiosk**

Details had been circulated with the meeting papers.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that more information should be obtained on this BT scheme with perhaps Rough Close kiosk to be considered as a pilot for the parish.

**(c) Community Paths Initiative**

The Clerk reported that this scheme was again open for bids.

**RESOLVED:**

It was suggested that funding be sought for a toposcope board for Rough Close common, as well as some additional tools for the strimmer.

**(d) Request for 'name plate' for Moss Gate**

Details of the request had been circulated with the meeting papers.

**RESOLVED:**

The parish council supported this request, albeit on a smaller scale to the Fulford sign. The residents of Moss Gate are asked to provide more details to the council of the proposed design and costs.

**(e) Nomination to Fulford Village Hall Management Committee**

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that Cllr Holmes would be the Parish Council representative on the village hall management committee

**42/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members' Digest (206)

Stafford Borough Council – annual council & Mayor making ceremony 16<sup>th</sup> May

Stafford Borough Council – Mayor's charity appeal 30<sup>th</sup> April

Staffordshire County Council – confirmation of public footpaths 14 & 17 diversions.

**43/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN