

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 14th APRIL 2016 AT 7.45 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Garside, Holmes, Lovatt, Mrs Jennings, Monks, Morris, Mycock, McNaught, Miss Noblett &, Oxby. Cllr Inscker for minute 38 onwards

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Dodson & S. Beck (Clerk) & 1 member of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brunt, Colclough & Flackett and BC Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised the issue of flooding on Hilderstone Road. The Clerk also reported on correspondence he had received concerning speeding in Golborn Avenue and the lack of a crossing point on Hilderstone Road.

34/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

35/16 POLICE REPORT

None.

36/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Flooding Hilderstone Road – the issue to be raised with the County Highways department.
Golborn Avenue – following a suggestion from the member of the public the County Council will be asked to put '20 is Plenty' signs up on Golborn Avenue by the school.
Crossing Hilderstone Road – the issue to be again raised with the County Council.

37/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th March 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Dodson reported on the following:

- A large number of planning applications are being received by the Borough;
- Short list to fill the soon to be vacant Chief Executive post currently being drawn up;
- Stallington Hall – discussions on this development are being undertaken with the Planning Officer.

39/16 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.

40/16 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:

16/23761/HOU – 18 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – new dropped kerb

16/23372/FUL(amended) – Stallington Hall, Fulford Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – conversion & extension of existing building to form 26 apartments with 3 townhouses and a lodge and associated parking

That objection to approval be raised on the following application:

16/ 23948/FUL – Rear of 5 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath – erection of 3 detached dwellings to the rear of 5 Golborn Avenue. The reasons for objection are:

- The proposal does not comply with the Plan for Stafford Borough in that the development proposed is on a garden land site and is not within one of the key service villages identified in the Plan;
- The development will increase the level of noise and traffic for neighbouring properties;
- The development will overlook properties nos. 33 & 35 Birkholme Drive;
- The properties in Birkholme Drive have been subject to flooding in the past and this development could well exacerbate the problem

16/23921/FUL – Land at 375 Sandon Road, Meir Heath – demolish existing bungalow and detached garage and erect 1 detached dormer bungalow and 1 detached house. The reasons for objection are:

- The proposal does not comply with the Plan for Stafford Borough in that the development proposed is on a garden land site and is not within one of the key service villages identified in the Plan;
- The development will have an adverse impact on the surrounding area due to the layout of the proposal which will see the development in front of the building line of adjacent properties

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

16/23789/HOU – 9 The Grove, Blythe Bridge – demolition of existing garage, construction of single-storey side extension and 1st floor single-storey front extension to form ensuite

16/23610/HOU – Blythe Cottage, Ridgway Drive Blythe Bridge – 2-storey extension above existing ground floor lounge and dining area

16/23506/FUL – land at Stone Road, Rough Close – construction of access into agricultural land

Refused:

15/23104/HOU – Heather Crest, Church Close, Meir Heath – erection of fence along boundary of Heather Crest and St Francis Church

16/23617/PAR – Barn at Woodview, Fulford Road, Spot Acre – conversion of existing agricultural barn to form class C3 dwellinghouse.

41/16 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:-

- Brown bins;
- Cross roads at Spot Acre and Blacklake;
- 30mph speed limit in Meir Heath.

RESOLVED:

1. Cllr Mrs Jennings raised an issue concerning the Borough Councils decision to charge £35 for an additional brown bin. She felt this was unfair and penalised those individuals who cut grass other than their own. The decision of the Parish Council was not to oppose this charge and to take no further action.
2. Awaiting a response from the County Council as they said they would look at the accident statistics and see whether any action was warranted.
3. Also awaiting a response from the County Council on this issue.

(b) Defibrillators in Fulford Parish

RESOLVED:

Little progress had been made with this item therefore it was agreed that a working group be set up to try and drive the work forward..

(c) Grit Bin outside Fulford School

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a grit bin should be purchased to be placed outside the school.

(d) Proposal to tarmac top path on Grindley Park

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the path should be tarmaced at a cost of £1150.

(e) Nomination to Fulford Village Hall Management Committee

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Cllr Holmes would be the Council's nomination.

42/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT

It was reported that, following a meeting with Stafford and Rural Homes, it would be possible to progress allotments on the Hilderstone Road site. Further information is

required on what is involved in running allotments and the Clerk will arrange for further information to be presented to the Council.

Cllr Miss Noblett reported on a meeting of the Grindley Park group

The Clerk reported on a liaison meeting he had attended at Stone Town Council

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford BC – Monthly digest (219)

Stafford BC – Mayor Making Ceremony.

Stafford BC – Pride in Your Patch Award

43/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 12th May 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN