

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th APRIL 2017 AT 8.00 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Garside, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mc Naught, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Mrs White

IN ATTENDANCE: BCs Dodson & S. Beck (Clerk) & 15 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Colclough, Flackett, Inscker, Lovatt & Morris & BC Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issues had been raised by members of the public during the Annual Parish Meeting which preceded this meeting.

Leadendale Lane – several members of the public were present from Leadendale Lane, Rough Close seeking the Council’s support to get the road repaired and then in their drive to get the road adopted by Staffordshire County Council.

Tesco roundabout, Blythe Bridge and Uttoxeter Road – concerns were raised regarding the discarded metal road signs on the roundabout and with the amount of litter emanating from McDonalds restaurant which was not only making Uttoxeter Road untidy, but also, in the view of residents, has increased the rat population in the area.

Anti-social behaviour on Sandon Road – there have been incidents of anti-social behaviour linked to 400A Sandon Road which is run as a care home for teenage children.

Windmill Hill – the footpath at the bottom of Windmill Hill (opposite the pub) is overgrown with vegetation and has substantially narrowed the footpath.

32/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Mrs Jennings asked that it be noted that she had family members amongst members of the public present.

33/17 POLICE REPORT

None.

34/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Leadendale Lane – Cllr Mrs Jennings reported that, thanks to the work done by Cllr. Lovatt, Stafford and Rural Homes (SARH) had agreed to re-surface the Lane. However, it would be necessary for SARH to work with the County Council to ensure any work carried out meets their minimum requirements for adoption.

Tesco roundabout – it was agreed that McDonald’s would be approached with a view to cutting down on litter, Forsbrook Parish Council would also be asked if they could help with the litter on the Staffordshire Moorlands side of Uttoxeter Road and the Highways agency would be asked to remove discarded signs.

Anti-social behaviour Sandon Road – Stafford Borough Council to be approached re: ownership of the property and details to be reported to OFSTED and the police.

Windmill Hill – to be put forward as a priority for the Neighbourhood Highway Team.

35/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th March 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

BC Dodson reported the following:

- The Borough Council is dealing with some major planning issues, particularly the Weston by-pass in Stafford and Westbridge Park, Stone.
- The new Borough Council's Chief Executive visited the parish on 17th March.
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37/17 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) Request for support from Stone Lions Club

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The Council asked that the Clerk obtain more information on this initiative before making a decision. In particular, why has this not been done by GPs, as had been the experience of some Council members and how many individuals from Fulford Parish had used this service in the previous year?

38/17 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 applications:

17/25749/FUL – Black Lake Farm, 85 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – demolition of existing dwelling and agricultural buildings and erection of replacement dwelling

17/25882/FUL – Mount Pleasant Farm, Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath – demolition of existing dwelling & erection of 2.5 storey house

17/25913/PAR – Unit 4 land at Gorsty Birch Farm, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse

17/25763/FUL – land at 361 Sandon Road, Meir Heath – demolition of existing dwelling & construction of new dwelling

17/25876/HOU – 19 Balaams Lane, Moss Gate, Stone – proposed 2-storey side extension

17/25908/FUL – Replacement dwelling Field Farm, Moss Gate, Stone – demolition of existing 2-storey dwelling & erection of new 2-storey dwelling

(b) Decisions

The following decision was reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

Allowed:

17/25566/HOU - Long Lane Head Farm, Long lane, Fulford – replacement garage with home office in loft above.

17/25511/HOU – 28 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – proposed dropped kerb.

17/25576/HOU – 20 Leadendale Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed 2-storey rear extension & attached garage.

17/25700/FUL – Glenwood, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed demolition of existing bungalow and construction of purpose designed detached dormer bungalow.

17/25797/HOU – 11 Field Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension to rear and single storey garage to side

Refused:

17/1725697/OUT – Land adjacent to 61 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – outline application for a single dwelling

39/17 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: -

- Parking outside schools
- First aid training
- Social media
- Meir Heath windmill
- Anti-social behaviour on Sandon Road
- Parking on grass verge outside the post office, Meir Heath

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed Staffordshire County Council should be contacted to see what action the Crossing Patrol person outside Meir Heath school can take to deal with cars parking at the crossing point.
2. To include an item in the next Newsletter.
3. Cllr. McNaught agreed to manage the Council's Facebook page.
4. To be deferred until the June meeting
5. Dealt with under item 34/17.
6. Agreed that putting planters in place is the best option. County Council to be contacted for permission.

(b) Community Paths Initiative

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed possible work on Footpath 33 (Fulford) should be considered.

(c) Nomination of representative to Fulford VHMC

RESOLVED:

Cllr Holmes was nominated.

40/76 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Taylor reported on a recent meeting of the allotments sub-group and the Clerk informed the meeting that SARH were still interested in allowing the land on Hilderstone Road to be used for allotments.

Councillor Holmes reported that the seat in Saverley Green would be installed shortly and that it was still intended to replace the windows in the phonebox at Rough Close. Congratulations were also given to Cllr. Holmes for his Community Initiative Award in relation to the work he has done with the installation of the defibrillators.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted: -

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (231)
CPRE - Newsletter

41/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Planning format
- Parking in Adamthwaite Close
- Trees in Stallington Road

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened **at Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 18th May 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN