



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2019 AT 7.15 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Brunt, Cllr Baskin, Cllr Noblett, Cllr Colcough, Cllr Sandiford, Cllr Mycock, Cllr Lovatt, Cllr Monks, Cllr Flackett, Cllr Oxby, Cllr Bloor Cllr White, Cllr Cooke, Cllr Garside.

IN ATTENDANCE: PCSO Rebecca Powell, PC Paul Smith

APOLOGIES: Borough Cllr Roycroft, Cllr McNaught

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Chairman Brunt welcomed PCSO Powell and PC Smith to the meeting.

Cllr White asked the officers if they had any update on the issue with the anti-social behaviour in the area around Blythe Bridge.

PC Smith explained that a dispersal notice will be used if needed and Inspector Thorley from Leek Police is coordinating the approach to the issues with the clashes between young people from Blythe and Meir.

Cllr Cooke asked if anything had been mentioned about “Nottingham Knockers” another incident had taken place in Rough Close. Pc Smith asked members of the public to ring 999 if a crime was in progress to enable the police to coordinate their response.

1. Cllr Noblett reported that a member of the public had reported to her that there were bikes being ridden on Rough Close Common
2. An email had been received into the Clerk regarding the area around Ghandi restaurant in Saverley Green.
3. An email had been received into the Clerk regarding the amount of litter in Meir Heath particularly the cigarette ends outside the Windmill and Barbers and glass on the pavement at the Windmill Pub.

4. An email had been received into the Clerk regarding the amount of dog poo bags being left in trees on Leadendale Lane, also an offer from a resident to look after and manage the planter at Rough Close.
5. Cllr Bloor reported the state of the pavements in particular around Highfield Close.

26/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

27/19 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

1. The Councillors asked the Clerk to report the issue of bikes on Rough Close Common to Bill Waller at Stafford Borough Council.
2. The Councillors asked the Clerk to reply to the email and report that Borough Councillor Dodson is dealing with this matter through Stafford Borough Councils street scene/environmental health.
3. Chairman Brunt agreed to speak to the Windmill Public House and the Barbers regarding the cigarette ends and glass. The Clerk had previously after the last meeting reported the litter on Hilderstone Level to SBC but would do this again.
4. The Councillors asked the Clerk to report the matter to SBC, the Clerk would also report to SCC footpath officer as they could erect some “pick up your dog mess” signs. The Clerk would also email the person back and thank them for their offer with the planter and inform them of the £50 per planter fund.
5. The Councillors asked the Clerk to email Cllr Parry and also chase up the Highways meeting at the same time.

28/19 MINUTES

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14 March 2019 having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Cooke and Seconded by Cllr Noblett

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

29/19 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

No Borough Councillors present at the meeting.

30/19 FINANCE

The Clerk explained that the bank Statement had been delayed due to changing over address with Nat West Bank.

(a) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED - Authority was 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.

Proposed. Cllr Bloor Seconded Cllr Monks

31/19 PLANNING

(a) Applications

19/30330/FUL – Field at West of Leyden House, off Leadendale Lane – Construction of timber stable block for horses and hay.

The Council has no objections to this proposal; however, the Councillors would like to see a comment in any planning approval that the building is not to be used as a dwelling in the future.

32/19 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: -

➤ Code of Conduct

Chairman Brunt reminded the Councillors of the importance of the Code of Conduct. He asked the Councillors to show each other respect at all times.

➤ Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk asked the Councillors if they invited any local community groups to the APM. The Councillors stated they don't. The Clerk explained that the meeting could take place before the May Parish Council meeting.

➤ Newquay Town Council & Parking Wardens

Cllr Cooke reported that following on from an article in the SPCA bulletin the Clerk had researched an idea about employing Parish traffic wardens however it would be overly complicated and with the current resources not feasible.

➤ Standing Orders

A discussion took place regarding the recent vote by the Councillors to keep the current Chairman (Brunt) on for a further term to support the new Clerk in her role. Cllr Oxby stated that the new standing orders would need to be amended to reflect any decision made about how the future Chairman was to be decided.

Cllr Cooke stated that he thought the best way to elect a chairman would be to have a ballot. Cllr Colclough stated that the Parish Council had always rotated the chairmanship between wards and it had always worked well in the past.

Cllr Baskin said that any chair elected must be proactive and be able to fully support and participate in Parish Council matters at meetings and at events.

Cllr Lovatt said that he hoped anyone who put themselves forward for chair would consider if they can give the job the best of their attention.

Cllr White asked if the Clerk could contact SPCA and ask if they had a best practice approach to chairmanship elections and add the item onto the May agenda.

➤ MH & RC Village Hall

The Clerk had researched on the Councillors instruction the ownership details of MH & RC Village Hall. She explained that the Parish Council appeared to be Sole Trustees. Cllr White requested the information to look through and would feed back to the Council at the next meeting.

➤ Bollards outside the newsagents (quotes)

The Clerk presented the quotes for the replacement bollards. The Councillors requested that this item be moved to the Highways Committee.

➤ Bench on Rough Close

Cllr Noblett explained that the memorial bench on Rough Close Common had been vandalised and had been removed.

Chairman Brunt explained that he thought Bill Waller was trying to find the funds to order a new one through SBC. The Councillors asked the Clerk to ask Bill Waller if any progress had been made.

➤ Litter Picking

Cllr Noblett if it was possible organise a Parish Litter pick again on Rough Close Common.

Chairman Brunt explained that Bill Waller of SBC had recently done one and asked if we could organise one for July. This was agreed as a good date before the school holidays.

➤ Allotment site of Ridgeway Drive

Councillor Sandiford asked that this be deferred to the May agenda.

➤ Safety Cones for Springcroft School

Cllr Bloor explained that Mr Drew (Headteacher Springcroft Primary) had asked if the Parish Council would consider funding a quantity of cones to put out either side of the school crossing patrol to stop cars parking in a dangerous position.

Cllr Cooke thought that as we had purchased the banner it would be best to try that first.

33/19 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Clerk reported that the legal paperwork for the Allotments had arrived and needed to be looked at by a solicitor. The Clerk suggested using the County Council Solicitors as they were the most cost-effective option. It was agreed to set up an SLA with the County Council Solicitors.

Cllr Baskin reported that she had to speak to a member of the public with a dog running loose in the small children's play area.

Cllr Cooke updated the meeting on the Easter Event. The posters and leaflets were ready for delivery to schools and shops locally.

He went onto to say that the new Parish logo was also ready and he had forwarded a number of suggestions around via email for comments.

Chairman Brunt expressed concerns regarding the Coach Trip scheduled for the 6th May. There had been no tickets sold yet and the date was very close. It was agreed that this trip would be cancelled and that the Events Group would work on a programme of events with a detailed scrutiny document for each event. They would also bring the terms of reference to the next meeting. This could then be brought to each meeting. He went on to say that the full Council had approved a 3K budget for the group and they were working inside that budget. He stated anyone can come to the working group.

34/19 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Anti-Social Parking Leadendale Lane
Standing Orders

Chairmanship rotation

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened on Thursday 9th May 2019
at Fulford Village Hall

CHAIRMAN