

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th APRIL 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Baggaley, Mrs Bennett, Brayford, Colclough, A. Holmes, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mycock, Mrs McPherson, Oxby, Taylor & Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: 6 members of the public and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Lovatt, Shaw, Mrs Weaver and Borough Councillor Harp.

OTHER NON ATTENDEES: Councillor Bevan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public reported that there appeared to have been instances of badger baiting close to the George & Dragon public house in Rough Close, additionally windows had been broken in the building. The Wildlife Trust and the police had been informed.

Two members of the public expressed their concerns about possible proposals to make Baulk Lane, Fulford 'one way' and suggested some additional restriction signs need to be installed. Concerns over parking outside the school, but felt double yellow lines were not the solution as that just moves the problem elsewhere.

Concerns expressed over the lack of follow up by Stafford Borough Council regarding the 'discharge of conditions' at the Gypsy site, particularly relating to the discharge of water from the site.

Another member of the public asked if anything can be done to tidy up a small piece of land on the corner of West View. It is thought to be in public ownership, but it is not maintained.

RESOLVED:

1. The Clerk was asked to ensure the police were aware of the incidents at the George and Dragon and to contact the Badger Watch Society.
2. Baulk Lane is already identified as a priority by the Parish Council and discussions are ongoing with the County Council to find a satisfactory solution. The Clerk was also asked to write to Fulford school to ask if they could encourage a more considerate approach to parking
3. The Clerk to contact Stafford Borough Council with a view to trying to establish ownership of the land at the end of West View
4. It is understood that the Borough Council are presently considering the 'discharge of conditions' on the gypsy site. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with the Borough Council.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

22/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th March 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

23/10 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

No reports

24/10 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) To receive receipts and payments information for 2009/10

RESOLVED:

The receipts and payments for 2009/10 be accepted subject to final endorsement by the Internal Auditor. The Accounting Statements for 2009/10 will be presented to the May meeting.

25/10 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:

09/11677/FUL (amended plan) – Conversion of former public house & associated coach house into six mews cottages with parking on adjoining land – Bird in Hand, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone

10/13440/OUT – erection of 3 detached houses- 5 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LT. However it would ask that due regard is paid to the problems over many years of extensive flooding to properties below this development.

10/14487/REM - appearance & landscaping – Saverley, Common Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13500/FUL – proposed kitchen/WC/utility extension – The Firs, Cross Gate, Hilderstone, Stone ST15 8RL

(b) Decisions

It was reported that the following applications had been approved by the Borough Council:-

Approved

09/12909/FUL – Retention of pond – Blacklake Lodge, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13221/FUL – 1st floor extension over existing garage, kitchen & utility room – 36 Kingfisher Crescent, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QE

10/13288/OUT – remodelling of interior of existing school & extensions to improve teaching & learning spaces, access & sports facilities with some external landscape improvements – Aynsley Special School, Aynsley Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

26/10 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) Items - the notice of which was given at the last meeting

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

- 54 Birkholme Drive
- Stallington Village
- Parking outside Fulford school

RESOLVED:-

1. It was reported that following a meeting with Borough Council(BC) that the BC will be taking no further action, however they will continue to monitor the situation approx. once a month.
2. As it appears a grit bin has been removed from Stallington village it was agreed to take a stocktake of bins in the parish with a view to submitting proposals for additional bins to the County Council.
3. It was agreed that a letter should go to the school requesting more consideration in the parking of cars. Additionally the Highways working group was asked to consider any further action.

(b) Nomination for Fulford Village Hall Management Committee

RESOLVED:

That Cllr. T Holmes be the Parish Council nomination.

(c) Replacement of planter in Fulford

Details of the proposal were circulated to councillors with the meeting papers.

RESOLVED:

That the planter stolen from Fulford be replaced.

(d) Consideration of Standing Orders Part 2

Details of the proposed changes to Standing Orders as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee had been circulated with the meeting papers.

RESOLVED:

That the Standing Orders as presented be approved and adopted.

(e) Playbuilder Application

It was reported that the application for Playbuilder money had been unsuccessful.

RESOLVED:

That the decision be noted.

(f) Speed Indication Device (SID)

It was proposed that the Parish Council should investigate the possibility of the Council funding a SID to be used at chosen location around the Parish.

RESOLVED:

Following a vote the resolution was carried with 10 votes to 2 with 1 abstention.

(g) Resignation of Parish Litter Picker

It was reported that Mrs Freeman had resigned from the post of Litter Picker.

RESOLVED:

That an advert for a new litter pick be placed with the Highways Working Group considering the terms and conditions of the post. Additionally it was agreed due to Mrs Freeman's long service a bouquet of flowers be sent.

27/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Local Development Framework Presentation (attended by Cllrs. Mrs Bennett & Holmes) – Details of the meeting had been circulated with the agenda and it was agreed to invite a speaker from Stafford & Rural Homes to talk about affordable housing at the June meeting.

Parking outside Meir Heath School – a resident wished to complain about the inconsiderate parking outside the school

New noticeboard – it has been ordered; approx. 6 week delivery.

Felled trees by the George & Dragon – the Borough's Arboricultural Officer has confirmed that the issue is all tied up with the ongoing planning application for the site.

Complaint re: content of Parish Newsletter – a complaint against a paragraph in the Newsletter had been received and it was agreed that the complaint be dealt with under the Council's Complaints Procedure using the Complaints Sub-Committee.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – details of Council Tax for 2010/11

Staffordshire County Council – letter regarding allocation of sand and gravel extraction for Staffordshire

Sustainable Staffordshire – AGM

Letter from William Cash MP

28/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Bus shelter, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath

Seat by pool, Rough Close Common

Baalams Lane, Moss Gate

Playbuilder

Broadband speed in Fulford

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting, which will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at Fulford Village Hall on **Thursday 13th May 2010 at 8.00 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN