

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.  
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Bennett (Chairman), Bevan, Mrs Brayford, Colclough, Ms Ellerman, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Beck (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Brayford, Mrs Holmes, Mycock, Oxby & Shaw. Borough Councillors Harp & Roycroft. Staffordshire Police

**OTHER NON ATTENDEES:** Councillor Lovatt

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public present, however emails had been received from 2 members of the public dealing with several issues and these were discussed under 28/11.

**28/11 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Emails received from 2 members of the public had been circulated with the agenda and the Parish Council requested that the Clerk respond to the points raised as follows:

*Right of reply to article in Parish Newsletter* - the Newsletter is a vehicle for the Parish Council to tell local residents what is going on in their area. It is not intended to be a forum for discussion, therefore in view of this it was not felt to be appropriate that letters from residents be included;

*Rise in Parish precept* - The increase for the Parish Council on a Band D property is from £19.68 (2010) to £24.07 (2011), an increase of £4.39 per annum. This is the 1st increase by the Parish Council for 4 years and in view of the increase in costs over those 4 years, extra responsibilities the Parish has taken on during this period, such as the cutting of the grass verges, as well as reduction in money received from the Borough Council it was deemed necessary to impose the increase outlined above;

*Affordable homes survey* - voluntary and was sent out in order to determine the need and demand for this type of housing;

*Cost to parish council* – Zero.

*Play equipment* – objections noted.

*Dog fouling* – repeated appeals in the Parish Newsletter for people to be more considerate, signs on the footpaths, waste bins provided, free disposable bags available from the newsagents and the convenience store.

*Parking outside Meir Heath school* – repeated requests for Stafford BC enforcement officers to be more proactive, letter to all parents from the Parish Council via the school asking them to be more considerate.

The Parish Council noted that resident concerned was involved on a day to day basis with some of these issues and would very much welcome any additional input/suggestions that could provide to the Council.

**29/11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

### **30/11 MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011, having been circulated, and following amendments to page 2, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

### **31/11 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS**

None available. As Cllr. Harp would no longer be attending these meeting, the Clerk was asked to write to him expressing the Council's thanks for the work he has undertaken on behalf of the parish.

### **32/11 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 approve the annual governance and accounting statement for 2010/11**

##### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the governance and accounting statement for 2110/11 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

#### **(c) Request for a donation from CPRE (Stafford Branch)**

##### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed not to provide a donation on this occasion.

#### **(d) Membership Renewal for the Community Council of Staffordshire**

##### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed to renew this membership at a cost of £22.

#### **(e) To agree a fee for cleaning Stallington bus shelter**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

##### **RESOLVED:**

With 1 abstention it was agreed to undertake the cleaning of the bus shelter at a an initial cost of £20 and then every 6-months at a cost of £15 per clean

### **33/11 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:

11/15046/FUL – single storey rear & side extension providing enlarged kitchen & orangery – 82 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15240/FUL – proposed rear bedroom extension – The Laurels, Little Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent

2) That objections be raised to the following applications:

10/14795/FUL – 2-storey bedroom block extension for 6 bedrooms plus conservatory – 51 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent. The reasons for objections were:

- The inadequacy of the parking arrangements, including turning facilities;
- The increased level of traffic resulting from this development could have implications for road safety, particularly as this is an unadopted road;
- The potential loss of trees that are protected by TPOs.

**(b) Decisions**

The following application decisions made by the Borough Council were reported:-

**Approved:**

10/14248/FUL – new buildings opening, car parking spaces and landscaping – Blythe Lodge, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9JP

10/14765/COU – dining room conversion to small hairdressing facility- 85 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15024/FUL – rear conservatory – 5 Churchill Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

11/14975/FUL – proposed extension to semi-detached dwelling house – 17 West View, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent

**(c) Other planning issues**

None.

**34/11 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

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

No items had been requested by members.

**(b) Review of Parish Plan**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

The Clerk was asked to make some minor amendments to the document and arrange for it to be circulated as part of the Summer Newsletter.

**(c) Community Paths Initiative**

The only response to this initiative had come from the Fulford ward involving Footpath no.6.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that a submission be made to the County Council for work to be undertaken on Footpath no.6.

**(d) Security on Grindley Park**

A request from the police that the lights on Grindley Park be turned on had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Clerk speak to Meir Heath & Rough Close VHMC (controls for the lights are in the village hall) to arrange for them to be checked and the timer set for them to come at night.

**(e) Annual Parish Meetings**

The Clerk reported that the original suggestion for a guest speaker was unable to attend and asked for views on an alternative

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the police be asked to give a presentation on changes to policing in Staffordshire.

**(f) Fulford Village Hall AGM**

The Fulford Village Hall AGM is due to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> April and a nomination is required from the Parish for an individual to represent the Parish Council on the Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that Cllr. T Homes would continue as the Parish council's representative.

**35/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

**Request from police to identify areas where speeding is a concern** – the following areas were suggested; Stone Road (from the roundabout at Rough Close going towards Stone), Hilderstone Road (coming into and going out of the 30mph speed limit), Stallington Road (from the A50 bridge towards Stallington), Lightwood Road (from the school towards Rough Close), Uttoxeter Road (from the junction with Grindley Lane towards the Tesco roundabout and vice versa).

**Highways Committee** – The chairman reported details of the Highways meeting held earlier in the week.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council –Members Digests (nos.155 & 156)

Staffordshire County Council – prohibition and restrictions of waiting – Grindley Lane

Staffordshire County Council – letter from Mark Maryon, Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport.

NALC – details of Communities in Action Conferences

Stafford Borough Council – details of Civic Amenity visits

Stafford Borough Council – details of Parish Forum Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September (Cllr. Mrs Jennings is interested in attending)

Open Spaces – Spring Newsletter

**36/11 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Bus shelter cleaning  
Signs at car wash, Grindley Lane  
Water on Windmill Hill  
Cars for sale on Tesco roundabout  
Free travel passes on the railways

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting, which shall be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall** on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN