

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013 AT 8.00 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Shaw (Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Colclough, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Jennings, Mrs Lightfoot, Lovatt, Monks, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Borough Councillors Dodson & Roycroft, 2 members of the public & S Beck (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Mrs Barker, Mrs Brayford and Evans

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

The clerk reported that he had received correspondence from a resident in Meir Heath complaining of various issues on Grindley Park, in particular about the dog signs and graffiti. A member of the public present raised concerns about the state of the grass verges on Grindley Lane and silted up drains in Ridgeway drive. Another member of the public expressed concern at the possible breach of planning conditions regarding the gypsy site at Spot Acre.

**35/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Oxby declared an interest in relation to agenda item 9(d)

**36/13 POLICE REPORT**

None

**37/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

*Grindley Park* – The Clerk was asked to respond to the resident pointing out the need to keep dogs off the children's part of the park for health and safety reasons and that the graffiti will be dealt with.

*Grass verges and drains* – these matters have already been raised with both the Highways Dept. and County Cllr. Parry.

*Gypsy site* – The Clerk to raise the issues with the Borough Council

**38/13 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

**39/13 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Borough Councillors reported on the following:

*Rough Close Common* – work is still ongoing on the common

Cllr. Mycock asked about a grit bin for Stallington Close, however as this is a County Council responsibility a request will be made to them.

#### **40/13 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 2012/13**

###### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the governance and accounting statement for 2012/13 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

##### **(c) Membership request from Community Council of Staffordshire**

###### **RESOLVED:**

The Parish Council should join.

#### **41/13 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:  
13/18373/HOU – 12 Greenacres Avenue, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new conservatory  
13/18378/FUL (adjoining parish) – Moddershall Oaks Health Spa – extensions and alterations, including new car park  
13/18248/HOU (amendment) – 10 Franklin Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – garage extension  
13/18345/FUL - Hadleigh Park, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – helicopter landing site and erection of aviation windsock, however the Parish Council would prefer to see the landing site placed further away from the A50 and the housing with a better position being to the west of the factory complex. Additionally the Council has concerns at the frequency of flights in and out of the site and would hope that the Borough Council would monitor the situation.
- 2) That objections be raised on the following application:  
13/18279/FUL - Aynsley Special school, Aynsleys Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of conditions 2,4,8 and 9 of planning appl. 10/14680/FUL. The reason for the objection is that that the Parish Council would wish to see the height of the gate at the edges 2.4 metres high to be in line with the top of the security fence.

##### **(b) Decisions**

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

**Permitted:**

13/18223/HOU - 21 West View, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – porch

**42/13 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

**(a) Stafford Borough Council – Draft Planning Enforcement Policy**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the following comments would be made in relation to the above document:

- Page 4 2<sup>nd</sup> indent words 'trivial and' technical' need some definition. As the statement stands it is too woolly;
- Page 11 para. 9 Details required on how the sample referred to will be obtained and what is meant by a 'sample' ;

**(b) Nomination for representative on Fulford Village Hall Management Committee**

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that Cllr. Holmes would continue as the Parish Council's representative on the village hall management committee.

**(c) Licence to plant – land at end of West View**

The Clerk reported on an agreement that was required to be put in place between the County Council and the Parish Council to enable work to take place on the piece of land at the end of West View.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that providing the Chairman was content with the wording of the Agreement it should be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Parish Council.

**(d) Land in Fulford**

Cllr. Colclough reported on a meeting the Fulford ward councillors and the Chairman had had to determine possible uses for the 2 pieces of land in Fulford. A further meeting with the owners of the site was now planned.

**RESOLVED:**

That any progress be reported to the Council at the first available meeting.

**43/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

*George and Dragon site* – PC Perry has visited the site and whilst it remains a mess there was no evidence of drug use.

*Car sales at Catchems Corner* – details from Cllr. Parry indicate that low level barriers are likely to be erected in the summer.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council - Digest (182)

Staffordshire County Council – details of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Local Plan 2010- 2026

Stafford Borough Council – Mayors charity appeal Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Stafford Borough Council – Mayor Making Ceremony 11<sup>th</sup> May  
Samaritans – letter of thanks for donation  
Stafford Borough Council – Electoral Review Briefing

**44/13 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Signage on Stallington Lane  
Snow fencing on Hilderstone Road  
Quarry workings in Lightwood

**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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN