

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th APRIL 2014 AT 8.00 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Colclough, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Parry & S. Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Barker, Brunt, Evans and Borough Councillors Dodson, Holmes (also Parish Councillor) and Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk reported that he had received email correspondence from a Meir Heath resident concerning what they perceived as a hostile sign at the entrance to Grindley Park (vehicular entrance) with a suggestion that the sign should be moved further onto the park.

31/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

32/14 POLICE REPORT

None

33/14 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The following was agreed:

Grindley Park sign – that this matter should be considered by the Grindley Park group at their next meeting.

34/14 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13th March 2014, with one minor amendment and having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

35/14 CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

An interest in the Meir Heath ward vacancy had been received from Mrs C Baskin and Mrs Baskin was asked to speak to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Mrs Baskin be co-opted to the Parish Council as a councillor for the Meir Heath ward. The Declaration of Acceptance of office was duly signed and Mrs Baskin participated in the remainder of the meeting.

36/14 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

County Councillor Parry reported on the following:

- Following a review of rural bus services the County Council would continue to support services in the Fulford parish, although there will be some slight changes to the services provided. Cllr. Parry will circulate to Councillors details of the revised services.
- Cllr Parry would like the Parish council's help in determining priorities for spend on his divisional highways budget. (The Council will look at this at their next Highways meeting).
- The Staffordshire Community Fund is open for applications
- Cllr Parry also concerned, like the Parish Council, with the Blythe Bridge A50 roundabout and feels that efforts should again be made to engage with the Highways Agency.
- The County's Children's Service has been judged 'Good' by OFSTED.

37/14 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 funding

A request to help fund the showing of a film at Meir Heath village hall relating to the Creda factory was considered further by the Council

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the event should only be funded in the event of the film show not realising a profit

38/14 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 application:

14/20090/FUL – Land off Fulford Dale, Fulford – erection of monopitch agricultural building. However the planning committee had concerns regarding the access to the site, as the present gateway is on a very narrow road and close to a blind bend. If the Borough Council chooses to approve the application then it is asked that a condition of the approval is for any vehicles visiting the site to be pulled off the carriageway onto the site.

14/20126/FUL – 211 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a replacement dwelling.

14/122 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – single storey kitchen extension

14/20177/HOU – 3 Diamond Close, Meir Heath – single storey extension to side and rear

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

14/19923/HOU – 15 Balaams Lane, Hilderstone – rear single storey lean-to extension

Refused:

14/19835/FUL – Moments Kashmir Restaurant, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – raised decking to restaurant entrance

14/19626/REM – 5 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath - seeking consent for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale

(c) Other Planning issues

None

39/14 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:-

- Provision of allotments

RESOLVED:

1 It was agreed that once the ownership of the land on Hilderstone Road has been finalised (Stafford & Rural homes currently in the process of purchasing the land) then discussions can start with Stafford & Rural Homes re: provision of allotments. Other work that will need to be done includes establishing need and demand, agreeing rules etc. for letting. Assistance from the National Allotments association will be sought.

(b) Nomination to Fulford Village Hall Management Committee

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Cllr. Tony Holmes will be the Council's nomination.

(c) Maintenance Contract

The Clerk reported that 3 people had expressed an interest in the work and therefore an interview panel needed to be convened

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a small panel consisting of Cllrs. Mrs Brayford, Mrs Jennings, Colclough and Taylor would interview candidates on the 22nd April.

40/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Clerk reported that Stafford & Rural Homes had agreed to deal with the litter around the post office, litter bins had been secured for Grindley Park by Cllr. Holmes from Stafford BC (hopefully at no cost).

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – members digest (194)

Samaritans Stafford – thank you letter

Mrs Burton – thank you letter

Rural Sounding Board – request for Councillors to join the Board (Info. To be sent to Cllrs Mrs Jennings & Oxby)
Staffordshire Police & Crime Commissioner – details of People Power Fund

41/14 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Tuesday 6th May 2014 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN