

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Colclough, Garside, Holmes, Inscker, Lovatt, Mrs Jennings, McNaught, Monks, Morris, Mycock, Miss Noblett & Oxby. Mrs White (from item 7 onwards)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Sue Radcliffe (Stoke City Council) & S. Beck (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Flackett and Borough Councillor Roycroft

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two items were raised by Councillors on behalf of the public.

*Off License, Sandon Road, Meir Heath* – there were concerns that the off-license was applying for an extension of opening hours and that if granted this would have an adverse effect on neighbours, it was also not in keeping with the area and not suitable for a residential area.

*Seat in/or close to bus shelter on Uttoxeter Road* – requests had been made for a seat to be made available either in or close to the bus shelter in Uttoxeter Road.

**79/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**80/16 POLICE REPORT**

Cllr. Mycock reported on an altercation that had occurred in Stallington Lane with a speeding motorist, which had been reported to the police.

**81/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Off License, Sandon Road, Meir Heath* – The Clerk was asked to write to the Licensing Section at Stafford Borough Council objecting to the extension of hours.

*Seat in/or close to bus shelter on Uttoxeter Road* – The Blythe Bridge Councillors were asked to look at site and decide what action is required.

**82/16 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**83/16 PROPOSAL TO CO-OPT A NEW COUNCILLOR TO THE BLYTHE BRIDGE WARD**

**RESOLVED:**

Following a brief presentation to the Council, Mrs Jane White was duly co-opted to the Council as a ward member for Blythe Bridge and joined the Council for the remainder of the meeting.

**84/16 PRESENTATION ON ALLOTMENTS – Ms Sue Radcliffe (Stoke City Council)**

Ms Radcliffe covered a number of areas relating to the provision and running of allotments. In particular she highlighted the parish council's statutory duty in respect of allotments, charging policies, size of allotments, planning issues, tenancy agreements and possible areas for funding.

The Council found the presentation very informative and thanked Ms Radcliffe for attending the meeting.

**85/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no County or Borough councillors present.

**86/16 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.

**87/16 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 applications:

16/24480/HOU- 5 Midway Drive, Blythe Bridge – single storey rear extension

16/24502/HOU- Holmlea, 71 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – new rear single storey extension

16/24528/HOU- Glenwood, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – adaptations and extension to existing detached dormer bungalow

16/24564/HOU- 5 Greenacres Avenue, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension at side and single storey extension at rear

16/24613/HOU- 12 Greenacres Avenue, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension at side

That objection be raised to the following application:

16/24463/ADV- S&D Valeting Centre, Sandon Road Meir Heath – signage/advertising. The reason for objection was:

- The scale and external appearance of the signs will have an adverse impact on surrounding area.

**(b) Decisions**

The following decisions were reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

**Approved:**

16/24229/FUL- adjacent Fulford Road, Fulford – temporary access for a period of 2 months to facilitate the delivery of a UV kiosk.

16/24071/COU- Eastfield, 54 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – change of use from C1 to C3

16/24095/ADV- The Windmill, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – various advertising signs

**Refused:**

16/24287/PAR- Woodview, Fulford Road, Spot Acre – conversion of existing agricultural barn to form a class C3 dwellinghouse.

## **88/16 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:-

- Stallington Hall;

**RESOLVED:**

1. This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.

**(b) Proposed work on Footpath 38**

Details of the work to be carried out and the cost were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that further quotes should be obtained for this work before the Council could make a decision

**(c) Proposed replacement of the basket swing on Grindley Park**

Details had been circulated with the agenda and the Clerk pointed out that the decision to incur expenditure on behalf of the Council had been taken in accordance with para.3.4 of the Council's Financial Regulations and that this item on the agenda was to report that action to the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

The Council noted the action taken on their behalf by the Clerk.

## **89/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Councillor Miss Noblett reported on a recent meeting of the Grindley Park working group and mentioned that the new bin and signs would shortly be in place and the brambles cut back

Councillor Oxby reported on the last Highways group meeting and said that three of the group plus the Clerk would be meeting with County Cllrs. Parry and Deaville shortly to discuss options following the demise of the Neighbourhood Highways Teams from April 2017.

Councillor Holmes reported that the Borough council's legal officer would be meeting with Bill Waller to decide on action that can be taken in respect of illegal tipping on Rough Close common

He also reported that he had negotiated an agreement with Stafford & Rural Homes for them to fit the AED boxes free of charge.

Cllr. Mrs Jennings reported that there is to be a nature walk on Rough Close common on the 4<sup>th</sup> September starting at 10.30am

Cllr Oxby reminded councillors that Newsletter input was now required.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (222)

CPRE – quarterly newsletter

Staffordshire County Council – Staffordshire in the Great War event, 15<sup>th</sup> October

Stone Rural Parish Council – HS2 event at Moddershall Village Hall.

**90/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Stallington Hall

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN