

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th AUGUST 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mycock, (Chairman), Brunt, Mrs Baskin, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovett, Monks, Miss Noblett, Oxby,

IN ATTENDANCE: BC Roycroft & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Colclough, Flackett, Garside, Inscker, McNaught, Morris & Taylor. BC Dodson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Miss Noblett raised an issue on behalf of residents in Grindley Lane, Meir Heath who were requesting that they be allowed to put a skip on the park to allow them to load rubbish into it straight from their garden.

75/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The clerk declared an interest in agenda item 9(d)

76/17 POLICE REPORT

None.

77/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Skip – It was agreed that to agree to this request would set a negative precedent, therefore the request was denied.

78/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13th July 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

79/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Roycroft reported on a successful prosecution of a person fly-tipping in Fulford Dale. Work has started on the development at Westbridge Park, Stone. A new contract for the bin collection is to be announced shortly and the Borough's Leisure Services are now in the hands of a Trust company.

80/17 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) Membership of Fields in Trust

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that this membership should be renewed.

(c) Report to the Council of the purchase of a desk and chair for the parish office

The Clerk reported the purchase of a desk and chair under the Council's Financial regulations para 3.4

RESOLVED:

The Council noted the decision.

(d) Audit for the year ended 31st March 2017

The Clerk reported that no issues had been raised in the audit.

RESOLVED:

The Council noted the outcome.

81/17 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:

17/26732/HOU – 23 Tudor Hollow, Fulford – ground floor alterations & 1st floor extension over garage

17/26675/COU – Owl Cottage, Olde House Farm, The Green, Fulford – change of use from holiday cottage to residential use.

17/26758/FUL & 17/26759/LBC – Stallington Hall, Fulford Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – conversion & extension of existing building to form 26 apartments and associated parking

17/26401/ADV – 420 Sandon Road, Meir Heath – retention of unilluminated signage to ATM pod.

That objections be raised to the following application:

17/26544/FUL – Land rear of 14 Stallington Mews, Galton Croft, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent. The reasons for objection were as follows:

- The external appearance of the fencing will detract from the historical character of the buildings around it;
- The total height of the fencing, built on top of an already existing 1.2-metre-high wall giving a total height of 2.8 metres will have an adverse effect on sunlight and daylight of neighbouring properties;
- The development will have a negative effect on the listed buildings alongside and it could well be argued that the pond around which the fence is planned is an intrinsic part of the grade 2 listed pump house and therefore erecting modern high fence is certainly not in keeping with the surrounding area.

(b) Decisions

17/26533/HOU – 6 Diamond Close, Meir Heath – single storey side extension.

17/26400/FUL – 420 Sandon Road, Meir Heath – retention of installed ATM machine.

17/26352/HOU –62 Birkholme Drive Meir Heath Stoke on Trent Staffordshire ST3 7LS– Demolition of existing single-storey garage, new two-storey extension to the side and erection of new UPVC conservatory

17/26068/HOU – 5 Fernlea Grove, Meir Heath – demolition of existing garage & erection of 2-storey extension and creation of a new porch

82/17 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: -

- Community Pay Back Scheme
- Allotments
- McDonald's rubbish
- Ceramic poppy display

RESOLVED:

1. Cllr Lovatt outlined the scheme to the meeting, which involves ex-offenders doing voluntary work within the community. A small group led by Cllr Lovatt will look at possible projects
2. Meeting to be arranged with SARH.
3. A letter to McDonald's expressing concern at the level of rubbish from the outlet on Meir Park had received no response. Cllr. Mycock to speak to the Stoke-on-Trent Councillor responsible for the Meir park area.
4. Cllr Holmes reported that designs had been commissioned. Ideas are needed for where the display(s) should be placed.

- (b) Additional spend for Parish Office**
Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

An additional spend of £600 was agreed.

- (c) Accounting Software package**
Details had been circulated with the agenda

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a final decision would be made following the 1 month's free trial.

(d) Disposal of old computer

The Clerk left the meeting for this item having previously declared an interest.

RESOLVED:

The proposals set out in the paper to the Council were agreed with the sale of the computer for £40.

83/76 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Miss Noblett reported that the wet weather had washed away some of footpath 38.

Councillor Mrs Baskin expressed concern at the poor state of repair of some of the equipment on Grindley Park

It was reported that the application to the War memorial committee concerning the memorial in Fulford churchyard was progressing slowly.

Cllr Oxby requested that the newsletter group meet to discuss the frequency of the Newsletter publication.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted: -

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (234)

Stafford Borough Council – community awards scheme

Stafford Borough Council – Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

Staffordshire County Council (Highways) – email concerning Hilderstone Road footpath

84/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Computer support
- Grass cutting frequency

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened **at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN