



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2020 AT 7.15 P.M  
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Brunt, Cllr Oxby, Cllr Colclough, Cllr Flackett, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Noblett, Cllr Garside, Cllr Baskin, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Lovatt, Cllr Cooke, Cllr Deeth, Cllr Sandiford, Cllr White, Cllr Elliff

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Members of the public Jackie of Kingview, Sarah of Bracken Close, Geoff of Common Lane

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr McNaught, Cllr Oldham, Cllr Dobson

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Jackie of Kingview represented a number of residents on Common Lane and surrounding roads.

The noise levels from the fans at the water tower have increased dramatically to a point where residents feel that they are unable to sit in their gardens or have open windows.

Sarah a resident in Bracken Close confirmed these same views regarding the water tower and also commented on the increased use and speed of the traffic on Common Lane.

Geoff of Common Lane also confirmed the above issues and expressed concerns at the lack of information particularly with regards to schools in the area and the number of residential properties. The resident has also raised concerns at the access for larger commercial vehicles to the site and the damage to the surrounding pavements and walls.

Cllr Flackett suggested we get in touch with the stakeholders of the water tower in the first instance to make a complaint on behalf of the residents.

Cllr Noblett confirmed that the highways issues have all been brought forward to the highways committee.

It was decided that several councillors would meet separately to discuss these issues further. Cllr Cooke, Cllr Baskin, Cllr Sandiford, Cllr Noblett, Cllr Garside and Cllr Brunt will form a working group to discuss issues further and help where appropriate.

**Chair suspended all standing orders**

**Statement by Chair**



**Standing orders have been reinstated.**

## **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 09.07.19**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 09.07.2020 having been circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Brunt

Seconded Cllr Baskin

## **COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

No County or Borough Councillors were present.

Cllr Oxby reported that he had spoken to Cllr Dobson following an issue raised by the clerk regarding parking on a field at Sandy Lane.

Cllr Oxby had also been approached regarding this issue.

Cllr Dobson referred the matter to Cllr Harp in his absence to follow up with the Borough. Planning is to visit the site. There are contactors on site cutting away the verges.

## **FINANCE**

The Chair is doing his best to keep up to date with the finances.

Cllr Oxby unhappy to sign cheques without invoices.

Cllr Oxby held invoices for T&C Services, the Mole Catcher and Millstone Landscaping.

It was asked what would happen in the Clerk's absence. Cllr Colclough suggested we give the Chair the authority to do the finances. It was unanimous in favour.

## **PLANNING**

No planning issues have been brought forward.

## **OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

- (a) **Website** - The website needs to be made compliant with web accessibility by September 2020. The current website is not currently compliant. Discussions were held with regards the agreement for Cllr Cooke to redesign the new website. It is believed that this was put on hold by the Communications Committee. Cllr Oxby said that the current hosting company believe existing site can be made compliant.



After much discussion Cllr Garside suggested that all councillors look at both websites and report by to the full council in September.

Cllr Elliff was requested to get some basic information into the meaning of accessibility.

- (b) Newsletter** - Cllr Baskin requested that the newsletter be increased from 3 issues to 4 per annum.

Concern over lack of content which is why it was reduced from 4 to 3 previously but it was generally felt that with the new councillors and the additional community work taking place there would be adequate content. A number of councillors highlighted that prior to joining the council they had not accessed the website and that the magazine had been the only connection with the council.

After much deliberation Cllr Baskin proposed an additional magazine, Cllr Cooke seconded. It went to a vote which were; 8 for, 7 against, as Cllr Brunt voted for.

- (c) Code of Conduct**

Cllr Brunt requested that all councillors read the Code of Conduct prior to the next meeting.

Cllr Cooke discussed the impact of peoples actions on mental health and that people need to be aware of how their actions and words can affect others.

## **MATTERS TO REPORT**

**Highways** – The committee met last week with Ian Parry and Officer Paula who interfaces with the Amey team. Paula is able to allocate jobs to Amey.

It was noted that it was not a full committee and that this was the case due to councillors being unable to attend as the meeting was held in the day. This was due to the availability of the Officers.

List from previous year was discussed –

Garage Parking – it is not possible to adopt the verge as it belongs to highways.

Common Lane – speeding issue was raised and “20 is Plenty” was suggestion for the area outside the school although this is no longer a project.

Mini Roundabouts – still awaiting survey from March

Sims signs – speed highlighting signs have funding initiatives available, the clerk has started the funding request

Fulford Dale – drains have been addressed to reduce flooding

Stallington Roundabout – no information has been given to the council but the work has been delayed until November.

Only half of the agenda was completed in the time available

Cllr White has been in contact with Staffordshire County Council and has attempted to contact Staffordshire Moorlands with regards the speed on Uttoxeter Road.



Cllr Deeth has been researching a proposal for street sweeping on major roads. In particular to address leaf debris. The Clerk has put him in touch with street sweepers and he has a contact for ad hoc street sweepers he will add it to the next meeting.

**Amenity visits** – Cllr Oxby was looking at re-instating amenity visits now that staff should all be back at work.

**Finance & General Purposes** – Cllr White updated everyone from this meeting. It was not a quorate so decisions were not able to be made however Cllr White said that the council needed to look at a full and part time ranger instead of a number of contractors. All contracts need to be reviewed.

Mr Duffy has given notice to his contract.

**Meir Heath and Rough Close Hall** – Cllr Noblett reported that the risk assessment had been completed and that the hall was open and able to be used.

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be held on Thursday 10 September 2020 at 7:30pm, venue is to be confirmed.