

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Baggaley, Brayford, Mrs Holmes, Mrs McPherson, Moore, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Harp, 3 members of the public, Anna McLauchlan (Stafford & Rural Homes) and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Brayford, Mrs Bennett, Colclough, Holmes Borough Councillor Roycroft and PCSO Emma Kempson

OTHER NON-ATTENDEES: Councillors Bevan and Lovatt

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman Cllr. Oxby was elected Chair of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public expressed concerns at the work currently being carried out to replace the existing fencing along the A50 in order to reduce noise levels. It was reported that the noise absorbent material used along part of the route would not be continued past their houses in Charterly Close, Blythe Bridge, but instead they would simply have wooden fencing erected. It was requested that the Council ask the Highways Agency to provide noise readings for before fencing erected and after to see whether there had been any improvement in the noise levels.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Highways agency requesting this information and to copy the letter to William Cash MP and County Councillor Ian Parry.

Cllr. Brayford left the meeting at this point.

RESPECT AGENDA

Anna McLauchlan from Stafford and Rural Homes outlined plans for an Action Day on 24th September between 2 and 6 in the Adamthwaite Drive area. The Action day is part of the Respect agenda and will involve a number of different agencies providing advice and guidance to residents. It was agreed that details will be included in the Parish Newsletter due to be published in the next few weeks.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declaration of interests.

56/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 9th July 2009 and the 29th July, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

57/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Harp had nothing to report. Following questions regarding 54 Birkholme Drive, where it was reported that material was being moved from the front garden to the back, he said he would get the Borough Council to investigate further. He had no information on when the decision on the gypsy appeal would be known.

58/09 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) 100th birthday – Mrs Vernon

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a bouquet of flowers be sent to Mrs Vernon on her 100th birthday. Cllr Oxby to arrange.

(c) To receive the Internal Audit report

The report had been received late therefore it was agreed that it would be held over to the next meeting.

(d) CPRE Annual Subscription

Information on the CPRE policies regarding wind turbines and open cast mining were presented to the meeting. Following a discussion a vote was taken on whether to renew the Parish Council's subscription. 6 in favour, 2 abstentions and 1 against

RESOLVED:

That the annual subscription be paid.

(e) Renewal of annual website fee

The annual renewal fee is \$299.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to renew the site for this year, but that during the course of the year the Website Working Group should consider possible alternative options that could be cheaper.

59/09 PLANNING

(a) Applications

RESOLVED: -

1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-

09/12356/FUL – partial demolition of existing ground floor single storey sections & replacement with proposed single storey extension providing new

porch, garage, kitchen, utility & sun room – 15 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9HL.

09/12425/FUL – proposed single storey extension – 1 Grindley Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9LL

09/12394/FUL – demolition of ex-kennels and store and replacement with garage for camper van/mobile home with garden mower store attached – High View, Windmill Hill Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PJ.

09/12074/FUL – amended application – extension to surgery to include revised parking provision – Trinity Medical centre, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

(b) Decisions

It was reported that the following applications had been approved:-

09/12032/FUL – proposed 2-storey rear & side extension – 81 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7NU

09/12065/FUL – extension above existing garage & utility room to create a new bathroom & bedroom – 14 Lancaster Avenue, Fulford Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9LP

09/12132/FUL – replace 3 existing dormer windows with 2 dormers to the rear of the property – Spring Cottage, Townend, Fulford Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QS

09/12060/FUL – conversion of garage & attached store – Meadow View House, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone, Stone ST15 8SL

It was reported that the following application had been refused:-

09/12062/FUL – retention of security gates – The Wood, Stallington Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QW

(c) Other planning issues – proposed gas turbine power station on Blythe Park

Details of this proposal were given to the Council. Fulford Parish Council have not been included as a consultee despite, if this proposal were to go ahead, the impact on the parish area.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to write to the developers requesting that the Council be included in the list of consultees.

Cllr Moore left the meeting at this point.

60/09 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) Items - the notice of which was given at the last meeting

As instructed at the last meeting, the Clerk included the following matters on the agenda for this meeting and the topics were then discussed by members:-

- Delegation of powers to the Planning Sub-committee
- Proposal to make a by-law in relation to alcohol; on Grindley Park

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That full delegation be given to the planning sub-committee providing any controversial applications are brought to the full council meeting.
- (2) As the Parish Council has no power to make a by-law in relation to alcohol the Clerk was requested to contact the police to ask them to consider instigating action that would eventually lead to an alcohol ban on Grindley Park.

(b) Playbuilder and Highways working groups

Minutes of the meetings of these two groups were circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED

That the minutes be accepted.

(c) Response to Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)

RESOLVED:

That the Council should object to the present proposed allocation of sand and gravel extraction given to Staffordshire.

(d) Change of November meeting date

RESOLVED:

That the date of the November council meeting be changed from 12th November to the 5th November.

Cllr. Taylor left the meeting at this point.

61/09 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Anti-social behaviour in Fulford and Stallington Road – it was reported that the Clerk had received complaints from members of the public regarding anti-social behaviour outside of the village hall in Fulford and by the road bridge in Stallington Road. The Clerk will inform the police of the complaints.

Speeding in Stallington Road – it was reported that the police had been taking action with speeding in Stallington Road where speeds have averaged 50mph.

Newsletter – final cut-off date for Autumn edition is early part of w/c 17th August

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest

62/09 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Staffordshire County Council - Walking and Cycling Strategies.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall on **Thursday 10th September 2009 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN