

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th AUGUST 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Bennett (Chairman), Mrs Brayford, Brayford, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor, Mrs Weaver.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Colclough, Mrs Holmes, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Wheat and Borough Councillors Harp and Oldfield.

OTHER NON ATTENDEES: Councillors Baggaley, Bevan and Lovatt

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public again raised the issue of the inadequacy of the A50 sound barriers and the lack of response from the Highways Agency
Councillors reported that they had had little success in getting the Highways Agency to respond and it would appear that they do not intend putting cladding on the fencing on the slip road.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to try and get clarification from the Highways Agency on whether the work has now been completed, if not when it will be completed. The letter to the Agency to be copied to William Cash MP.

PRESENTATION BY AGE CONCERN STONE & DISTRICT

The Council received an informative presentation on the future of Age Concern in the Stone and district area.

57/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

58/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th July 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

59/10 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

There was nothing to report from the County, Borough or the police. Following a question from a Parish Councillor concerning Stallington Village, Borough Councillor Roycroft confirmed that the play area had still not been handed over to the Borough from the developers.

60/10 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. It was agreed that details of work undertaken by the Parish maintenance and litter contractors each month be attached to the invoices.

(b) Website renewal

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to renew the website at a cost of \$299.

(c) Annual Return

The Clerk reported that Parish Council Annual Return and been signed off by the Audit Commission without comment.

61/10 PLANNING

(a) Applications

The following decisions made by the Planning Sub-Committee were reported to the meeting:

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

10/13957/FUL – to change flat garage roof to pitched tiled roof – 28 Highview Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/14051/FUL – change of use from C3 dwelling to C2 residential institution including conversion of garage to provide 2 new bedrooms – Southlands, Aynsley Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/14061/FUL – rear conservatory – 59 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/14134/FUL – 2-storey extension and orangery to side – Flatts Farm, Balaams Lane, Hilderstone, Stone.

2) That objections be made to the following application:

10/13921/FUL – to put a car boot/market on field at Saverley House Farm, Saverley Green Lane, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent for a further 20 days.

10/14145/FUL – raised deck area above existing single storey flat roof to form balcony seating area – Orchard Cottage, Meadowside, Saverley Green

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

10/13359/FUL – new wooden car port to front/side of property – 179 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13600/FUL – replacement of sports pavilion – Stallington Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13693/FUL – proposed detached dwelling with 2 garages – land at Saverley, Common Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13727/FUL – detached single garage – 81 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13776/FUL – variation of conditions on 08/09628 – 1&2 Blacklake Farm, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13802/FUL – single storey extension to form function room, foyer & toilets with additional overspill parking area & vehicle passing – Moddershall Oaks, Moddershall, Stone.

10/13783/FUL – the construction of 670m² concrete slurry store & associated access track – Dale Farm, Fulford dale, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent

Rejected:

10/13556/FUL – single dwelling & vehicular access – 6 Sycamore Close, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13699/FUL – Wall/railings and gates – The Wood, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13762/FUL – change of use from C3 dwelling to C2 residential institution including conversion of garage to provide 2 new bedrooms, single storey extension to rear to provide new living room and informal dining area – Southlands, Aynsley Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

(c) Other Planning Issues

Concern and disappointment was expressed regarding the decision to allow the development of a slurry pit at Dale farm, Fulford, particularly as it had been requested that this application be called in, however this had not happened. It was agreed that in the future, following all Planning Committee meetings, the Clerk will be advised on which applications, if any, the Council wishes to have a ‘call in’ requested. One of our Borough Councillors will then be invited in writing to ‘call in’ the specific application.

62/10 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:-

- Review of Parish Council’s grass cutting arrangements

RESOLVED:-

1. It was agreed that Stafford Borough Council be asked if the grass cutting regime for Fulford village green could be improved with the suggestion that the Parish take over this particular responsibility and our arrangements for all the Parish’s grass cutting be reviewed before the next financial year.

63/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Highways Maintenance Liaison Group – details circulated with the minutes

Unsafe styles on Footpath 1 – This had been reported to the County Council

Gypsy site (Woodfield, Hilderstone Road) – details of the letter received from the Borough Council (BC) was reported. The Clerk was asked to write again to the BC to ask what further monitoring they intend undertaking.

Autumn Newsletter – contributions required by 14th August.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (no.145)

Staffordshire County Council – copy of Strategic Plan (more copies to be ordered)

SPCA – details of a training course “What’s on the Agenda” to be held on 6th October at Draycott

SPCA – request for nominations to the SPCA Executive Committee (Cllr. Mrs Weaver to consider)

64/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- saving Shelton Pool
- Local referendums to veto excessive council tax

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on **Thursday 9th September 2010 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN