

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th AUGUST 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Brayford, Chesworth, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Parry, Borough Councillors Dodson & Roycroft, PCSO Emma Kempson, S Beck (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Bennett, Bevan, Ms Ellerman & Shaw

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The issue of the barriers on the A50 were again raised by a member of the public. Problems with speeding motorists on Stallington Lane was also raised, as well as increased instances of dog fouling in Moss Gate.

70/11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

71/11 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

A50 – all attempts to try and resolve this issue with the Highways Agency have so far failed. The additional noise readings taken by the County Council did not demonstrate higher levels of noise. It was agreed that a letter be sent to the Parliamentary Select Committee dealing with the Environment to try and solicit some action from the Highways Agency.
Stallington Lane – the police will see if mobile speed cameras can be deployed in Stallington Lane. Cllr. Chesworth offered to distribute leaflets to residents reminding them of the 30mph speed limit.
Moss Gate – the Borough Council to be contacted to arrange for signs to be put up in the area.

72/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th July 2011, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

73/11 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

County Councillor Parry informed the meeting of the following:

'20 is Plenty Campaign' – Meir Heath school has been put forward for inclusion in the campaign. Councillors asked for Fulford and Springcroft also to be included.

Safer Routes to Schools – funding for this programme has now finished. Double yellow lines were not put outside the newsagent shop as it was felt this would have a detrimental effect on the business. The position will be kept under review.

Car sales, Tesco roundabout – no progress, need to find out who is selling the cars.

Minerals – Staffordshire is developing its own Minerals Plan based on existing sites.
Potholes – the County has done well with the filling in of potholes
Grit bins – need to get our requests for new bins into the Highways dept. as soon as possible.
Borough Councillor Dodson reported that the consultation on the Local Development Framework (LDF) will begin in September. It will show employment and housing requirements for the next 20 years. No additional housing proposed in the Parish area. The Creda site has been put forward as part of the Enterprise Zone bid.
Borough Councillor Roycroft reported that decisions on the Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) for trees on the George & Dragon site had been deferred until a later date. A TPO had been confirmed at Highcroft, Rough Close.
Borough Councillor Holmes reported no progress on the roundabout at the junction of Fulford Lane and Stallington Lane, nor with the grass cutting at Fulford Village Green. A meeting had been arranged with the Borough concerning the Barlaston Well.

74/11 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) Renewal of website

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that alternative providers should be considered and in the meantime the current website to be renewed on a monthly basis (maximum of 6 months).

(c) Additional Insurance Premium

Details for the additional premium relating to the play equipment had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The additional premium of £71.76 to be paid.

(d) External audit report

The Clerk reported that this had been returned with no items for attention. Required notices had been displayed on the notice boards.

75/11 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:

11/15723/HOU – new front extension, rear conservatory addition and new roof light to existing western side roof slope (retrospective) – Sunnycroft, Windmill Hill, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15664/HOU – proposed 1st floor extension – 58 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15656/HOU –dormer at rear of property– 379 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

11/15378/FUL – Monsoon Restaurant, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – demolition of existing building and erection of 11 new properties.

11/15451/EXT – Creda site, Grindley Lane, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15481/HOU – 7 Blacklake Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – alterations and extension

Withdrawn:

8/10083/PAGR – Stallington Heath woodland storage shed.

(c) Other planning issues

It was reported that Section 106 money was attached to the planning approval for 11/15378/FUL – Monsoon Restaurant.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to write to the Borough Council expressing the Parish Council’s wish to be involved in deciding how this money should be used.

76/11 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:-

- Rail Passes

RESOLVED:

As the Councillor who requested this item was not present it was agreed to leave discussion until the next meeting.

(b) The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Beacons

Details of proposals to light beacons for the Queen’s Jubilee were given to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that information would be put in the newsletter to gauge interest.

(c) Grindley Park

Trees at entrance – recommendations by the working group were given to the meeting which were to remove 2 silver birches and lower the canopy of other trees in the vicinity.

Deterrent camera – details of the Qstar deterrent camera, including costs were given to the meeting with a recommendation from the working group that it be installed.

P/t Park attendant – details of this post had been circulated prior the meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. The trees be dealt with as recommended by the working group.
2. The deterrent camera plus the necessary pole and other equipment be purchased and installed at a cost of £8,850 + VAT.
3. That the post of p/t attendant be advertised and the recruitment process be dealt with by the Grindley Park working group.

77/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Special meeting re: affordable housing – it was confirmed that a special meeting of the council would be held on Tuesday 13th September at 7.00pm in Fulford Village Hall to discuss the Affordable Housing report.

Broadband meeting – Staffordshire County Council are running a stakeholder meeting on Thursday 8th September concerning broadband. Cllrs Oxby and Holmes to attend.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council –Members Digests (nos.159)

Stafford Borough Council – invite to the anniversary of the Battle of Britain commemoration at Collegiate Church, Stafford on Sunday 18th September

Stafford Borough Council – Ladies Charity Luncheon on Friday 19th August

Staffordshire County Council – temporary road traffic regulation at Fulford Dale, Fulford on Friday 23rd September

DEFRA – consultation on the registration of village greens

Communities & Local Government - Consultation on National Planning Framework
(This item was delegated to the Planning Sub-Committee)

78/11 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Rail passes

Retiring Councillor presentations

Barlaston Common well

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall** on **Thursday 8th September 2011 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN