

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th AUGUST 2013 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Jennings, Mrs Lightfoot, Monks, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Barker, Colclough, Evans, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Borough Councillor Dodson and County Councillor Parry

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

78/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

79/13 POLICE REPORT

None

80/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None raised

81/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th July 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

82/13 CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL

An interest in the Rough Close ward vacancy had been received from Mr G Brunt and Mr Brunt was asked to speak to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That Mr Brunt be co-opted to the Parish Council as a councillor for the Rough Close ward. The Declaration of Acceptance of office was duly signed and Mr Brunt participated in the remainder of the meeting.

83/13 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Cllr Holmes reported on the following:

- The allocation of the s106 money received by the Borough Council in respect of the 'Monsoon' development was on the Borough Council's cabinet agenda for 8th August;
- New proposals for Stallington Hall are with the Borough Council, however the developers are not ready to clean up the pool and gardens;

- Proposals for a wood pellet manufacturing facility has been received by the Borough Council for the site at Spot Acre. Fulford Parish Council have not been consulted despite being a 'neighbouring authority'

84/13 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) CPRE membership

RESOLVED:

It was agreed, with 1 objection, that the Parish Council continue its membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) at a cost of £29 per year.

85/13 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:

13/ 18916/FUL – Stallington Mews, Gallton Croft, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – to vary condition 8 of planning consent 06/06051/FUL and condition 2 of listed building consent 06/06037/LBC

13/18933/FUL – The Greyhound Inn, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent – retention of container

13/18943/HOU – The Mynd, Windmill Hill, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension

13/18931/HOU – 67 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey rear orangery and resiting of existing conservatory

13/18934/FUL – The Greyhound Inn, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent – play area equipment

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

13/18611/FUL – Moss Barn, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – wooden stable block.

13/18630/FUL – Mia Hairdressing, 160 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – extension to hairdressing salon.

13/18704/HOU – 13 Balaams Lane, Moss Gate, Stone – 2-storey rear extension.

13/18627/FUL – The Stable Block, Stallington Hall, Stallington Road – erection of pole mounted satellite dish and regularisation of road access alignment.

13/18759/FUL – 361 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling.

(c) Other Planning Issues

None

86/13 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) New litter bin

Details on the proposal to purchase a new litter bin for the land at the end of West View were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that 2 further options be considered 1) whether the Borough Council will provide the bin and 2) if not, a cheaper version manufactured by Amberol.

(b) Electoral Review of Stafford

The Clerk reported on an Electoral Review of Stafford to be undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission. Initial representations concerning the proposed size of the council are required by the 2nd September 2013. Following agreement on the size a further public consultation on the warding will run from 22 October 2013 to 7 January 2014.

RESOLVED:

The above timetable was noted by the council.

(c) Nomination for Member of the SPCA Executive

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the council would put forward 2 councillors for nomination to the executive – Cllr. Mrs Brayford and Cllr. Holmes.

87/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Friends of the Common – Cllr Mrs Jennings reported on the inaugural meeting of the Friends of Rough Close Common on the 17th July in the parish office. Several issues had been discussed including putting in place a constitution and the pond on the edge of the common.

Best Kept Village – Cllr. Oxby reported that Fulford had received a ‘Highly Commended’ award in this year’s competition.

Parish newsletter – Cllr Oxby reported on the meeting held to discuss the future of the Newsletter. Several issues had initially been resolved including continuing with a 4-times a year publication, photographs of members to be removed and a parish news page to be introduced rather than a Chairman’s Report.

Police presence – the Clerk was asked to check on what the current position was with a police presence in the parish

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members digest (185)

Stafford Borough Council – Anniversary of the battle of Britain, Sunday 15th Sept.

NHS (Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent) – NHS 111 update

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner – new strategy ‘safer, Fairer, United Communities for Staffordshire

88/13 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None requested

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 12th September 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN