

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2014 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Jennings (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Monks, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Kathryn Grattage (Transport Co-ordinator, Staffs. CC) Mr David Hudson (Fulford Best Kept Village Group), 3 members of the public, Staffordshire Newsletter reporter & S. Beck (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Mrs Brayford, Colclough, Evans & Borough  
Councillors Dodson & Roycroft.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

2 members of the Stallington Speedwatch scheme attended and again raised issues regarding the installation of signs.

**75/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr. Oxby in relation to item 6 on the agenda (Fulfest 2014)

**76/14 POLICE REPORT**

There was no police report

**77/14 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

The item raised by the public is reported on under minute number 84/14(c)

**78/14 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

At this point in the meeting it was agreed to suspend Standing Orders to hear presentations from Mr David Hudson and Mrs Kathryn Grattage.

**79/14 PRESENTATION ON FULFEST 2014**

Mr David Hudson outlined the background as to how Fulfest came about and then went on to say that the 2014 Fulfest had been very well attended and well received by residents in Fulford. The overall cost of the event was £2600. Income from various fundraising activities undertaken throughout the year and donations on the day plus a small grant from the 'Big Gig' organisation amounted to £2100, leaving a shortfall of £500.

**RESOLVED:**

The Council thanked David for the presentation and confirmed that the shortfall would be met by a donation from the Parish Council as agreed at the October 2013 meeting (minute 104/13(b))

## **80/14 PRESENTATION ON VOLUNTARY CAR SCHEME**

Mrs Kathryn Grattage outlined the operation of the voluntary car scheme in Staffordshire. She said there were 21 schemes running across the county; however the scheme was not operating in Fulford parish. She gave further details of how the scheme might be set up and organised.

### **RESOLVED:**

The Council thanked Kathryn for the presentation and agreed to initially try and see what interest there was with parishioners for the running of a scheme in the area.

## **81/14 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Borough Councillor Holmes reported that the signs that had been refused planning consent at the Windmill pub will be taken down. No update on the Littlefields situation.

## **82/14 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 membership for CPRE**

#### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the membership should be renewed for a further year.

### **(c) Other Financial Matters**

The Clerk reported that the Annual return for the financial year ended 31 March 2014 had been returned by auditors Grant Thornton with no action required.

## **83/14 PLANNING**

### **(a) Applications**

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

That no objections be raised to the following application:

14/ 20845/HOU – 414 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed extension and alterations

14/20723/HOU –8 Golborne Avenue, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – front extension, front porch and elevation alterations

14/20692/HOU – Blacklake Farm, Stallington Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed oak framed garage.

That objections be raised to the following application:

14/20713/FUL - Moments Kashmir Restaurant, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of condition 9 on application 00/39761/FUL on the following grounds:

the impact on the surrounding area, in particular the noise and disturbance to neighbouring properties and;

the effect on traffic as these premises access on to a busy road very close to an equally busy junction.

**(b) Decisions**

The following decisions were reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

**Approved:**

14/20241/FUL – Stallington Sports Club, Fulford Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – the use of sports field for equestrian use

14/20449/HOU – 2 Lancaster Avenue, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – 1<sup>st</sup> floor side extension

**(d) Other Planning issues**

None

**84/14 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

**(a) Items - the notice of which was given to the Clerk**

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

- Trees on Stallington Lane
- Invitation to Mayor's Parlour
- Retention of planning applications
- Stafford Borough Council's Bathroom Initiative
- Purchase of screen projector

**RESOLVED:**

1 Cllr. Holmes agreed to raise the issue of overhanging trees with the Borough and County Councils, although the Borough Council had already stated that they did not perceive an issue as there was plenty of room for 2 cars to pass.

2 Cllr Holmes extended an invitation to Councillors to attend the Mayor's Parlour probably sometime after the 28<sup>th</sup> September.

3 It was agreed to retain paper copies of planning applications in the parish office for 3 years.

4 It was agreed to put details of this initiative in the Parish Newsletter.

5 It was agreed that no decision would be made on the purchase of a projector until the Council had seen a demonstration of its use. Cllr. Holmes reported that the Borough Council would be pleased to give a demonstration.

**(b) WW1 Commemorations**

**RESOLVED:**

The following was agreed:

- a) 20 ceramic poppies from the Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red currently planted in the Tower of London moat this summer to be purchased and 'planted' by the war memorial in Fulford Churchyard. It was also agreed that the poppies could be taken around the schools in the area. An area of land next to Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall could also be used to plant a poppy garden. Updates on action against this item to be included in 'Matters to Report' each month.

**(c) Speedwatch Signs**

Details of the proposal and costs of erecting these signs had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the Council would meet the cost of supplying and erecting these signs.

**(d) Public Footpath Order in respect of Footpath nos. 14 & 17**

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed to support the proposal to divert these paths as shown on the enclosed diagrams.

**(e) Replacement panels for bus shelters**

Details of the proposals had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that replacement panels should be supplied and fitted to bus shelters in Sandon Road, Fulford Road and Uttoxeter Road at a cost of £1450 + VAT.

**85/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

*Best Kept Village, Fulford* – It was reported that the village had received a Highly Commended in the recent competition

*Hedges* – people to be asked to cut both sides of their hedges, item to be included in Newsletter

*Fulford Village hall* – work has started on a refurbishment scheme

*Friends of Rough Close Common* – next meeting 21 August

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – members digest (197)

Stafford Borough Council – Anniversary of the Battle of Britain 14<sup>th</sup> September

Staffordshire County Council – notification of Local authority Governor vacancy at Springcroft Primary School

SPCA – notification of new regulations in respect of Open and Accountable Government

Staffordshire CVYS – details on how to start up a youth group

Stafford Borough Council – Draft Statement of Community Involvement consultation

North Staffordshire Rail partnership – details of work taking place at Blythe Bridge Station

Office of Police & Crime Commissioner – dangerous parking outside schools

**86/14 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Fulford Village hall kitchen refurbishment

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN