

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Flackett, Holmes, Lovatt, Monks, Morris, Mycock, McNaught, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 1 members of the public & S. Beck (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Mrs Jennings and Borough Councillor Roycroft.

The Clerk reported that he had received resignations from Mrs Brayford and Mrs McPherson (both Blythe Bridge ward councillors).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public present raised the issue of flooding and mud coming down Aynsley Drive, Blythe Bridge. The mud is covering the pavements and blocking the drains. The problem is thought to stem from blocked drains at the bottom of Aynsley Drive

**120/15 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None.

**121/15 POLICE REPORT**

None.

**122/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Blocked drains* – It was felt that the problem is occurring because the main drain on Uttoxeter Road needs clearing. The Clerk to arrange a site meeting with the County Council to try and resolve the problem

**123/15 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**124/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Borough Councillor Dodson reported on the following:

- The Borough Council (BC) continue to be very busy with planning applications;
- Solar farms in Barlaston and High Offley had been rejected by the B C;
- Work is continuing with the Leisure and Cultural Strategy;
- The technical issues in respect of the roundabout at Stallington are related to the need to purchase additional land to enable the roundabout to be constructed.

## 125/15 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) Internal Audit Report

The report had been circulated with the agenda prior to the meeting.

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the two areas for consideration highlighted in the report – risk assessment and the use of electronic banking should be looked at by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and reported back to the full Council.

## 126/15 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:

15/23164/HOU – Flatts Farm, Balaams Lane, Moss Gate – 2-storey extension between existing house and barn

15/23370/HOU – Field Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – extension and alterations to existing 2-storey dwelling

15/23117/HOU – 146 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – proposed dormer extension to front elevation and roof conversion to form additional accommodation, proposed new detached garage, new driveway and turning space and new vehicular access off Uttoxeter Road.

15/22819/HOU – 177 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – 2-storey side extension.

15/23336/HOU – 4 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath – extension and alterations to form new lounge, kitchen and 1<sup>st</sup> floor bedroom

15/23289/HOU – 2 Heath Grove, Meir Heath – roof alterations to form rooms in roof-space

15/23253/HOU – Rose Cottage, Lightwood Road, Rough Close – to create off-road parking.

15/23045/FUL – Land rear of The Beeches Back Lane, Fulford – timber stable adjacent to farm building

15/23245/FUL – Land at Fulford Manor Farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford – reinstatement & alterations to barn 2

That objections be raised on the following applications:

15/228865/HOU (revised application) – 19 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – detached garage with apple loft. Reason for objection was:

- The scale of this development would appear to be excessive goes beyond what is required for a detached garage
- 15/23248/HOU – 71 Bernard Grove, Meir Heath – 2-storey side extension. Reason for objection was:
- The proposed extension brings the building beyond the existing housing line of the houses in this locality.

## **(b) Decisions**

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

### **Approved:**

15/23141/HOU – 3 The Grove, Blythe Bridge – extension to the rear 2-storey gable & a single storey extension and conversion of the conservatory.

15/22865/HOU – 19 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – detached garage with apple loft

15/22818/FUL – Land opposite Woodlands Grove, Meir Heath – vary condition 2 and remove conditions 3 & 8 on planning permission 14/19944/FUL

15/23007/FUL – Pump house, Moss Gate – erection of GRP kiosk

15/22938/HOU – 2 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath – 2xextension to front and 1xextension to rear of existing bungalow

### **Withdrawn:**

15/22584/FUL – Field Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate –demolition of existing 2-storey dwelling & erection of new 2-storey dwelling

## **(c) Other Planning Issues**

The Clerk reported the Borough Council's Enforcement Officer expected a report on Littlefields to go to the Planning Committee at the end of January.

## **127/15 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:-

- Bus shelter at corner of Grindley Lane/Sutherland Cres.
- Academy status for local primary schools.
- Grids in Stallington Road
- Rough Close pond
- Helicopter landings on old Creda site

### **RESOLVED:**

1. Discussions are needed with the County Council (CC) to first establish the feasibility of erecting a bus shelter and then further work with the community to determine the need and demand. The Clerk to arrange a meeting with the CC in the first instance.
2. It was agreed that discussions between the primary schools in the area were at an early stage and that the Councillors who sit as Governors at some of the schools would keep the Council informed of progress.
3. Further report to go to the CC.
4. Concerns were expressed at the existence of terrapins in the Rough Close pond, as some councillors considered them a danger to other species. The Clerk was asked to speak to the Borough Council (Bill Waller) about the Council's concerns.
5. More data required before a report can be made to the Borough Council. Cllr Morris will keep a log.

## **128/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr Holmes reported on the Staffordshire Parish Council's Association AGM and in particular the Association's support for the removal of the M6 toll road, which would not only help the southern districts of Staffordshire, but would help alleviate traffic on the A50.

Cllr. Oxby recommended the Fulford village 2016 calendar to everyone.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-  
Stafford BC – Monthly digest.  
County Cllr I Parry – details of support for defibrillators

**129/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN