

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Flackett, Garside, Holmes, Inscker, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Monks, Mycock Miss Noblett, Oxby & Mrs White

IN ATTENDANCE: BCs Dodson & Roycroft, 1 member of the public & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Colclough, McNaught & Morris,

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public present outlined parking issues affecting the neighbours close to the Dental Surgery on Sandon Road, including on occasions drives to properties being blocked by cars visiting the dentist. He also said that clinical waste had been noticed lying around some of the waste bins.

Cllr Flackett also raised the issue of parking outside Fulford school on behalf of a resident.

125/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

126/16 POLICE REPORT

None.

127/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Parking and disposal of clinical waste – the Parish Council have already contacted the dental health practice asking them if they can do something about the parking, however the situation has not changed. The Council will contact Stafford BC and the police to see what action, if any, can be taken. The Environmental Health Officer will be contacted concerning the clinical waste.

Parking outside Fulford school – proposals have been made by the County Council to put double yellow lines outside the school. A meeting will take place on 14th December with Cllr. Parry to find out how far this proposal has gone.

128/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th November 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

129/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

BC Roycroft reported on a major development to the north of Stafford with 3,000+ houses to be built and the development of 36 hectares of employment land.

The gypsy site on Hilderstone Road has been allowed a further 3 years temporary approval following an appeal to the planning inspector.

Cllr. Roycroft was asked if HS2 was supported by Stafford BC, to which he replied yes.

130/16 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) Consideration of report from F&GP Committee

Minutes, draft budget and precept recommendations, had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. That, with effect from 1st January 2017, the contract payments made to Mr E Probyn, Mr L Turner, Mr. C Duffy and Mr K Collier be increased by 2%.
2. That the contract for the cutting of the open spaces and the grass verges be continued with Town & Country and Millstone Gardening Services respectively.
3. That no changes be made to the level of charges for advertisers in the Newsletter for the year 2017.
4. The precept for 2017/18 to be set at £50,000
5. The budget for 2016/17, as presented, to be adopted
6. The Clerks salary be increased in line with the Nationally agreed pay scale from the 1st June 2017
7. That no changes be made to the Council's Financial Regulations.

131/16 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 applications:

16/25239 - Ingaro, Brammel Lane, Blythe Bridge Stoke-on-Trent – new pitched roof over existing garage and internal alterations.

16/25257/LBC – The Stable Block, Stallington Hall, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – application vary condition 2 of planning consent 06/06037/LBC.

That objections be raised to the following application:

16/25071/COU – Stallington Sports Club, Fulford Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – change of use and conversion of former sports pavilion and changing rooms to form a single house. The reasons for objection were:

- The building is not considered an appropriate development for the designated Green Belt.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

16/24773/FUL- at land adjacent to 36 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed new ménage.

16/24826/FUL- 38A Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – variations to conditions.

16/24967/ANX- Rosedale Croft, Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath – proposed conversion of existing summer house to ancillary accommodation for aged relative.

16/24925/FUL- Lower Gorsty Birch Farm Stallington Road Blythe Bridge Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QH – conversion of agricultural buildings into holiday cottages.

Refused:

16/25025/FUL- Little Fields, Fulford Road, Spot Acre – extension to front of approved dwelling to form new extended kitchen diner at ground floor level & larger bedroom and bathroom at 1st floor level.

16/23916/FUL- Land rear of 214 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – demolition of existing garage and construction of new dwelling.

16/24832/FUL- at Long Lane Head Farm, Long Lane, Fulford – conversion of derelict barn to single residential dwelling with new extension to rear, demolition of existing hayloft and erection of new garage and guest house.

132/16 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:-

- Ceramic poppies
- Litter bin for Stallington Road

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that, if possible, one permanent display should be arranged in Fulford Parish Church and that the remaining poppies will be mounted so that they can be taken around the parish for display in schools etc. Fulford Parish church to be approached to see if they are able to accommodate a permanent display.
2. It was agreed that Stafford BC be requested to provide a larger bin on Stallington Road to replace the existing bin.

(b) Review of the Parish Council's Risk Assessment

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

No changes were made to the present document.

(c) Request from Blythe Bridge Rotary to install a planter

The Clerk reported that the Rotary club wished to pay for and install a planter beside the sign for Blythe Bridge on Grindley Lane. They would also meet the cost of the admin fee required to seek Staffs. CC permission.

RESOLVED:

The proposal was agreed.

(d) EoN project on Hilderstone Road

Details had been circulated with the agenda

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council deferred a decision to allow for more information from EoN.

133/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Holmes reported that 3 defibrillator training courses had been arranged at Meir Heath, Fulford and Saverley Green. Details will be in the Newsletter and on the notice boards.

Councillor Mrs Jennings reported on plans for the parish office refurbishment.

Councillor Holmes reported that Cllr. Mcnaught and he had attended the SPCA AGM.

Councillor Mrs Jennings reported that dog fouling was still occurring on the common despite the current campaign and that leafleting campaign was to be undertaken by Bill Waller and Saul Hocking. The amount of dog mess on the bottom common is likely to prevent the cattle returning to the common next year.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – details of Borough Carol service on Sunday 18th December

Stone Town Council – details of Civic Carol service on Sunday 11th December.

Community Council of Staffordshire – details of Best kept Village comp.

DougieMac – details of Christmas concert on 11th December

Stafford BC – confirmed order relating to footpath 5 diversion

Fulford Village Group – thank you letter

CPRE – winter newsletter

134/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Posts around Fulford Village green

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 January 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN