

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** BCs Dodson, Roycroft & S. Beck (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Colclough, Lovatt & Mycock.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**116/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**117/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

None raised

**118/17 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**119/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllrs Dodson & Roycroft reported that a planning application was coming forward for a large-scale development north of Stafford which would provide 700 dwellings plus a primary school. Stallington Hall development had been rejected by the Borough. A breach of planning conditions was reported relating to 184 Stallington Road, the Borough are investigating.

**120/17 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 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. Millstone Gardening Services will also be asked to quote for annual work in clearing overgrown vegetation from the footpaths.
3. That no changes be made to the level of charges for advertisers in the Newsletter for the year 2018.
4. The precept for 2018/19 to be set at £50,000
5. The budget for 2018/19, as presented, to be adopted
6. That the following changes be made to the Council's Financial Regulations. Para 11.1(h) – last sentence to read ".....where the value is below £3000 and above £1000 (*previous amount was £100*) the clerk shall strive to obtain 3 estimates"

**121/17 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:

17/27407/HOU – Barclay, Windmill Hill, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed rear single storey extension, extension to entrance porch on front elevation

**(b) Decisions**

**Allowed:**

17/27316/HOU – 161 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed single storey extension

17/27301/HOU – 2 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent – erection of a pair gates on brick pillars to match dwelling

17/27310/HOU – 2 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – extension to front and rear

17/26888/HOU – 184 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – double storey side extension and part single storey rear extension

17/27090/FUL – Swynnerton Arms, Windmill Hill, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – new entrance pergola and free-standing timber open timber framed pergola

**Refused:**

17/26544/FUL – Land rear of 14 Stallington Mews, Galton Croft, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent.

17/26758/FUL & 17/26759/LBC – Stallington Hall, Fulford Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – conversion & extension of existing building to form 26 apartments and associated parking

**Withdrawn:**

17/26973/HOU – Rose Cottage, Stallington Grange, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent – proposed rear dormers and first floor bedroom and bathroom end gable

## 122/17 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: -

- War memorial – Fulford churchyard

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. Following a report to the council that quotes for the work to the memorial had been obtained it was agreed that further attempts should be made to get funding from the War Memorial Trust.

### (b) Use of redundant BT payphones in Fulford and Saverley Green

#### **RESOLVED:**

For discussion at the January meeting.

### (c) 2018 Parish Council meeting dates

#### **RESOLVED:**

The dates were noted.

### (d) Allotments

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

#### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that an application should be made to Severn Trent Water regarding providing a water supply to the proposed allotment site. The initial cost would be £137.68; however, this could rise substantially following an inspection by the water company. The Council would at this stage review the costs again.

### (e) Parish Newsletter

Details of the Newsletter working groups recommendations were circulated with the agenda.

#### **RESOLVED:**

The Council agreed to two of the recommendations – to reduce the number of publications to 3 times a year and to include more community information. However, they rejected the recommendation that trade ads should be taken out and that pictures of councillors should be removed. A further meeting of the Group will be convened early in the New Year to see how this can be implemented.

### (f) Planters/bollards on grass verge outside newsagents

#### **RESOLVED:**

No decision reached with further information of types of planters/bollards and costs to be provided.

(g) Great War celebrations

Details of project proposals were outlined to the Council as well as possible funding streams from the lottery. Residents have also been asked to provide ideas via an article in the Newsletter.

**RESOLVED:**

Agreement to proceed with the preparations.

**123/17 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Councillor Holmes reported on discussions which had taken place with the County Highways regarding signage for Stallington Road.

The Clerk reported that he had received a response from the Borough Council concerning the 'car park' opposite the school on the common, which states that the 'car park' is unofficial and if vegetation is encroaching then either the school or the parish council should deal with it.

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (237)

Stafford Borough Council – notification of carol service on 17<sup>th</sup> December

Stafford Borough Council – Mayor's charity quiz on 6<sup>th</sup> January

Staffordshire County Council – Rights of Way consultation

Police & Crime Commissioner – details of proposal to purchase interactive speed signs.

**124/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- BT payphones
- Bollards/planters outside newsagents
- Dementia awareness sessions

**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> January 2018 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN