

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th DECEMBER 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Bennett (Chairman), Colclough, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Oxby, Shaw & Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Harp & Roycroft and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Brayford, Brayford, Mrs Holmes, Mrs McPherson, Mycock & Mrs Wheat & Borough Councillor Oldfield

OTHER NON ATTENDEES: Councillor Bevan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised further issues concerning the gypsy site at Spot Acre including a report that more caravans were on the site than is allowed, the use of a lorry body as a shed and excessive lighting.

94/10 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Response from Stafford BC to the last complaints on this issue were presented to the meeting, however Councillors did not feel that the Borough had addressed all the issues and it was agreed that a further letter be sent to the Borough Council.

95/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

96/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th November 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

97/10 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

There was no County Council or police report. Borough Councillor Harp reported on the problems with refuse collection during the bad weather. Councillors suggested that more effort should be made by the Borough to let people know what is happening for example notices in the Sentinel for residents in the north of the Borough and announcements on Radio Stoke. Concerns were also expressed at the apparent lack of contingency planning in the event of continuing bad weather that might mean people not having their bins emptied for several weeks.

Councillors also raised the issue of apparent illegal burning on the equestrian centre site at Spot Acre and the absence of grit in the grit bins.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough with the suggestions of wider coverage of non-collection and a request for details of any contingency planning. Also to write to the

Environment health Officer concerning the burning of rubbish and to the County Council over the lack of grit.

98/10 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.

99/10 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

1) That objections be raised to the following applications:

10/14542/FUL – conversion of garage to living accommodation – 11 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LT. The following reason was given:

- It is felt that the development is not appropriate as it possibly conflicts with the space about dwelling policy.

2) That no objections be raised to the following applications:

10/14647/FUL – field shelter, stables & shipping container to support sheep/cattle & horses – land off Cresswell Road, Hilderstone, Stone.

10/14689/FUL – new single storey extension to existing tiled front of property – 146 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9HQ

10/14248/FUL – new buildings opening, car parking spaces and landscaping – Blythe Lodge, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9JP

10/14613/FUL – 1st floor & single storey rear extension; conversion of outbuilding for use as extension to dwelling – Flatts Farm, Balaams Lane, Moss Gate, Hilderstone,

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

10/14448/FUL – rear conservatory – 59 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/13534/FUL –proposed 2-bedroom single storey dwelling within the grounds of 156 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/14360/FUL – 2 storey side extension to existing house forming additional kitchen space, new garage and 2 new bedrooms – 9 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PB

10/14339/FUL – extension to side and rear of existing dwelling at ground and first floor level – 1 Anthony Grove, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PA

Rejected

10/14334/FUL –proposed first floor extension – Willow Cottage, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7TA

- (c) **Other planning issues** – The meeting was informed of the Borough Council’s planning meeting to be held on the 15th December to consider the proposals for development of the George and Dragon site, Rough Close.

100/10 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) Items - the notice of which was given at the last meeting

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

- Posts on Grindley Lane

RESOLVED:-

1. Deferred until the January meeting

(b) Dates for meetings in 2011

RESOLVED:

The dates of 2011 were agreed as set out in the paper circulated with the agenda. The May meeting may need to be changed following the local elections.

(c) Local Development Framework – Delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that this should be considered by the planning sub-committee at their next meeting.

(d) Consideration of the felling of trees at the top entrance to Grindley Park

Cllr. Shaw reported on a site meeting held with one of the residents and a tree surgeon to consider what action should be taken regarding the complaint made at the November parish council meeting. Proposal put forward by the tree surgeon were given.

RESOLVED:

Following discussion it was agreed that the decision be held over until the January meeting to give Councillors an opportunity to view the site.

101/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Resignations – The Chairman reported that she had received a resignation letter from Cllr. Mrs Weaver who was leaving the council for personal reasons. Cllr Baggaley having not attended meetings for over 6 months had also left the Council. The Clerk will arrange with the Borough Council for the posts to be advertised and letters of thanks to go to Cllrs. Mrs Weaver and Baggaley

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digests (no.150)

Stafford Borough Council – details of a Parish election workshop on 15th February 2011

Stafford Borough Council – details of timetable for setting the precept for 2011/12

Stafford Borough Council – temporary event notice procedure

Stafford Borough Council– notification of a consultation on the Borough’s
Homelessness Strategy 2011-2014
Douglas Macmillan Hospice – letter of thanks
Open Spaces Society - request for information re: proposed green space strategy.

102/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- bus shelter on Windmill Hill
- posts on Grindley Lane

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall** on
Thursday 13th January 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN