

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th DECEMBER 2012 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Shaw (Chairman), Mrs Barker, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Brayford, Colclough, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft, PCSOs Becky Powell and I Brewis Shaun Rimmer (Staffordshire Wildlife Trust) for part of the meeting & S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Evans, Lovatt and Borough Councillor Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Details of an email received from a member of the public were reported to the Council. The email concerned instances of anti-social behaviour in Fulford.

114/12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Mrs Wheat declared a pecuniary interest in items relating to Council contracts reported on under item 8(b) and took no part in the discussion on this item.

115/12 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Powell reported on the following:

- some instances of anti-social behaviour in Fulford in particular damage to the notice board outside the village hall and several other cases of nuisance behaviour;
- theft from a motor vehicle in Blythe Bridge
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116/12 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

Anti-social behaviour in Fulford – PCSO Becky Powell said the police were aware of the instances and urged the member of the public to contact them either on the 101 non emergency number or direct to Becky herself who would visit the lady concerned if required. The Clerk was asked to pass this information on to the resident.

117/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 8th November 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

118/12 ‘WILD ABOUT STAFFORD’ – PRESENTATION FROM SHAUN RIMMER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER, STAFFORDSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

Shaun Rimmer outlined various activities that are taking place under this joint initiative with Stafford Borough Council including work on Rough Close common and some workshops for school children in the New Year where bird boxes will be made.

Councillors asked that these events be given maximum publicity locally (information has already been put in the winter edition of the Newsletter and Shaun will provide some additional leaflets for distribution to households.

119/12 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Borough Councillor Holmes reported on the following:

Helicopter landings (old Creda site) – a letter has gone the owners of the site from the Borough Council's legal department;

Stallington Hall – new owners have still not resolved access issues with Persimmons;

New Borough Council posts – 2 new posts created at the Borough Council to deal with conservation areas and neighbourhood plans

Regent Centre – legal action regarding the signs is now underway

Enforcement action – action is being taken relating to unauthorised developments at premises on Cresswell Road

120/12 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 and draft budget, including recommendations from the F&GP Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the Clerk's salary be increased by 1 point on the national scale from 1st June 2013.
- (ii) That, with effect from 1st January 2013, the contract payments made to Mr E Probyn, Mr L Turner and Mr. D. Wheat be increased by 2%.
- (iii) That, with effect from the delivery of the March 2013 edition of the Parish Newsletter, the payment made to Mr. G. Wheat be increased by 2%.
- (iv) That the contract for the cutting of the open spaces and the grass verges will be continue with Town & Country and Millstone Gardening Services respectively.
- (v) Changes were agreed to the budget as follows:
 - room hire for the 2 village halls be increased to £20 a session to reflect the increased costs relating to energy etc.
 - Chairman's allowance to increase by £10 to £150
 - further work to be undertaken to determine the annual Occupational Licence fee for Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall.

The precept will be considered at either the January or February meeting depending on when all the appropriate information is available from the Borough Council.

121/12 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

- 1) That no objections be raised to the following application:
12/17715/FUL(amended) – land at Southerndown, Hartwell lane, Rough Close – erection of detached dwelling with detached double garage.
12/17810/FUL – Greensytc Farm, Long Lane, Hilderstone, Stone – roof over existing livestock yard.
12/17909/HOU – 23 Meadow Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – retrospective application for 2-storey side and rear extension
12/17624/FUL – 107 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent – rebuilding of existing dwelling to form replacement dwelling
12/18014/HOU – 17 Tudor Hollow, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – side extension
12/18016/OUT – Hunters Moon, Fulford Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing garage/store, proposed new dwelling and new vehicular access to Hunters Moon. The Council also noted that other properties in this area have been allowed infill.

(b) Decisions

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

Permitted:

- 12/17594/COU – Meadow View House, Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath – change from ancillary accommodation to holiday let
- 12/17353/FUL – Dale Farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford – concrete slurry store
- 12/17508/HOU – 7 Willows Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – conversion of loft with dormer extensions to front and rear
- 12/17715/FUL - land at Southerndawn, Hartwell lane, Rough Close – erection of detached dwelling with detached double garage

Refused:

- 12/17093/FUL - 361 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling.

(c) Woodview, Hilderstone Road

Details of a response received from the Planning Officer at Stafford Borough Council re: developments on the above site were reported to the Council.

RESOLVED:

The Council were not satisfied with the response received and asked the Clerk to seek further clarification from the Borough Council.

122/12 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

a) Signs for Grindley Park

Details on the proposal had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that new signs be purchased and installed at a cost of £336 + VAT

b) Dates of Parish Council Meetings for 2013

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

Dates for 2013 were agreed.

123/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Staffordshire Environmental Fund – details of the plaque that will be provided for the parish council to display were circulated

Localism Act 2011 – Councillors were informed of the register of interests information that needs to be provided. The appropriate forms were issued for completion. This information will also be published on the Borough Council and Parish Councils websites.

Signs (Moss Gate, Spot Acre crossroads and Grindley Lane) – the Clerk reported that the current sign at the corner of Moss Lane/Fulford Road will be replaced with the new sign showing Moss Gate. The signs at Spot Acre crossroads have still not been replaced, however the County Council have ordered new ones (they forgot to do so when it was first reported in July). The top sign indicating Grindley Park has been broken and has disappeared; the County Council have agreed to replace this free of charge.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Staffordshire County Council – ice breaker initiative

Stafford Borough Council – Post Office and postal delivery services (to be discussed at the January meeting)

Stafford Borough Council – Digest (2)

124/12 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Venue and date for Annual Parish Meeting
- Post Office and Postal Delivery Services in Stafford Borough

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be convened at **Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 10th January 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN