

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Jennings (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Mrs Brayford, Brunt, Colclough, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), McNaught, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw & Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Borough Councillor Roycroft & S. Beck (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Evans, Lovett, Mrs McPherson & Mrs Wheat

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None present

**118/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**119/14 POLICE REPORT**

No police report

**120/14 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

None raised

**121/14 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**122/14 PRESENTATION OF ON-LINE PLANNING SYSTEM – MICHELLE SMITH (STAFFORD BC)**

Michelle Smith, Planning Manager, Stafford BC outlined details of the ways in which the Borough Council's Public Access Site can be used to track details of all planning applications made to the Borough Council.

**RESOLVED:**

Michelle was thanked for her presentation and the guide on how to access Public Access will be made available to the Planning Committee and any other parish council member who wishes to receive one.

**123/14 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Borough Councillor Holmes reported that the Environmental Health Department were setting up monitoring systems to assess the level of noise coming from the business at 218 Grindley Lane. He also reported that a problem with a resident in Blythe Lodge had now been dealt with.

An Enforcement Officer had visited Littlefields in Fulford Road following the unauthorised laying of a tarmaced road across a field by the premises.

## **124/14 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 2015, the contract payments made to Mr E Probyn, Mr L Turner, Mr. D Keeling and Mr K Collier be increased by 2%.
2. That the contract for the cutting of the open spaces and the grass verges, which are currently with Town & Country and Millstone Gardening Services respectively will be subject to a tender process for 2015
3. That no changes be made to the level of charges for advertisers in the Newsletter for the year 2015.
4. The Clerk's salary be further reviewed by the F&GP Committee following the national increase in salary levels, with a recommendation brought to a future council meeting.
5. The precept for 2015/16 to be set at £50,000
6. The budget for 2015/16, as presented, to be adopted.

### **(c) Request for donation from the Citizens Advice Bureau**

#### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed to make a donation of £250

## **125/14 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:

- 14/21393/HOU – 159 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – detached garage and utility
- 14/21479/HOU – White Cottage, Saverley Green Road, Saverley Green – proposed rear and side extension and replacement garage and realignment of existing access
- 14/21325/HOU – 31 Pemberton Drive, Meir Heath – retention of front bay window to garage conversion

That objections be raised to the following application:

- 14/21223/COU (amended) – Woodfield, Hilderstone Road, Spot Acre – amended application to include an application to remove condition 1 to allow for new occupiers of pitch 1 on the caravan site. The following reasons were given for objection:
  - The site is within the North Staffordshire Green Belt and present Government Policy states that “Inappropriate development is harmful to the Green Belt and should not be

approved, except in very special circumstances. Traveller sites (temporary or permanent) in the Green Belt are inappropriate development. Green Belt boundaries should be altered only in exceptional circumstances”

- The planning inspector was very specific in his decision relating to temporary planning permission in that the site should be restricted to prevent general residential use in this Green Belt location and that the balance in favour of a temporary permission was dependent to a significant degree upon the personal need and circumstances of the appellants and their families. A condition limiting occupancy was therefore necessary.

#### **(b) Decisions**

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

##### **Approved:**

14/21077/PTEL - land opp. junction of Whitestone Road, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – upgrade to existing base station including replacement monopole

14/21148/HOU - Kandahar, Fulford Road, Crossgate – living room, garden room and bedroom extension

14/21201/HOU - Hazelwood, 91 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – single storey side extension

14/21191/HOU – 8 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath – resubmission of 14/20723/HOU, bedroom extension depth increase by 675mm

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

None

### **126/14 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:-

- Crossing on Hilderstone Road
- Ceramic Poppies

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. It was agreed that this item be held over until the next meeting when it is hoped there will be more information from the public on the demand for a crossing.
2. Cllr. Oxby reported that the poppies had now been received and that arrangements were being made to display them in the local schools and at other events around the parish. They had already gone into Springcroft and had been on display at the Fulford Village Christmas Fete held in the village hall. Discussions were also underway with the Rev. Peter Dakin as to the best way to provide a permanent display in St Nicholas Church, Fulford.

#### **(b) Community Paths Initiative**

The Clerk reported that the parish council had been awarded £700 from this year's initiative which was to be used to provide an interpretation board for Rough Close common. The money to be spent before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015.

**RESOLVED:**

The Chair to discuss the content of the Board with Bill Waller from the Borough Council with the final details to be brought to a future Council meeting.

**(c) Civic Amenity Visits 2015/16**

Details and costs were presented to the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that, as in previous years, visits will be requested for the spring, summer and autumn at locations in Fulford, Rough Close and Blythe Bridge, with additional visits to Stallington Village. A request will be made to the Borough Council for a better spread of dates.

**127/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

*SPCA Executive meeting and AGM*) – Cllr Holmes reported that there would be no increase in fees this coming year and that a new Local Council Award Scheme will be launched next year to replace the Quality Council scheme.

*Planning Forum* – Cllrs Mrs Jennings, Miss Noblett and Holmes had attended this event; however there was nothing new to report

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Email from Mr Lord – thank you letter and information that fibre broadband had gone live in Meir Heath

Highways Agency – Details of work to be undertaken on A50 to trim back trees.

**128/14 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Road crossing – Hilderstone Road

Roundabout at the junction of Stallington Road/Fulford Lane

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN