

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.  
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Bennett (Chairman), Mrs Brayford, Brayford, Colclough, Holmes, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Borough Councillors Oldfield & Roycroft, PCSO Emma Kempson, S Beck (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Lovatt, Borough Councillor Harp.

**OTHER NON ATTENDEES:** Councillor Bevan

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public raised an issue relating to inconsiderate parking by staff and others at the care home at the end of Aynsley Drive, Blythe Bridge. The issue of the A50 barriers was again raised.

**10/11 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

**Parking in Aynsley Drive:**

**RESOLVED:**

As there is no illegal parking or obstruction the police are unable to act. The Clerk to write to the Home requesting that staff and visitors be more considerate when they are parking.

**A50 Barriers:**

The Chairman reported on a recent meeting, organised by Cllr. Parry, with the Highways Agency, the main outcome of which was that the County Council will undertake some noise readings in the area and forward the information to the Highways Agency for hopefully further action.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr. Parry to be asked for minutes of the meeting.

**11/11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**12/11 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

**13/11 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS**

Borough Councillor Oldfield reported that the application for telephone equipment to be installed at Meir Heath has been called in.

PCSO Emma Kempson reported that following a spate of burglaries in Meir Heath 4 people were now in custody. Zig-zaggy campaign to start with local schools soon. A number of changes to the way policing is handled across the county are due to be detailed at the area meeting of the SPCA on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, however there will still be a policing team at Blythe Bridge.

## **14/11 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.

## **15/11 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 applications:

10/14429/PAGR – extension to agricultural building to house and maintain agricultural machinery & implements – Fulford Hall Farm, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/14454/FUL Amended Plan – reinstatement & alterations to Fulford Manor Farm Barns to form one dwelling – land at Fulford Manor Farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent.

11/ 14904/FUL – change to form 3-bedroom dwelling house, including provision for access & parking – old Methodist Chapel, Fulford road, Fulford ST15 8RL

11/14944/FUL – temporary learning & teaching facilities – Aynsley Special School, Aynsley Drive Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

2) That objections be raised to the following applications and the Borough Councillor be requested to call them in:

10/14765/COU –dining room conversion to small hairdressing facility- 85 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

11/14901/FUL – installation of 3 O2 & 3 Vodaphone antennas, ancillary rooftops works & a ground based equipment – Severn Trent Water Tower, Common Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent.

### **(b) Decisions**

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

#### **Approved:**

10/13052/OUT – 14658/FUL – proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension over existing dining room – 247 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

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

**(c) Other planning issues**

It was reported that the planning application to Stoke-on-Trent City Council to carry out quarrying activities on Lightwood Road had been withdrawn.

**16/11 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:-

- Litter picking
- Dog waste
- Review of Parish Plan

**RESOLVED:-**

1. It was reported that litter had been collected from Adamthwaite Drive and councillors were advised that if they see any 'black spots' they should let the Clerk know and he will ask the Litter Picker to concentrate on that particular area.
2. Following complaints from the public, particularly in Meir Heath, regarding the increase in dog fouling there will be a stronger article in the Newsletter reminding people of the penalties involved and in the Spring signs will be put on the footpaths.
3. It was agreed to undertake a review of the Parish plan and a working party consisting of Cllrs. Mrs Bennett, Colclough, Mrs Brayford, Mrs Jennings and Mrs McPherson would take this work forward.

**(b) Casual Vacancies for Meir Heath ward**

**RESOLVED:**

Only one application had been received and following a brief discussion by the Council it was agreed to appoint Mrs Denise Ellerman to one of the vacant positions.

**(c) Electoral Review of Staffordshire**

**RESOLVED:**

The Council were content with the proposals.

**(d) Casual vacancies for Meir Heath Ward**

**17/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

**SPCA Area Committee** – Cllr. Mrs McPherson reported on a recent meeting of this Committee where items covered included provision of grit bins, withdrawal of rural bus services and refuse collection.

**Report from Highways Group (previously circulated)** – Additional updates to some of the items was given as follows:

*Grass verges* – the County Council are to prepare a plan for possible planting of trees on parts of Grindley Lane

*Parking on Hilderstone Level* – double yellow lines could be considered but the parish council would need to make a case and consideration would then be given on the merits and priority for such action. It is therefore likely to be a very long term solution.

*Birch Grove* – the County Council would consider providing a lighting column, however the Parish council would need to foot the bill,

**Community Speedwatch** – the police have indicated that a minimum of 6 volunteers are needed for the training to go ahead (the 2 people expressing an interest have been informed)

**Gypsy site** – latest reply from the Borough Council was relayed to the meeting.

**Spot Acre site (old nursery)** – response from the County Council was given to the meeting

**Distribution of leaflet for Rotary in Parish Newsletter** – it was agreed that this would not go out with the Newsletter

**Declaration of Interests** – to be placed as first item on the agenda

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digests (nos.153 & 154)

Staffordshire County Council – Community Paths Initiative (Deadline for bids 30/4/11)

#### **18/11 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

None requested

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall** on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN