

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Flackett, Garside, Holmes, Lovatt, Mrs Jennings, Morris, Mycock, McNaught, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Borough Councillor Roycroft, S. Beck (Clerk) & Mr Saul Hocking (Stafford Borough Council) for item 6.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Monks.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Miss Noblett raised an issue on behalf of a resident concerning the changes to the no6A bus service that runs from Hanley to Meir Heath/Blythe Bridge. The service will no longer run after 6.30pm as from 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**13/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**14/16 POLICE REPORT**

None.

**15/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Reduction in bus service* – It was agreed that a letter of complaint be sent to First Bus Co. seeking an explanation for the changes, which would adversely affect parishioners in Meir Heath and Blythe Bridge. Cllr. Parry will be also contacted.

**16/16 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**17/16 PRESENTATION by Mr Saul Hocking (Stafford Borough Council)**

Mr Hocking outlined a new approach to trying to solve the issue of dog fouling in the Borough. The approach had been trialled in Weston Parish and involved identifying ‘hotspot’ areas and putting in place a range of initiatives involving the community to tackle the problem. The Blue Cross animal charity was also involved in giving talks in local schools

**RESOLVED:**

The Council thanked Mr Hocking for his informative presentation and agreed to set up a small working group to meet with Mr Hocking to begin the process of taking this project forward.

## **18/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Borough Councillor Roycroft reported on the following:

- He had arranged for StreetScene to clear litter from the Hilderstone Road (Blacklake crossroads to Spot Acre crossroads);
- 'Coming to Bin Near You' initiative was a success in Fulford
- Woodfield appeal on the 16<sup>th</sup> August
- Report on Littlefields, Cross Gate due to go to the Planning Committee imminently.

## **19/16 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.

## **20/16 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:

15/23104/HOU – Heather Crest, Church Close, Meir Heath – erection of fence along boundary of Heather Crest and St Francis Church

15/16/23610/HOU – Blythe Cottage, Ridgway Drive, Blythe Bridge – 2<sup>nd</sup> storey extension above existing ground floor lounge and dining area.

### **(b) Decisions**

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

#### **Approved:**

15/23253/HOU – Rose Cottage, Lightwood Road, Rough Close – to create an off-road parking area

15/23289/HOU – 2 Heath Grove, Meir Heath – roof alterations to form rooms in roof-space

#### **Refused:**

15/232485/HOU – 71 Bernard Grove, Meir Heath – 2-storey side extension

15/23164/HOU – Flatts Farm, Balaams Lane, Moss Gate – 2-storey extension between existing house and barn

15/23336/HOU – 4 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath – extension and alterations to form new lounge, kitchen and 1<sup>st</sup> floor bedroom

## **21/16 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:-

- Fulford church war memorial:
- Misuse of the Common.

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. All the necessary information has been supplied to the Trust. An application for the grant needs to be made. Cllr Oxby to see what help we can get from Nettlebanks. Cllrs. Mrs Jennings and Holmes are attending a conference on this issue on the 5<sup>th</sup> March
2. Details concerning the misuse of the Common were presented to the Council and the Clerk was asked to write to Stafford Borough Council's legal department requesting action be taken.

**(b) Defibrillators in Fulford Parish**

Details of suggested venues had been circulated with the agenda

**RESOLVED:**

Eight sites in all had been initially identified, however it was agreed that in the first instance the Council should consider one site per ward. Councillors will consider the best site for their wards and where appropriate contact local businesses for their support.

**(c) Parish Council's Communication Mediums**

Cllr McNaught explained to the Council how setting a Facebook page up would work and that it would allow for more instant communication. This would not replace other ways in which the Council communicates with the electorate.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that a Facebook page be set up.

**22/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Reports were received from the Chairman of the Highways, Grindley Park and Newsletter committees, all of which had met since the last meeting  
Interviews for Handyperson – Cllrs. Mrs Jennings, Garside and McNaught would be involved.

Allotments – Cllrs. Mrs Jennings, Miss Noblett and Holmes to meet with SARH.  
Mrs Brayford would like a 'retirement' event. Cllr. Mrs Jennings to organise.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford BC – Monthly digest (216)

Kier Co Ltd – details of road night time diversions on the A50 from 1<sup>st</sup> Feb. to May 2016

Douglas Macmillan Hospice – thank you letter

Report from internal auditor – confirmation that there are no matters for attention.

**23/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Grit bins for Fulford

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN