

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Colclough, Garside, Holmes, Inscker, Mrs Jennings, Monks, McNaught, Miss Noblett, Morris, Mycock & Mrs White

IN ATTENDANCE: BC Roycroft & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Flackett & Oxby.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman announced the death of former Councillor Ken Brayford .

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On behalf of a member of the public Cllr. Mrs Baskin raised an issue relating to blocked drains in Golborn Close.

11/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

12/17 POLICE REPORT

None.

13/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Blocked drains in Golborn Close – the problem had been reported to the County Council.

14/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th January 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15/17 Proposals for the use of the parish owned land in Cockieshall Lane by Fulford School (Mrs Helen Sutton, Head teacher)

Mrs Sutton set out to the Council plans that the school had for using the land as an outdoor learning space, including planting trees and other outdoor nature activities.

The Council were very supportive of the plans and had no objections to the use of the land in this way. Cllr. Mycock suggested they might wish to consider setting up some bee hives and he offered to lend support

16/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

BC Roycroft reported that the Plan for Stafford Borough had been adopted by the Council. He also reported that the Waste contract was up for renewal.

17/17 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) Request for support from Samaritans (Stafford)

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a donation of £150 be made.

18/17 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:

17/25566/HOU – Long Lane Head Farm, Long lane, Fulford – replacement garage with home office in loft above

17/25511/HOU – 28 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – proposed dropped kerb.

17/25576/HOU – 20 Leadendale Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed 2-storey rear extension & attached garage.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

16/25071/COU – Stallington Sports Club, Fulford Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – change of use and conversion of former sports pavilion and changing rooms to form a single house

16/25257/LBC – The Stable Block, Stallington Hall, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – application vary condition 2 of planning consent 06/06037/LBC.

Refused:

16/25402/FUL- Land rear of 214 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – demolition of existing garage and construction of new dwelling.

19/17 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: -

- First aid training

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that providing this type of course could be beneficial and details will be in the next Newsletter.

(b) Allotments

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a small working group consisting of Cllr. Garside, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Morris, Mycock, Miss Noblett and Taylor will be set up to further discuss if this is a feasible option.

(c) Ceramic poppies

Details of several options for display were discussed in the meeting with one design receiving the majority of the support.

RESOLVED:

The two best supported designs will be costed and discussed further.

(d) Civic Amenity Visits 2017

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that visits should be on the same basis as previous years.

(e) Proposed no waiting area on Fulford Road, Fulford

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The proposal for double yellow lines on Fulford Road was supported by the Council.

(f) Future of Meir Heath Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Mrs Jennings outlined the issues facing the Committee namely that most were very elderly and had been involved with the village hall for many years and without fresh faces joining the Committee it was unlikely they would be able to function for much longer.

RESOLVED:

The Council will meet with the Management Committee to try and find a way forward and in the meantime an article will be printed in the Newsletter to try and drum up new volunteers.

20/76 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Holmes reported that all the defibrillators are working and in order.
Councillor Mrs Jennings reported on the survey that had been conducted on Hilderstone Road as part of the evidence gathering for presentation to the County Council in support of a crossing facility on that road.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted: -

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (228)
Stafford Borough Council – details of Great British Spring Clean
Stone Town Council – invitation to afternoon tea & flower demonstration
Alleyn's Academy – consultation details on expansion

21/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened **at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 9th March 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN