



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2020 AT 7.15 P.M.  
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Brunt, Cllr Baskin, Cllr Oxby, Cllr Colclough, Cllr Noblett, Cllr Sandiford, Cllr Cooke, Cllr Lovatt, Cllr Flackett, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Garside.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Borough Cllr Dodson, Borough Cllr Roycroft. Dawn Plant - Clerk

**APOLOGIES: None**

**89/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**90/19 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Noblett reported: - A child had fallen on Hilderstone Road crossing which hadn't been gritted in the recent frosty weather. The parent of the child had enquired about a grit bin in the vicinity of Bernard Close. The Clerk would add it to the Highways meeting agenda.

Cllr Noblett reported: - The glass in the bus shelter at the top of Grindley Lane had been vandalised. The Clerk would ascertain if this belonged to the Parish and action accordingly.

Cllr Cooke reported: - The amount of litter on the carpark of the Bargain Booze shop at Windmill Hill. Chairman Brunt would call in and discuss it with the owner.

Cllr Cooke reported the speed of the traffic on Hilderstone Road, a member of the public had tripped on the pavement when two cars were overtaking. The Clerk would add this to the Highways agenda.

Cllr Baskin reported – Several reports of dog fouling and the Grindley Lane verges were still an issue.

Cllr Sandiford reported – He had contacted Borough Cllr Dodson regarding concerns he had received from residents about a person's welfare in the Blythe Bridge ward. This had become a multi-agency safeguarding approach from SBC, SCC.

Chairman Brunt reported – A resident with a garden backing onto Grindley Park had emailed the Clerk regarding off leash dogs getting into his garden because in his opinion the boundary hedge was insufficient. Following on from a discussion the Councillors agreed that the Parish could not police the Park and dog owners were responsible for their own dogs and ensuring they were under close control. The Clerk would purchase extra signage for the park. The Parish Council would not be able to purchase extra fencing for the resident's garden. Chairman Brunt reported that he had been approached by nine residents whose gardens back onto Grindley Park complaining about the amount of Rabbits which are entering their gardens and eating their plants etc.



The Clerk reminded the Councillors that if the issue of the management of the rabbits was not dealt with then the residents could claim compensation for the damage to their gardens. A previous vote had been taken to employ someone to cull the Rabbit population in line with DEFRA guidelines.

The Clerk had spoken to a member of the Village Hall Committee to ask if the person carrying out the rabbit management could park his van overnight on the Village Hall carpark and the committee had refused as they did not think the rabbit management was necessary. They had verbally threatened to sue the Parish Council if their land was entered onto for this purpose.

Cllr Garside asked if the issue of the Rabbit management plan could be revisited and this was seconded by Cllr Cooke. The Clerk was asked to investigate a full conservation plan for Grindley Park which would include Rabbit Management. The contractor for the Rabbit cull would be postponed for the time being.

Chairman Brunt would ask the residents to submit their complaints and details of the damage in writing to the Clerk.

#### **91/19 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 09.01.2020**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 09.01.2020 having been circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Baskin

Seconded Cllr Cooke

#### **57/19 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Dodson reported that the replacement Oak Tree for Fulford Village was likely to be planted around February 2021 but he awaited an update.

Cllr Roycroft reported that the increase in Council Tax was 1.9%

#### **92/19 FINANCE**

##### **(a) Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED** - Authority was given for cheques to be issued in settlement of the invoices

**Proposed Cllr Baskin Seconded Cllr Noblett**

The Cheque for the Rabbit management plan would remain in the cheque book for the time being.

#### **93/19 PLANNING**

20/31863/HOU – 17 Hilderstone Road – Proposed rear single and two storey extension

No Objections

#### **94/19 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: -

- Civic Amenity visit costs

It was agreed that the Civic Amenity visit would be the same as the previous year, Stallington twice yearly, Fulford, Rough Close, Mayfield Drive three times a year.

- Neighbourhood Plan, SBC Local Plan & Biodiversity Plan

The Clerk urged all Councillors to read the SBC Local Plan and make suggestions / comments.

She explained that she and Cllr Cooke had attended the NHP training session hosted by Barlaston Parish Council and Urban Vision. Following on from this she advised the Councillors that the Parish Council should register its Parish area with SBC for a potential NHP. The Councillors unanimously agreed for this to happen.

- Little Learners Grant application

The Clerk explained that there was missing information on the grant form and she would liaise with Little Learners to obtain the information.

- Approve the updated NALC finance regulations

The Clerk explained that the NALC finance regulations had been updated and she had previously forwarded a marked-up copy detailing the changes via email.

Cllr Cooke proposed the Council adopt the updated regulations; Cllr Baskin seconded.

- Nominate a Cllr to sign the bank reconciliations and bank statements for the year end process

Following on from the NALC updated finance regulations a Councillor would need to be nominated to sign the bank reconciliations and bank statements as part of the year end process. This needed to be a Cllr who wasn't a cheque signatory.

Cllr Noblett nominated Cllr Cooke and this was unanimously agreed.

- Parish Office vacuum cleaner

Following on from a discussion a budget of £150 for a vacuum cleaner for the Parish Office was set. Cllr Oxby asked if possible, the vacuum cleaner could be corded.

- Allotment lease

The Clerk had now received a revised lease for the Allotments from SRH.



Cllr Noblett proposed the Clerk sign the lease and Cllr Flackett seconded.

The Clerk would now contact all the people who expressed an interest and arrange a meeting for them to form a committee.

➤ Planning meeting dates and times

Cllr Noblett proposed that the Planning meetings take place on a Tuesday morning between 10am – 11am as all the current members of the committee were available during the day.

Cllr Colclough seconded.

**95/19 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr Oxby reported that Little Learners had recently had an Ofsted visit and been rated as Good.

Cllr Oxby reminded the Cllrs that the dead line for the next newsletter was before the March meeting.

Chairman Brunt reported an incident with the phone box in Moss Gate. There appeared to have been miscommunication with BT dating back to 2017. BT were not aware that the Parish wished to adopt the phone box and had sent a contractor to remove it. Chairman Brunt/ Cllr Oxby and Cooke had spoken to BT and they were arranging the paperwork to be sent to the Clerk to allow the Parish Council to adopt the box.

Cllr Noblett requested that the handyman be tasked with refurbishing and painting the phone box at the Swynnerton Arms.

Chairman Brunt reported that the replacement bench on Rough Close common would be installed within a month.

**96/19 ITEM (S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Fulford Village Hall roof

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened on 12.03.2020. at MH & RC Village Hall.

Chairman.