

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman) Shaw (Vice Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Mrs Brayford, Ms Cuncannon, Evans, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Oxby & Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Dodson & Roycroft, PC D Perry & S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs Wheat and County Councillor Parry

NON-ATTENDEE: Councillor Bevan & Lovatt.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

11/12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Oxby declared an interest in agenda item 9(a)

12/12 POLICE REPORT

It was reported that generally the area was quiet at the moment with only 4 incidents of 'proper crime' in the last 2 months.

13/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th January 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed, with one minor amendment, as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

14/12 RESIGNATION

It was reported that Cllr. Ms Ellerman had tendered her resignation from the Council.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Clerk should begin the process for the recruitment of a new Councillor to represent the Meir Heath Ward

15/12 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Councillor Holmes reported on several issues including:

Parking outside schools – the Borough Council had agreed to undertake some enforcement action outside some of the schools.

Stallington Hall – still no resolution to this issue. The Borough Council are unable to take any action until the ownership issue is resolved. It was reported that the Rotary Club are willing to take on the responsibility for the pond and gardens as and when required.

Cllr Holmes also reported that the Borough Councillors had recently met with Cllr parry and raised several issues including, roundabout at junction of Fulford Lane and Stallington Lane, solution to parking on grass verges on Grindley Lane, and improvements to the surface area at the junction of Meadow Lane and Fulford Road.

16/12 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) To consider a request for a donation to The Samaritans (Stafford Branch)

RESOLVED:

That a donation of £100 be given.

17/12 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:

12/16552/FUL – Moss Acre, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – re-siting of existing single storey stables within enclosed yard to rear of dwelling adjacent to existing paddock.

12/16555/HOU – The Morrilows, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone

12/16558/HOU – 21 Adamthwaite Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed 2-storey extension forming new kitchen, utility room etc.

11/16485/FUL – The Hunter inn, Saverley Green Road, Saverley Green – change of use of 2 stables, an existing bar & pool room to restaurant

12/16630/HOU – 5 Lindley Place, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey extension for bedroom and shower room facilities with ramped wheelchair access

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

11/16035/OUT – 47 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – demolition of existing bungalow and garage and re-development of the site with two new houses and garages

11/16395/EXTO – land at 9 Field Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

11/16464/HOU – Moss Acre, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – single storey dwelling to form additional garage.

Refused:

11/16166/HOU – conservatory – 114 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

18/12 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:-

- Fulford Village Hall Developments
- The Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons

RESOLVED:

1. Details of the planned developments at Fulford Village hall were given, including a breakdown of the funding applied for. The parish council asked that they be kept apprised of the results of the funding applications.
2. It was agreed, following a vote, that the Council would not have a Jubilee Beacon in the parish, however they would like to mark the jubilee in some way and therefore suggestions from Councillors would be considered at the March meeting

(b) Appraisal of potential sites for affordable housing

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to discuss this in detail at the next meeting.

(c) Local Service: Stone Area Initial Consultation

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLVED:

The Clerk was asked to respond to this consultation making the following points:

- Meir Heath and Rough Close are not mentioned in the document. Why not?
- Services 7/7a and 249 are essential bus services for Fulford village
- The Council are concerned that this is a precursor to a further, if not total, withdrawal rural bus services.

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19/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT

West View – Cllr. Mrs Jennings reported on a meeting that had taken place with the County Council regarding improvements to the grass area at the end of West View. The Council are happy to receive plans from the Parish for the removal of the shrubs and tree stumps and putting in flower beds and a seat. A proposal with costs will be brought to a Council meeting in the near future.

Litter pick – to take place on the Common on Sunday 1st April.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council –Members Digests (no.166 & 167)

Stafford Borough Council – Ladies Charity Luncheon 1st March

Staffordshire County Council – Details of the Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy

Western Power Distribution – invite to stakeholders workshop

Victim Support – letter for thanks for donation

Staffordshire County Council – letter re: ice clearing by the Parish Council

Staffordshire County Council – copy of letter from Communities and Local

Government re: local guidelines for aggregates provision in England

Stafford Borough Council – letter re: Stallington Hall

20/12 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 8th March 2012 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN