

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Mrs Barker, Colclough, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby and Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft and S. Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brunt, Evans, Shaw, Mrs Wheat and Borough Councillors Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present; however several issues had been referred to the clerk by email/phone call:

1. Parking outside Fulford school and in neighbouring Kingfisher Crescent
2. Fly tipping on Rough Close Common
3. Need for a litter bin on Grindley Lane
4. Increase in traffic using Grindley Lane as a thoroughfare
5. Blocked drainage on Windmill Hill, resulting in excess water running down the hill

11/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

12/14 POLICE REPORT

None

13/14 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The following was agreed:

Car parking Fulford school - Cllr Oxby reported that he had spoken to the school and letters would be going out to all parents requesting that they are more considerate with their parking and to use the village hall car park.

Fly tipping – see minute 18

Litter bin, Grindley lane – Clerk to request one from the Borough Council

Grindley Lane – Cllr. Parry had indicated that he was to get the County's Safety & Highways engineers to look at the problem. Clerk to follow up with Cllr. Parry.

Windmill Hill – Clerk to report to the CC

14/14 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th January 2014, having been circulated, and following some minor amendments, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

15/14 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Councillor Roycroft reported that Cllr. Holmes was to become Deputy Mayor in 2014/15. The Parish Council offered their congratulations to Cllr. Holmes

Borough Councillor Holmes reported on the following:

- Woodview – the appeal had been dismissed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government;
- New 36 pitch site for gypsies/travellers had been approved by Stafford BC in Stafford.
- Enforcement action being taken re: car wash signs on Grindley Lane and Littlefields, Fulford.

16/14 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) Donation Request from Samaritans Stafford Branch

RESOLVED:

A donation of £100 was agreed

17/14 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 application:

14/19923/HOU – 15 Balaams Lane, Hilderstone

That objections be raised to the following applications:

13/19762/ LBD – Stallington Hall, Stallington Road. The grounds for objection were:

1. Stallington Hall is a grade II listed building and as such should be preserved;
2. The original planning approval for this site was given on the understanding that the Hall would be renovated and retained.

13/19626/REM – 5 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath. The grounds for objection were:

1. Means of access – access is regarded as inadequate as there is only a single track leading from Golborn Avenue to the proposed development
2. Layout – the layout is not in keeping with the area with 3 houses on this small plot of land too many.
3. Scale – most properties around this development are bungalows and as such 3 houses would not fit into the surrounding area. Additionally they will overlook properties below this site
4. Landscaping – the area is prone to flooding and any development would need to address this. If this development does go ahead adequate screening should be imposed as part of any full approval.

14/19835/FUL – Moments Kashmir Restaurant, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath. The grounds for objection were:

1. The raised decking area narrows the amount of room available for access to the premises which is of major concern, particularly as access is directly off the very busy Hilderstone Road;
2. The site layout drawing accompanying the application appears to be incorrect as the drawing appears to show access cutting across the driveway of no1. Hilderstone Road.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

13/19663/HOU – Yew Tree, Moss Lane, Hilderstone, Stone

13/19574/HOU – 30 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

(c) Other Planning issues

None

18/14 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:-

- Grindley Park litter bins;
- Speeding on Stallington Road
- Fly tipping on Rough Close Common

RESOLVED:

1 It was agreed that the issue of litter bins on the park be discussed at the next Grindley Park Group meeting

2 Continues to be an issue and it was agreed to invite someone from the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership to attend the Annual Parish Meeting

3 It was agreed that Stafford Borough council be asked to erect 'No fly tipping' signs on the Common

(b) Bus Shelter on Sandon Road

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a new bus shelter be purchased and erected to replace the existing wooden shelter on Sandon Road at a cost of £3799 + VAT. Perch seating to be included at an additional cost of £62.50 + VAT per metre and removal of existing shelter at £300 + VAT. Before placing an order a site survey to be undertaken.

(c) Affordable Housing – identification of designated person

Three examples of existing agreements already in place with Parish Councils were circulated with the agenda papers

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Swynnerton example be used to identify the category of person and that the priority for identifying suitable people be as follows:

- i) The Parish of Fulford
- ii) The Parish of Hilderstone

- iii)The Parish of Stone Rural
- iv)The Parish of Stone
- v)Any Parish within Stafford Borough

(c) Street Lighting

The Clerk reported on a letter received from the County Council concerning possible next steps in moving forward with a part-night programme for street lights.

RESOLVED:

The item to be initially discussed at the next Highways meeting, before bringing any proposals back to the full council.

(d) Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 10th April in Meir Heath Village Hall starting at 7.00pm.

(e) Proposed change to May Council meeting

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the meeting be moved from Thursday 8th May to Tuesday 6th May, still at Fulford village hall

19/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT

1. Cllr Mrs Jennings reported on the Special Parish Forum attended by Cllr. Mrs Brayford and herself. Main issue under discussion was the Plan for Stafford Borough setting out the new growth and investment plans over the Plan period. The Plan envisages 500 new homes per year and the development of 8 hectares of new employment land per year. Growth distribution is likely to be 56% in Stafford, 12% in Stone and 32% in the rest of the Borough.
2. Response from the police re: Stallington Road Speedwatch in which they say there has been no recent contact with the group.
3. Response from Cllr Parry re: bus services, particularly in Fulford, in which he states there are no plans to change the service at present.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – members digest(191& 192)

Stafford Borough Council – Mayor’s charity appeal

SPCA – planning training event

Moddershall Cricket Club – thank you letter

Staffordshire police – Charity event in support of Young Police Cadets Service

20/14 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 13th March 2014 at 7.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN