

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Colclough, Flackett, Holmes, Inscker, Lovatt, Monks, Morris, Mycock & Oxby

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Brunt, Garside, Mrs Jennings, McNaught & Miss Noblett & BC Dodson.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A letter from a member of the public was read out suggesting that the land owned by Stafford & Rural Homes on Hilderstone Road be used as a car park for the school.

It was also reported that the residents of Moss gate are willing to take on responsibility for the likely redundant telephone kiosk in their area.

**1/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**2/17 POLICE REPORT**

None.

**3/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Letter re: suggestion of car park* – Following discussion it was agreed the clerk would write to the resident pointing out that the land was not in control of the Parish Council and that it was very unlikely permission would be given for such a proposal.

**4/17 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**5/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

BC Roycroft pointed out that although the gypsy site on Hilderstone Road had been allowed a further 3 years temporary approval, the enforcement notice was still in place. The St Alban's Road site is ready to proceed.

The Borough Council had agreed a £9.5 million spend on a new leisure centre at Stone.

**6/17 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.

## **7/17 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:

16/25239/FUL - Field Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – demolition of existing 2-storey dwelling and erection of new 2-storey dwelling

That objections be raised to the following application:

16/25404/ FUL- Blythe Lodge, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – construction of 35 affordable dwellings. Reasons for objection were:

The scale and external appearance of the development rising to 3 storeys will impact adversely on the surrounding area

### **(b) Decisions**

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

#### **Approved:**

16/25081 HOU – 39 Hollies Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey rear extension to form a sun lounge off existing kitchen. HOU

16/25239/HOU - Ingaro, Brammel Lane, Blythe Bridge Stoke-on-Trent – new pitched roof over existing garage and internal alterations.

16/25128/FUL – Little Oaks Farm, Stone Road, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – agricultural building to provide additional livestock housing.

16/24944/HOU – Heather Crest, Church Close, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed roof conversion and single storey extension.

16/25084/HOU – Sunnyside, Leadendale Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey extension to rear and new conservatory to side.

## **8/17 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: -

- Posts around Fulford village green
- Newsletter co-ordination for Meir Heath
- Footpath on Hilderstone Road

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. It was agreed that this would be taken up by the Highways Committee who would press the CC to replace the posts which were now rotting.
2. Cllr. Garside would be taking on this role.
3. It was agreed that the Clerk would initially arrange for a quote for the work of clearing the footpath from Blacklake Lodge to Blacklake pub.

### **(b) Debt & Benefit advice**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not contribute to the request made by the County Council, but would continue to provide donations to the Samaritans as they do now.

**(c) EoN project, Hilderstone Road**

**RESOLVED:**

The parish council agreed to meet the cost of the new light. Eon to be informed..

**(d) Replacement seating perch for Meir Heath bus shelter**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed not to replace the seat and to remove the existing brackets etc.

**9/76 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Councillor Holmes reported on the recent meeting of the SPCA with the withdrawal of some highways funding the main item for discussion.

Councillor Oxby reported on the recent meeting the Highways group had had with County Councillor Parry. He was pleased to report that several items had been progressed including weight restrictions on Stallington Road, double yellow lines outside Fulford school and support for gateway signs entering Meir Heath.

Councillor Oxby reported that the 6-month dog fouling campaign had now ended with some encouraging results. There will be a press release and a follow up visit in 6 months' time.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted: -

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (227)

Stafford Borough Council – publication of Inspector's Report on the Plan for Stafford Borough

Letter form Stafford Borough council re: waste removal at the Dental Surgery

Staffordshire County Council – road traffic order for Fulford Road w/c 20<sup>th</sup> February

Stafford Borough council – Mayor's Motown Party 7<sup>th</sup> April

Connect Roads – performance report for A50

Staffordshire Police – response to letter re: dental surgery

**10/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Ceramic poppies
- Allotments
- First aid training

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN