

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2019 AT 7.15 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL.**

PRESENT: Chairman Cllr Brunt, Cllr Lovatt, Cllr Baskin, Cllr Mycock, Cllr Flackett, Cllr Oxby, Cllr Flackett, Cllr Noblett, Cllr Monks, Cllr White, Cllr Cooke, Borough Cllr Dodson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs D Plant (Clerk), Alec Sandiford, Chad Bloor.

APOLOGIES: Cllr Colclough, Cllr Garside, Cllr McNaught, Borough Cllr Roycroft.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present to bring items to the attention of the Councillors.

Cllr Noblett reported that there had been damage to the pavement at West View.

Cllr Noblett reported that the traffic congestion on the mini roundabouts at Windmill Hill was getting worse and she had witnessed three near misses.

Cllr Mycock had been contacted by a resident of Meadow Road who had concerns regarding rats in the area, wheelie bins not being taken back to properties after they had been emptied and the wrong post being delivered to addresses in the Road.

Cllr Lovatt reported that Leadendale Lane had been partly surfaced and that the pavements had not been resurfaced.

Cllr Oxby reported that he had delivered a sympathy card to District Cllr Roycroft following the death of his wife.

1/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

2/19 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Regarding, Cllr Noblett's report that there had been damage to the pavement at West View, the Councillors asked that this be added to the next Highways Liaison meeting agenda.

Regarding, Cllr Noblett's report that the traffic congestion on the mini roundabouts at Windmill Hill was getting worse, the Councillors asked that this be added to the next Highways Liaison meeting agenda.

Regarding, Cllr Mycock's report regarding rats in the area, wheelie Bins not being taken back to properties after they had been, the Councillors suggested that the residents be advised to contact Stafford Borough Council to report these issues as they were outside of the remit of the Parish Council.

Regarding, Cllr Mycock's report that mail was being delivered to the wrong addresses in Meadow Road, the Councillors, suggested that the complaint should be directed to the Royal Mail Sorting Office. Cllr Mycock said he would feed this back to the resident concerned.

Regarding, Cllr Lovatt's report that Leadendale Lane had only been partly surfaced and that the pavements had not been resurfaced. The Councillors asked that this be added to the next Highways Liaison meeting agenda. In addition to this Cllr Noblett asked if the Councillors could ask the Clerk to email Stafford Rural Homes Chief Executive to ascertain if they were aware of the problems with the road.

The Councillors thanked Cllr Oxby for delivering the card to Cllr Roycroft and all present extended their sincere sympathies.

3/19 MINUTES

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 8th November 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RESOLVED

4/19 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Cllr Dodson reported that following on from the issues reported in the December meeting, Street Scene were looking into the issue at the Hunter Public House. He has spoken to the noise abatement officers and he reported that the resident concerned would need to contact the Borough Council directly regarding their complaint about dogs barking.

He went onto to report that he had spoken to the planning officer regarding the planning matter 18/2693 Grounds Keepers Cottage in Stallington and the planning officer had stated that there were no issues apparent, that would give rise to a refusal on this application.

Borough Cllr Dodson extended his sincere sympathies to Borough Cllr Roycroft on the death of his wife.

Cllr Mycock asked Borough Cllr Dodson if he could investigate the issue of the one-way system proposal that was being considered at Cavall Court. It was explained that this was a Highways matter and it would be added to the agenda of the next Highways Liaison meeting.

4/19 FINANCE

Balance of Bank as at 31.12.18 was £47921.95

The Bank reconciliation for December was circulated and approved.

(a) Accounts for Payment

RESOLVED - Authority was 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.
Proposed by Cllr Oxby, seconded by Cllr White.

5/19 PLANNING

(a) Applications

No Planning applications had been received.

6/19 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: -

- Parking on the green space at Leadendale Lane

Cllr Lovatt explained that the problem with parking on the green was getting worse.

It was agreed that the Clerk would carry out a land registry search to ascertain ownership of the area and the issue would be added to the next ~~imminent~~ Highways Liaison meeting agenda.

- Set a date for the Transport Group and F & GP Committee

It was agreed that the next meeting would be 03.06.19 at 7pm at the Parish Office
It was also agreed that Cllr Cooke would join this committee.

- Co-option Applications

Alec Sandiford and Chad Bloor were present at the meeting to present themselves for co-option onto Fulford Parish Council representing Blythe Bridge Ward.

Mr Sandiford explained that he already took an active part in volunteering for several charities. His children attend Springcroft School and he is keen to get involved with local activities and youth groups.

Mr Bloor also has children at Springcroft School, he is a former member of the Fulford Community First Responders Group and was training to be a paramedic. He was keen to give something back to the community.

Mr Sandiford and Mr Bloor left the room and the Councillors discussed the two applications for co-option.

Cllr White declared an interest in the co-option of Chad Bloor as she is a serving Community First Responder and CFR Committee Member.

The Councillors thought that as an election was due in May it would be a good time to see how the two candidates took to the role and it was unanimously decided to co-opt both Mr Bloor and Mr Sandiford onto the Council.

Mr Bloor and Mr Sandiford returned to meeting and the Chairman informed them of the decision and welcomed them as Members of the Parish Council. They re-joined the meeting and were informed of the decision.

The Chairman asked the Clerk if she could enquire if there was space for them to attend the New Councillor Training Session on Tuesday 15th January in Stafford. The Clerk would action this and inform Cllr Sandiford and Cllr Bloor. She would also process the necessary paperwork.

➤ Grass Cutting Funding from SCC Update

The Chairman explained that the funding for the grass cutting in the parish was not going to be cut by Staffordshire County Council for the financial year 2019/20. The Clerk explained that the reserves should be accrued to the next financial year as it was almost certain that the funding would be cut the following year.

7/19 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Chairman reported that the Clerk's probationary period had come to an end. The staffing committee had met with the Clerk prior to the Christmas break and explained that they were more than happy with her performance and were making a proposal that the probationary period is signed off at full Council.

Cllr Oxby seconded the motion.

The Chairman explained that the staffing committee would continue to exist to support and work with the Clerk should both parties require it.

Cllr White reported that she had researched the Chairman's chain of office as requested in the December meeting. The figures for a new chain were between £380 – 600. However, for a more accurate costing she would need to take the Chairman's Jewel to the jewellers.

Cllr White also reported that the Community 4th First Responders had agreed to check and maintain the defibrillators in the Parish, but the costs of replacing any batteries or pads, when they expired would need to be met by the Parish Council.

Cllr Oxby reported that he had taken receipt of a cheque for £250 towards the Fulford War Memorial. This had been donated by Dilhorne Church and present by Levison Wood Snr. The Clerk had banked the cheque and would reissue once the invoice for the work was received.

8/19 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- **School crossing patrols**
- **Newsletter printing costs**
- **Councillor absences**
- **Fundraising**
- **Brazier**

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened on Thursday 14 February 2019 at **Fulford Village Hall at 7:15pm.**

CHAIRMAN