



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JANUARY 2020 AT 7.15 P.M.  
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Brunt, Cllr Cooke, Cllr Garside, Cllr Oxby, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Lovatt, Cllr Baskin, Cllr White, Cllr Oldham

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Borough Councillor Dodson, Two members of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Colcough, Cllr Noblett, Cllr Flackett, Borough Cllr Roycroft.

**80/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Oxby – Little Learners.

**81/19 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

**Grindley Lane grass verges** - Two members of the public were present to raise concerns regarding the damage done to the grass verges by vehicles parking on them and also the reduced visibility for traffic when parked cars obscure the line of sight. The Clerk would contact County Councillor Parry and ask what Staffordshire County Council were prepared to do to stop the issue. It was also suggested that an article was produced for the newsletter. The Clerk would also report the speed of the traffic on Grindley Lane to SCC and the police.

**Leadendale Lane** – Concerns were again raised about the inconsiderate parking in Leadendale Lane. Cllr White stated that as this is not Parish land, we have no powers to act. It was agreed to put an article in the newsletter asking for considerate parking and suggesting that if the residents of Leadendale Lane wanted to form a resident’s association then the Parish Council (Clerk) could help facilitate it. The newly placed planters would be moved back slightly onto the grass verge.

**Dog Fouling** – Cllr Baskin reported that she had been approached by several members of the public regarding the increase in dog fouling. Cllr Oxby would provide the Clerk with a stencil which could be sprayed on to the pavements to remind people to pick up their dog’s mess. An article would also be put into the newsletter.

**Windmill Hill** – An issue with sewage leaking from the surface of the road was reported by Chairman Brunt. The Clerk would report it to SCC and Severn Trent.

**Rabbits on Grindley Park** – Chairman Brunt had received a complaint from two residents with gardens which back onto Grindley Park. Their gardens were being destroyed by the rabbits from Grindley Park. The Clerk had undertaken some research and it is an offence under the Pests Act and Agriculture Act 1947 to not control the numbers of Rabbits on your land.



The Clerk had liaised with a local pest control expert who was willing to control the numbers of rabbits by using one of the approved ways set down by DEFRA. He would be willing to carry out a 12-18-month management plan on the park for £500. The Clerk would speak to the neighbouring landowner Stoke City Council to ascertain if they wished to contribute financially. The Councillors felt that this was the only way to deal with the issue and Cllr Oxby proposed that the pest control expert was used, Cllr Wilkinson seconded the motion. The Cllrs were unanimous at a vote with two abstentions from Cllr Baskin and Cllr Lovatt. took a vote on the matter.

### **82/19 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 12.12.19**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 12.12.19 having been circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Baskin

Seconded Cllr Oxby

### **83/19 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Dodson reported that the issue with the generator at the restaurant on Windmill Hill were still on going.

He went onto to say that the consultation on the Borough Councils local plan would be available soon for the Council to comment on.

This gave rise to a discussion on Neighbourhood Planning and the Councillors asked the Clerk to request Hannah from Urban Vision to give a presentation at the next Parish Council meeting as to the benefits and process of a producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

### **84/19 FINANCE**

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

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

**Proposed Cllr Baskin**

**Seconded Cllr Cooke**

### **85/19 PLANNING**

19/31468/FUL – Black Lake Farm, 85 Hilderstone Road – Replacement dwelling and new vehicular access.



19/31630/FUL – Field Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – Enclosure of existing covered walkway and external north & south elevations to facilitate ancillary accommodation

It was agreed to reschedule the planning meeting for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020

### **86/19 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: -
- Little Learners grant application. The Clerk reported that the grant application had not been received in time and the item should be deferred to the next month's agenda.
  - Office Photocopier

The Clerk had met with A&A Copiers regarding the current contract. A&A had offered a new contract for £50 per month which included printing costs (750 CL & 1500 B&W) on a three-year deal with a new machine with a 12-month break point in contract.

Cllr White proposed that we enter into the new contract with A&A and Cllr Baskin seconded.

### **87/19 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr Oxby read out the minutes from the Transport Group.  
Cllr Brunt read out the minutes from the Events Group.

### **88/19 ITEM (S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**Neighbourhood Planning**  
**Little Learners Grant Application**  
**The Windmill Preservation Grant Application**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened on 13.2.20 at Fulford Village Hall.

CHAIRMAN