

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th JANUARY 2013 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft (from item 8 onwards) & S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Mrs Bennett & Evans and Borough Councillor Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Cllr Oxby enquired, on behalf of the Fulford Village Group, if there was still money available to provide a plinth around the newly installed village sign. He pointed out that the Parish Council had agreed a grant of £2,500 for the project and the sign had cost £1,600.

1/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Monks declared a personnel interest in respect of item 9(b).

2/13 POLICE REPORT

Although the police were not present Cllr Mycock reported that there had been a good presence in Stallington Lane recently and this had reduced the amount of speeding motorists. Cllr Monks asked if the letter distributed to households in the Meir Heath area concerning 'No Uninvited Trader Zone' could be followed up with the police as nothing seems too happened.

3/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

Plinth for Fulford village green – It was agreed that the Parish Council would fund the construction and installation of a plinth, providing the overall cost of the project did not exceed the original agreed grant of £2,500.

4/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 13th December 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

5/13 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Borough Councillor Holmes reported on the following:

Helicopter landings (old Creda site) – an aviation consultant has been brought in by the company who own the site and he will assist in the application for planning permission.

Regent Centre – a court order has been issued regarding the unauthorised signage

Woodview – a further visit is to be made by the enforcement officer

S106 money (Monsoon development) – it would appear the Borough Council have been invoicing the wrong company as regards this money. Urgent action is now being taken to collect the money from the correct developer.

Conservation Officer – a new appointment has been made

S106 money (Stallington development) – a new investigation into what happened to this money has been requested of the Borough Council

Fulford Dale – the ditch close to the junction with Fulford Lane has been cleared out by the local farmer, however, although this has helped, it has not resolved the flooding issue. A letter of thanks to go to the farmer.

6/13 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) Consideration of the budget and precept 2013/14

Prior to discussion on this issue the following motion was proposed and agreed
“Fulford Parish Council agrees to allow dispensation for its Councillors in respect of setting the level of precept for the financial year 2013/14”

Details of the proposed budget and precept recommendation had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

The budget as presented was agreed and it was agreed that a precept of £50,000 be set for 2013/14. No change from 2012/13.

7/13 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 application:
12/18030/HOU – 102 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed extension at 1st floor level
12/18044/HOU – Drina Cottage, The Green Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – detached single garage
12/18098/HOU – Crossfields Farm, Baulk Lane, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey kitchen extension

(b) Decisions

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

Permitted:

- 12/17909/HOU – 23 Meadow Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – retrospective application for 2-storey side and rear extension
12/17810/FUL – Greensytc Farm, Long Lane, Hilderstone, Stone – roof over existing livestock yard

8/13 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

a) Venue and date for Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the meeting be held on Thursday 11th April at 7.00pm in Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall

b) Post Office and Postal delivery Services in Stafford Borough

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

A response was agreed and the Clerk was asked to pass this on to the Borough Council.

c) Proposals for civic amenity visits for 2013

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that, as in previous years, visits will be requested for the Spring, Summer and Autumn at locations in Fulford, Rough Close and Blythe Bridge. However a request will be made to the Borough Council for a better spread of dates.

d) Plan for Stafford Borough

The Plan for Stafford Borough had been received by the Parish Council as part of the consultation process.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Planning Committee be charged with responding to the document.

e) SBC – Sport and Open Space Recreation Provision

RESOLVED:

The Planning Committee were charged with responding to the questionnaire on the above.

f) Flooding problems in Meir Heath

Cllr. Taylor raised the issue of flooding on Hilderstone Road which appeared to be largely caused by blocked drains.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Clerk should raise the issue with the County Council and if possible find out what the drain clearing regime is.

9/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Signs (Moss Gate, Spot Acre crossroads and Grindley Lane) – the Clerk reported that new signs at the Spot Acre crossroads, sign showing Moss Gate and a replacement sign for Grindley Park had now been installed by the County Council.

Tree at the end of West View – it was reported that the Horse Chestnut tree at the end of west View had been felled by the County Council because it was diseased.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

The Fulford Village Group – letter of thanks for help with the manufacture and erection of the new Fulford Village Sign on the village green.

SPCA correspondence – advising PCs that the current CE is leaving her post at the end of February.

NHS in Staffordshire – details of cancer patient/carer workshops and information about a new NHS 111 service.

10/13 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Grass verges on Grindley Lane

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 14th February 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN