

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Jennings (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Colclough, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), McNaught, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw & Taylor

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Brayford, Lovett & Mrs Wheat
It was brought to the Council's attention that Cllr Lovett is due to have a knee operation which may mean a lengthy absence from the attending council meetings, it was therefore agreed that Cllr. Lovett's absence could extend beyond the 6 months period.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present, however Cllr. Mycock raised the following issue on behalf of a parishioner. He reported that several roads on the Stallington estate had still not been adopted by the local authority and he would like to know why.

1/15 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

2/15 POLICE REPORT

No police report

3/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Unadopted roads on Stallington Estate – The clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to try and ascertain why this was the case.

4/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th December 2014, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Roycroft reported that the Borough Council's Enforcement Officer was looking into a breach of conditions relating to Dale farm, Fulford.

Borough Councillor Dodson reported on a number of key issues which the Borough Council were currently looking at including:

- The Leisure Strategy for Stone;
- Future of the Frank Jordan Centre in Stone;
- Stafford Hospital;
- Changes to the recovery/unpaid council tax – in future will be the sole responsibility of the Borough;
- New Council Leader election shortly.

Borough Councillor Holmes reported that the Enforcement Officer had been in contact with the business being run from 218 Grindley Lane and had advised that a planning application was required.

There were also ongoing enforcement issues with Littlefields in Fulford Road and Moments Restaurant, Meir Heath.

Cllr Mycock asked if there was any progress with Stallington Hall and Cllr. Holmes said there was nothing new to report.

Cllr Mrs Baskin raised the issue of gritting on main roads, which didn't appear to have been done during the last spate of bad weather. As this was a Highways issue the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council.

6/15 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.

7/15 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:

14/21509/HOU – Fox Hollow, Fulford Lane, Stallington – single storey side extension and detached triple garage

14/21534/HOU – 8 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath – single storey rear extension

14/21545/HOU – Hazeldene, Stone Road, Rough Close – front extension to form enlarged bedrooms and front hall extension

That objections be raised to the following application:

14/21550/COU – 420 Sandon Road, Meir Heath - erection of single storey rear and side extension and COU of side and rear extension to A3 and A5 for the following reasons;

- The development will cause a substantial increase in traffic with access onto a very busy road junction. Additionally the facilities for parking/loading and turning are not considered adequate.
- The change of use will have a major impact on neighbours with increase in noise both in terms of deliveries and increased footfall.

14/21533/FUL – 136 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – extension to provide new kitchen and orangery and 2-storey detached house for the following reasons:

- The proposal does not comply with the Plan for Stafford Borough in that the development proposed is within a designated Green Belt area of the Borough.
- It is also contrary to the National Planning Framework which states that inappropriate development should only be approved in very special circumstances.

14/21550/FUL – Moments Kashmir Restaurant, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – retention of raised decking and a proposed no parking area for the following reasons:

- 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. Designating a 'no parking' area opposite the decking will not deter people from parking in that spot.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

14/21297/HOU – The Mynd, Windmill Hill, Rough Close – extension to existing property

14/21393/HOU – 159 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – detached garage and utility

Refused:

14/21114/OUT – Adjacent to Stallington Grange Farm, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – residential development for one new dwelling

14/21223/COU – Woodfield, Hilderstone Road, Spot Acre – removal of condition 2 of permission granted on appeal dated 10th December 2009

(c) Other Planning Issues

None

8/15 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:-

- Crossing on Hilderstone Road
- Roundabout – Stallington Lane/Fulford Lane

RESOLVED:

1. It had been hoped that some members of the public might attend the meeting to voice their concerns over the lack of a crossing place on Hilderstone Road. In the absence of members of the public it was agreed that the Meir Heath Primary School PTA should be approached to see whether need and demand can be established for a crossing.
2. The roundabout, which was originally planned when the new houses were built at Stallington has never materialised. The Clerk was asked to try and establish from the Borough/County Councils whether this is still a realistic project.

(b) Consultation on the Governments intentions to modernise parish poll regulations

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the proposals contained in the document should be supported.

(c) Voluntary Car Scheme

The Clerk reported that there had now been 4 responses to the request for volunteers to get involved with a voluntary car scheme.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that as a first step the potential volunteers should be invited to a meeting to try and establish an initial steering group. Kathryn Grattage the county Co-ordinator to asked to help with this process.

9/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Traffic problems in Rough Close – Cllr Mrs Jennings reported that she and other councillors had received complaints regarding cars parked very close to the roundabout in Rough Close. It was hoped that the police would be able to resolve the issue as it was felt that the car(s) parked were causing a danger to other traffic.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Cllr Holmes for arranging the excellent visit to the Mayor's parlour just before Christmas. It had been enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members' Digest (202)

Stafford Borough Council – briefing on Electoral process

Staffordshire County Council – details of new website for all things roads and highways.

10/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Ceramic poppies

Allotments

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 12th February 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN