

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JULY 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Mrs Brayford, Brunt, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, McNaught, Monks, Morris, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Dodson and Roycroft, S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs McPherson and Mycock

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present; however two items were raised on behalf of the public.

The Clerk had received email correspondence from a Meir Heath resident who felt that insufficient prominence was given to responsible dog owners in the parish newsletter and that perhaps there was a case for more waste bins on Grindley Lane.

Cllr. Monks reported that he had received representation from a voluntary group who were looking for a football pitch.

68/15 POLICE REPORT

No report.

69/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Dogs – it was acknowledged that reference could be made on responsible dog owners in the newsletter occasionally, however the Council still felt the emphasis should be on those owners who acted irresponsibly and did not clear up their dog mess. It was also felt that sufficient waste bins were available in the area.

Football pitch – it was agreed that there were several football pitches in the area that could potentially be available for the group.

70/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th June 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Dodson reported on the following:

- *Littlefields* – The Borough Council's Enforcement Officer had still not taken any action as regards following through with any enforcement action.
- *Tudor Hollow, Fulford* - The Enforcement Officer will write to all residents in Tudor Hollow who have extended their gardens reminding them that no features/buildings can be erected on this land without a planning application being submitted.
- *Roundabout in Stallington* – still ongoing.

Borough Councillor Roycroft reported that he had reported the additional signs that have gone up on the car wash, but had had no response. He was asked by councillors to follow up why the decking at Moments Restaurant had not been removed as was required by the planners.

72/15 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.

73/15 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:

15/22452/HOU – 406 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – creation of dropped kerb

15/22367/HOU – 7 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed side extension & replacement roof to create additional bedroom at 1st floor to the rear.

15// 22521/HOU – Saverley House Farm, Saverley Green – single storey side extension

15/22576/HOU – 120 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – bedroom extension to rear

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

15/22269/HOU – 8 Meadow Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – rear single-storey extension and front two-storey extension

15/21990/FUL – Alder Grange, 51 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of condition 2 of 11/16194/FUL – increased size of bedrooms

15/22221/HOU – 418 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – erection of 2nd access to provide an exit route from the property onto Sandon Road

15/22085/HOU – Ravenswood, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – conversion of attached garages to provide accessible accommodation needs of a disabled man and his paid care regime. New detached garage.

Refused:

15/21851/FUL – land at 2 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey dwelling adjacent to 2 Uttoxeter Road

(c) Other Planning Issues

Response to consultation documents – Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2 and Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule:

The Parish Council made the following responses to the above consultation documents:

Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2 – Question why Hadleigh Park is not mentioned at para. 4.3 of the document.

Paragraph relating to Gypsies and Travellers (para 5) – policy outlined is vague and leaves opportunities for developments outside of designated sites, therefore land needs to be identified in the plan for allocated sites

Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule – question why North Stafford Strategic Development Location (this includes Fulford parish) has a zero rating for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), other parts of the Borough have up to £100 per square metres.

Littlefields – in view of the lack of action by the Borough Council on this issue the Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council expressing their frustration at the lack of progress.

74/15 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:-

- Car Wash signs

RESOLVED:

1. As reported above no action has been taken as yet by the Borough Council

(b) Fulford Conservation Area Appraisal

Standing Orders were suspended for this item to allow Borough Councillor Dodson to participate in the discussion. Cllr Oxby and Cllr, Dodson reported on the results of the consultation that had so far taken place with villagers.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a small group consisting of Fulford ward councillors and Cllr. Dodson should consider the Parish Council's response.

(c) Stafford BC Walkwise Scheme

Information on this scheme had been circulated with the meeting papers.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Parish council should get involved in any way possible.

(d) Proposed changes to the Mobile & Travelling Library Service

Information on this consultation had been circulated with the meeting papers and Cllr Oxby provided further information to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Parish council should support the continuation of this service.

(e) Request for the Parish Council's support for a remembrance seat

Details of this request had been circulated with the meeting papers

RESOLVED:

The Council agreed to support this request and several possible sites in Fulford were suggested. The Clerk will pass these onto the person concerned.

75/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllrs. Mrs Jennings & Miss Noblett reported on a Stafford and Rural Homes event that they had attended.

Cllr. Monks reported that following his nomination by the Parish Council he had been informed that he had been appointed as a Governor of Meir Heath Primary School.

The Clerk reported that the Council's bid for a grant from the Community Paths Initiative had not been successful and he also reported that the County Council, having checked the footpath on the corner of Grindley Lane/Hilderstone Road, have stated that the footpath meets with County Council regulations and that considerations should be given to the use of volunteers taking up the County's Ice Buster scheme to clear any ice.

Stafford and rural homes are asking for the parish council's help in deciding on a street name for the new development on Hilderstone Road

1st passenger has used the Voluntary Car Scheme.

Fulfest takes place on 11th July.

It was reported that an increasing number of heavy goods vehicles are using Stallington Road and the grids also need clearing.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Digest 208 &209

Staffordshire County Council – Highways winter maintenance review questionnaire.

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – notification of consultation on draft site allocation and development boundaries.

76/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Milestones refurbishment

War memorial in Fulford Church

Entrance to Grindley Park

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 13th August 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN