

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 14th JULY 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Holmes, Inscker, Monks, Morris, Mycock, Miss Noblett & Oxby.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Cllrs. Dodson and Roycroft, Mrs J Tams (Voluntary Car Scheme Co-ordinator) & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Colclough, Flackett, Garside, Lovatt, Mrs Jennings & McNaught

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Tams provided the Council with details of the first 12 months of the voluntary car scheme run by a small band of volunteers in the parish. Over the 12 months 38 journeys have been undertaken and the scheme is running a small surplus of £32.50. At present the volunteer drivers are nearly all from Fulford village and it would be helpful if more drivers could be recruited from other villages in the parish. Mrs Tams also asked for clarification from the Council as to Public Liability Insurance.

68/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

69/16 POLICE REPORT

None.

70/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Voluntary Car Scheme – The Council were very supportive of the scheme and thanked Mrs Tams and the volunteer drivers for their efforts. The Council also confirmed they would support the scheme financially, if required. The clerk will check the insurance position and inform Mrs Tams of the outcome.

71/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th June 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

72/16 PRESENTATION ON DEFIBRILLATORS OFFER FROM ABACUS TRAINING (Mr Mike Taylor)

Mr Taylor outlined to the Council the offer his company could make to the Council if it purchased 6 defibrillators and the outdoor cabinets. Details of the offer are set out at item 76(b).

73/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Roycroft reported that the Borough had appointed a new Head of Planning & Development.

74/16 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) Appeal form Citizens Advice

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a donation of £250 should be made.

(c) Membership of Fields in Trust

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that membership of this organisation should continue.

75/16 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:

S.16/04/4013W – Change of use of land adjacent to Fulford Moss Gate sewage pumping station (SPS) to provide extension to existing SPS. The proposals include the provision of vehicular lay-by, access track, hardstanding, marker posts, bauer coupling, bollards, fencing and landscaping at land at and adjacent to Moss Gate sewage pumping station, Moss Lane, Hilderstone, Stone.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

15/23433/FUL – Agricultural building at New Beech Tree Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate –extension to general purpose agricultural building

16/23684/HOU – Grange Cottage, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath –single-storey rear extension.

16/23679/FUL – Boa Vista 63 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath –1st floor rear extension & single storey front extension

16/24019/HOU – The Steppes, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close – proposed single storey rear extension and addition of a porch to the front elevation

16/23690/HOU – 242 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge –2-storey side extension, 2-storey rear extension and single storey rear extension and photovoltaic solar panels.

16/24031/HOU – Armitage, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close – demolition of existing garage and garden store and erection of single storey rear extension and 2-storey side extension to include new dormer window in existing roof

16/24069/HOU – 71 Bernard Grove, Meir Heath – single storey side extension (resubmission of 15/23248)

16/24172/HOU – 50 Tudor Hollow, Fulford – retention of close board fence set back from front boundary behind beech hedge and reduction of height to 1m. Temporary consent

Refused:

15/23370/HOU – Field Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – extension and alterations to existing 2-storey dwelling

76/16 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:-

- Brambles on Grindley Park;
- Public footpath off Hilderstone Road;

RESOLVED:

1. The Clerk reported that he had received a quote of £120 from a local contractor to clear and cut back the hedgerow on the top part of Grindley Park. It was agreed this work should be carried out.
2. The Clerk reported the Council had been awarded £500 from the Community Paths Initiative to help with the cost of making good the entrance to footpath 38. It was agreed that advice would be sought from the Ramblers Association as to the best course of action and a price obtained for the work needed to be done.

(b) Litter bin for Grindley Park

Details of the options had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a steel bin should be purchased at a cost of approx. £220

(c) Defibrillators – request to purchase

Details had been circulated with the agenda, however in summary the proposal was:

6 x NF100 Automatic/Semi-Automatic Defibs

6 x Outdoor Cabinets (as detailed in your picture below)

14 x NF1200 Defib Pads

2 x Replacement batteries - the batteries normally go about 3 - 4 years.

Add the machines to the defibtracker.co.uk database and inform the ambulance service of their locations.

Provide a couple of training/awareness sessions for any local people that wish to have a practise & ask questions.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the above package should be purchased at a cost of £8000. The money will be vied from the contingency budget head (£5K), village hall budget head (£2K) and placed in the community projects, which already has £1k allocated.

77/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Miss Noblett reported on the recent meeting of the Grindley Park working group and in particular possible solutions to the anti-social behaviour recently

experienced. It had been agreed that signs would be erected at all entrances stating that 'anti-social behaviour will not be tolerated'. CCTV would be looked at, however at a potential cost of circa £7000 this was not considered feasible. The member of the public who had attended the previous meeting had been informed of the outcome of the meeting and the Clerk read out to the Council the response he had received. Cllr. Oxby reported on the highways meeting that had also been held since the last meeting and in particular some of the issues currently being pursued with County Councillor Parry.

Cllr Mrs Baskin was concerned at tyres for sale on display on the grass verge outside the carwash in Meir Heath. Cllr Taylor said he would speak to the owners.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – details of Mayor event on 21st August

78/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Stallington Hall

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 11th August 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN