

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JULY 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mycock, (Chairman), Brunt, Mrs Baskin, Colclough, Garside, Holmes, Inscker, Mrs Jennings, McNaught, Monks, Morris, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs White

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public, press officer & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Flackett & Lovatt. BCs Dodson & Rycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public present raised issues concerning the flooding at the ‘Creda’ roundabout which has been reported to the County Council on several occasions with no action being taken.

Cllr Mrs Baskin raised an issue on behalf of residents in Pemberton Drive, Meir Heath who have had cars scratched and tyres slashed. They have reported the incidents to the police who have not taken any interest.

65/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

66/17 POLICE REPORT

None.

67/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Flooding ‘Creda’ roundabout – in addition to members of the public reporting this issue the parish council have also reported it. Cllr. Holmes will again take the problem up with the CC.
Pemberton Drive – the Clerk was asked to take the matter up with the police.

68/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 15th June 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

69/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

In the absence of the Borough Councillors there was no report.

70/17 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.

71/17 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 applications:

17/26514/HOU – Blacklake Farm, 85 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – retention of 2 barns.

17/26533/HOU – 6 Diamond Close, Meir Heath – single storey side extension.

17/26400/FUL – 420 Sandon Road, Meir Heath – retention of installed ATM machine.

17/26581/ HOU – 371 Sandon Road, Meir Heath - extension to front and side and rear.

17/26075/FUL – Fulford Hall Farm, Church Lane, Fulford – construction of agricultural building.

17//26616/HOU – 9 Tudor Court, Meadow Lane, Fulford - 2-storey side extension to from garage with bedroom above.

That objections be raised to the following application:

- 17/26523/OUT – Land adjacent to 85 Hilderstone Road Meir Heath – limited infill 2 dwellings. The reason for objection is that It is an inappropriate development in the green belt and inconsistent with the Plan for Stafford Borough.

(b) Decisions

No decisions had been made by the Borough Council since the last meeting

72/17 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: -

- Community Pay Back Scheme
- Hilderstone Road footpath
- McDonald's rubbish

RESOLVED:

1. As Cllr Lovatt was not present this item would be held over to the next meeting
2. The County Council(CC) had responded to the Parish Council concerning the state of the footpath on Hilderstone Road. It was the CC's view that the path was not in a dangerous state and could not be expected to be repaired for some considerable time. The Clerk was asked to write again to the CC expressing disagreement with this view.
3. A letter to McDonald's head office expressing concern at the level of rubbish from the outlet on Meir Park had received no response. The Clerk was asked to write a further letter to the local outlet.

(b) Gateway sign for Meir Heath

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to proceed with the proposals as set out in the paper presented to the Council.

(c) Overgrown footpaths

Details had been circulated with the agenda

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Council should not at this stage go ahead with commissioning work to clear several designated footpaths. Windmill Hill had been cleared by the NHT team and Little Lane and Lightwood Road were the result of overgrowth from the common, therefore the responsibility of the Borough Council.

(d) Change of date for September meeting

RESOLVED:

Date changed to Thursday 7th September

(e) Fulford Well

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the cost of the Well amounting to £1450 would be paid for by the Parish Council.

(f) Public Spaces Protection Order 2017

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that in response to this consultation paper the Parish council would highlight the need for Rough Close Common to be included in the Order.

73/76 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Mrs Jennings reported on the Allotments workshop attended by Cllrs. Miss Noblett, Taylor, the Clerk and herself. She reported that if the Council were to go ahead with the allotments there are a lot of issues to consider and there is a need to ensure the benefits outweigh the costs.

Cllr. Holmes reported that the final defibrillator has now been fitted in the telephone box in Rough Close. He also reported that the horseshoe to be used in the poppy display was being cleaned.

Cllr. Oxby reported that he had asked the Borough Council to undertake the 6-month follow-up of the dog fouling campaign.

Cllr Miss Noblett reported on the recent meeting of the Grindley Park group where the swing, security and dogs on lead had been discussed.

Cllr Oxby reported on the development of a new website emanating from the joint SPCA/County Highways work.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted: -

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (233)

Letter from St Nicholas Parochial Church Council expressing thanks for churchyard grass cutting

Police & Crime Commissioner – Fire Police consultation document

Staffordshire County Council – subsidised bus review consultation
Police & Crime Commissioner – information on SPACE programme

74/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- McDonald's rubbish
- Allotments

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened **at Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 10th August 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN