

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 12th JULY 2018 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brunt (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Garside, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, McNaught, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Taylor & Mrs White, Oxby

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Beck (Retiring Clerk) & Mrs D Plant (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Colclough & Flackett

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Blacklake Farm* – It was reported by the residents of Blacklake Farm that an issue had occurred recently where sewage had leaked into the lake at the farm. The residents explained that they had received a poor response from Severn Trent and they were seeking support from the Parish Council. They had concerns that the sewage could leak into the wider water system and harm wildlife.

*Speeding Stallington Road* – Concerns were raised regarding the speed of traffic on Stallington Road and how this can be addressed.

**58/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**59/18 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Blacklake Farm* – The Councillors asked if the email correspondence between the residents and Severn Trent / Stafford Borough Council could be forwarded to the Clerk. Stafford Borough Council Environmental Health department could then be contacted to urge the issue. The residents would also contact their own insurance to ascertain if they have legal protection.

*Speeding Stallington Road* – Report the issue to the Staffordshire Safer Road Partnership and ask for their help and advice.

*Public Footpaths and stiles* – Cllr. Lovatt reported that the stiles on the public footpath between Leadendale Lane and Hilderstone Road had been altered by the landowner with an extra cross member. This made them very difficult for members of the public to climb over them. There had also been sheep netting attached making access with dogs impossible. The Clerk supplied Cllr Lovatt with the details of the Rights of Way Officer for Staffordshire.

**60/18 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th June 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**61/18 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Borough Cllr. Roycroft apologised for not attending the Parish Council meetings recently due to personal circumstances. He asked anyone who required assistance not to hesitate to contact him at home and he would do the best he could. He stated he would look into the issue with the sewage at Blacklake Farm and liaise with the homeowner's.

Borough Cllr. Dodson explained that he been pursuing the issue over the bin collections with Stafford Borough Council and it was his understanding that any extra bin bags would also be collected in addition to the wheelie bins.

He went on to explain that he had also been speaking to Stafford Borough Councils Enforcement Officer with regard to Little Fields, Cross Gate and the issue was on going.

## **62/18 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.

## **63/18 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 applications:

18/28752/FUL – 44 Woodside Drive, Meir Heath, ST3 7JW.

18/28748/OUT – 96 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath.

2) That objections be raised to the following applications:

18/8825/OUT – 250 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – Outline planning application for two new detached dwellings including details of access and layout.

- The area is greenbelt.
- This application contravenes Stafford Borough Councils local plan.

18/28721/HOU – Land adjacent to 378 Sandon Road, Meir Heath.

- This application indicated a garden grabbing situation.

3) That comments should be noted to the following applications:

18/2872/HOU – Aldersyde 188 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge.

- Concerns regarding the proximity to neighbouring properties and the indication of being overlooked.
- Space between the dwellings appears to be very small.

## **Decisions**

### **Approved:**

18/28468/HOU – Eastlyn, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent– proposed single storey extension to the side & rear of the property.

18/28443/FUL – Field Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate, Stone – Demolition of existing 2-storey dwelling and erection of new 2-storey dwelling.

18/28336/HOU – 388 Sandon Road, Meir Heath – proposed 1<sup>st</sup> floor extension to side, single storey extension to rear, porch extension to front and alterations.

## **64/18 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: -

- New litter bin in Fulford.
- CILCA course.
- Milestones.
- Allotments.
- Pavements on Hilderstone Road.

### **RESOLVED:**

1. Clerk to chase Stafford Borough Council with regard to the litter bin audit that they are undertaking and request extra litter bins at Golborn Avenue – Meir Heath and in Fulford between Tudor Hollow and The Dale.
2. Agreed that Cllr Mrs Jennings could attend the CILCA course and that the Parish Council would pay the £250 fee.
3. Cllr. Holmes reported that the installation of the refurbished Milestones was in the hands of Staffordshire County Council and that he would chase them up.
4. Cllr. Mrs Jennings reported that Laura Turner at Stafford and Rural Homes was chasing their legal department as to a completion date of the paperwork. A cheque had been raised to Severn Trent at the meeting for the water supply to the plot.
5. Cllr. Taylor reported that a member of the public had had a fall on the pavement outside the Cricket Club on Hilderstone Road.

### **(b) Car park clearance opp. St Matthews school**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed to instruct Millstone to carry out the work at a cost of £290. The work would be scheduled for the end of August to ensure that the overgrowth is clear for the start of the new school year.

The Clerk was asked to request quotes from Millstone and Garden Angels for clearance on the area of land at Common Lane / Little Lane.

**(c) New planter, Leadendale Lane**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr Oxby will circulate details of the cost of the planters outside Fulford Village Hall.  
Cllr. Lovatt would provide plants for the planters as a gesture of goodwill.

**(d) Grindley Park issues**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

Cllr. Noblett reported on the Grindley Park meeting on 26.06.18

**1. Matters arising from 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 meeting**

*Latch* – still to be done.

*Dog sign* – costs to go to next PC meeting.

*Mesh by the slide* – repairs have been done.

*Repairs to bottom entrance* – still to be done.

**2. Additional picnic table**

Cllr. Holmes reported that following discussions with some members of the public they would like to see an additional picnic table installed between the two play areas.  
Details to be submitted to the full council.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to set a budget of £550 for a six-seater picnic table and a fixing kit for four.

**3. Car parking**

The public have also said it would be useful if they could park in the village hall car park when visiting the park. Cllr. Mrs Jennings will raise this with the VH Committee

Cllr Jennings reported that the Village Hall Committee had said no to this request.

**4. Hedges and trees**

To be included on the next agenda.

**5. Memorial Garden**

Cllr Holmes reported that watering arrangements were in place, new board were to be put in.

Cllr Holmes reported at Full Council that Field of Dreams were replacing the plants in the memorial garden.

Cllr Noblett thanked Cllr Holmes for his hard work with the memorial garden.

Cllr Oxby had supplied prices for “Dog Signs” for installation on Grindley Park. The Cllrs asked the Clerk to order one A4 sign.

**(e) Proposed change of date for the August meeting (Clerk to report)**

The Clerk explained that she had pre-booked holidays for the following dates: -

26 – 30<sup>th</sup> (inclusive) July and 8<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> (inclusive) August.

The August Parish Council meeting should be Thursday 9 August and for that reason she asked the Cllrs if the date could be amended to August 2<sup>nd</sup> with agendas being circulated on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

She also went onto explain that the Transport meeting scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July unfortunately clashed with Forsbrook Parish Councils meeting. She had been unaware of the date for Transport meeting until taking up employment with Fulford on 9<sup>th</sup> July. She asked if the Transport meeting could be moved to Tuesday 17 July on this occasion.

**RESOLVED:**

To accept the change of date for the Parish Council meeting and Transport meeting on this occasion.

**(f) Grassy area in Saverley Green**

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the Council budget for £240 pa for the cutting of the grassy area in Saverley Green.

**65/18 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr. Mrs Jennings reported that she had attended an information event hosted by Staffordshire County Council. Its purpose was to sign post people to third sector organisations who could provide help and support with caring for vulnerable people.

Cllr. Holmes reported that the Beacon had been delivered and the Clerk was working with Apex ecology to obtain an ecology report quote for submission with the planning permission.

Cllr Holmes also reported that the chair of the Stoke-on-Trent branch of Dementia Action Alliance was retiring and Cllr Holmes was making contact with the Stafford branch to pursue the Parish council becoming a Dementia friendly Council.

**66/18 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Traffic Problems in the Parish

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened **at Fulford Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 at 7:15pm**

CHAIRMAN