

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th JULY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Bennett (Chairman), Colclough, Lovatt, Oxby, Taylor, Mrs Weaver.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft, PC Eccles and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Brayford, Brayford, Mrs Holmes, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mycock, Mrs McPherson, Shaw, Mrs Wheat and Borough Councillor Harp.

OTHER NON ATTENDEES: Councillors Baggaley and Bevan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The issue of what would appear to be breaches of the conditions of temporary planning consent at the gypsy site on Hilderstone Road was raised. In particular:

- septic tanks appear to be in the process of being installed in advance of authority from the Borough Council or the Environment Agency
- another building has been built
- different people other than the residents named by the Inspector living on the site.

Following a discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should again write to the Head of Planning to seek their views on the issue.

49/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

50/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th June 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

51/10 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Cllr. Roycroft reported that it was his understanding that 'greenbelt land' was not included in Rural Exception Housing, contrary to information given at the last Council meeting. Further consultation on the Local Development Framework (LDF) is due shortly.

PC Eccles introduced himself as one of the new members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team based in Blythe Bridge. He acknowledged there were still some 'hot spots' in the area for antisocial behaviour, in particular Grindley Park and Adamthwaite Drive. Issues of problems with antisocial behaviour in Stallington, parking on pavements in Uttoxeter Road and speeding in Stallington Road were brought to the police's attention.

PC Eccles would monitor parking on Uttoxeter Road, but indicated that as a 'rule of thumb' he would not consider a vehicle parked on the pavement as an obstruction provided a double buggy could get past. He also suggested using Stallington Road as a venue for one of their speed camera training days to try and deter speedsters.

52/10 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) CPRE – Annual subscription

RESOLVED:

Following a vote it was agreed that the CPRE annual subscription should be paid.

53/10 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:

10/13829/FUL – 1st floor side & single storey extensions – Willow Cottage, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/13897/FUL – single storey extension to sides & rear of existing house forming enlarged lounge, kitchen, garage, sun lounge & utility room – The Lodge, Nightingale walk, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/13534/FUL – proposed 2-bedroom single storey dwelling within the grounds of 156 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/13958/FUL – kitchen & wc extension – 8 Midway Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

(b) Decisions

The following applications decisions made by the Borough Council were reported:-

Approved:

10/13496/FUL – variation of condition 7 of planning permission 27939 to allow alteration to existing kitchen & store to form 1 new bedroom – Blacklake Lodge Residential Home, Hilderstone Road, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13532/FUL – change of use from office to hairdressers – former Natwest Bank, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13537/FUL – 2-storey side extension in place of existing garage & install pitched roof on existing dormers – 58 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 7JQ

10/13625/FUL – rear & side alterations & extensions to a 3-bedroom dwelling – 1 Post Office Terrace, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent

Rejected:

10/13601/FUL – proposed agricultural building – Meadow View House, Hilderstone, Stone

(c) Other Planning Issues

Car Boot Sales at Saverley Green – it was reported that the illegal sign had now been removed and the owners of the site had been asked to submit a planning application if they wished to hold more than 14 car boot sales per year.

54/10 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) Items - the notice of which was given at the last meeting

As instructed at the last meeting, the Clerk included the following matters on the agenda for this meeting and the topics were then discussed by members:-

- Seat for Rough Close
- Speeding on Stallington Road

RESOLVED:-

1. It was agreed that a seat be purchased and erected beside the pool at Rough Close as detailed in the paper circulated to members in advance of the meeting.
2. The police have been made aware of the issue as well as the Safer Roads Partnership. The police will try and use Stallington Road as a venue for training officers in the use of speed guns to help deter speeders and it is hoped the Safer Roads Partnership will add this area into their programme of work.

(b) Further action on Rural Affordable Homes

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Stafford & Rural Homes be invited to the October meeting to provide details on how the survey to establish need would work.

55/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Feedback from meeting with the Borough Council (BC)re; gypsy site – it was reported, that following a meeting between the Borough Council’s Head of Planning plus other planning officers, Borough Councillors Harp and Roycroft and at which the Parish Clerk was present, the following information was given:

- Whilst the agents acting on behalf of the site residents had submitted a scheme within the 3 months required by the Planning Inspector, this had not given sufficient detail and therefore the BC had asked for more information. However they had not set a date for return of this information. Agreement on the scheme needs to be given within 11 months of the Inspectors decision or alternatively the applicants could appeal against any issues raised by the BC that is felt unreasonable.
- Monitoring of the site is not been undertaken on a regular basis (the BC blame lack of resources)
- The BC doesn’t know who is resident on the site.
- The BC still do not have any clarity on the process for seeking alternative sites. Since the meeting the BC have reported that further information on how foul drainage will be dealt with has been received and this has been sent to the Environment Agency for their comment.

Parking on footpaths on Uttoxeter Road – a resident has complained about vehicles parking on the footpath and therefore restricting the passage of pedestrians. The police will monitor this problem and take action if appropriate.

Stallington Village – a resident reported instances of antisocial behaviour and large amounts of rubbish being left on the play area. Several residents have agreed to collect the rubbish if the Parish Council can supply litter picking devices and waste bags. Devices and litter bags will be supplied and the police will monitor the antisocial behaviour.

Autumn Newsletter – contributions required by the 14th August.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (no.144)

Invitation to a County Council run event at the County Showground on 4th October – Cllrs. Mrs Bennett, Oxbly and Mrs Weaver expressed an interest in attending.

56/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- review of Parish grass cutting arrangements
- invitation to the County's rights of Way Officer to speak at the September meeting. (subsequently changed to November)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at Fulford Village Hall on **Thursday 5th August 2010 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN