

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 14th JULY 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Bevan, Mrs Brayford, Ms Ellerman, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: S Beck (Clerk), H Monks

APOLOGIES: Councillors Chesworth & Lovatt. Borough Councillor Dodson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present

60/11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

61/11 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None

62/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16th June 2011, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

63/11 CO-OPTION OF A NEW COUNCILLOR FOR THE MEIR HEATH WARD

An application to join the Parish Council had been received from Mr Howard Monks and circulated prior to the meeting. Mr Monks was invited to address the Council.

RESOLVED:

That Mr Howard Monks be co-opted to the Parish Council as a ward member for Meir Heath. Mr Monks duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and took his place on the Council

64/11 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Councillors Holmes & Roycroft informed the meeting of the following:

Creda site – it had been decided to include this site in a bid to be submitted to Government to create an Enterprise Zone in North Staffordshire (the other sites are Keele University and Etruria valley).

Roundabout for the junction of Fulford Lane and Stallington Lane – again raised with the County Council.

Fulford village green grass cutting – Cllr Holmes trying to pursue with the Borough Council.

5 Golborn Avenue – appeal allowed for the construction of 3 dwellings

George & Dragon site, Rough Close - meeting at Borough Council on Monday 18th July to discuss tree preservation orders.

Local Development Framework – this is now reaching the further consultation stage and will include action relating to gypsy sites.

Cllr Holmes also reported that he is now on the Board of Stafford & Rural Homes.

The Borough Councillors were asked about the future of Stallington Hall as it appears to falling into disrepair. Cllr. Holmes said he would take this up with the Borough Council and the Clerk was also asked to write to the Borough on the issue.

65/11 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 membership renewal

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to renew the annual membership at a cost of £29.

(c) Bank mandate

The Clerk informed the meeting that as the Council now only has 5 members with a mandate to sign Council cheques he had arranged for NatWest to attend prior to the September meeting so that those members wishing to become signatories could do so. More information to follow.

66/11 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:

11/15544/HOU – 2-storey extension to side & single storey extension to rear of detached dwelling – 2 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, however concerns were expressed as to how close this extension will be to the neighbouring property.

11/ 15650/EXT – demolition of existing vicarage & ancillary buildings & erection of 9 detached dwellings – St Francis Vicarage, Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

11/15184/FUL – 10 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – alteration of roof & loft area.

11/15325/FUL – Fairways, Fulford Road, Fulford – single storey extensions to form front entrance porch, front bedroom extension, rear bedroom extension. Proposal

replacement roof over existing property in order to form additional accommodation & detached garage

11/15335/FUL – The Elms, Brammall Drive, Blythe Bridge – extension on existing property over garage incorporating study and summer room.

Rejected:

10/14647/FUL – field shelter, stables & shipping container to support sheep/cattle & horses – land off Cresswell Road, Hilderstone, Stone.

(c) Other planning issues

Car wash, Grindley Lane – the Clerk reported on further correspondence from the Borough Council now indicating that the original information given regarding conditions relating to the discharge of water was incorrect and they had now been given legal advice that there was no condition attached to the original planning permission requiring the drainage facilities to be “thereafter maintained”. Which means there is no control under planning legislation that can be used to enforce this and are therefore reliant on the County Highways to take action.

A second flawed planning application had been submitted for the signs and therefore at this stage no valid application has been received.

RESOLVED: Cllr. Holmes will take the issues up with the Borough Council and the Clerk was asked to write further letters to the Highways regarding the water discharge.

67/11 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:-

- Cockieshall Lane

RESOLVED:

After some discussion as to the use being made of this facility it was generally agreed that this was still a valuable asset for the Parish and no action should be taken at present.

(b) Results of Housing Needs Survey

An electronic version of the full report had been made available to members prior to the meeting

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that there appeared to be several inconsistencies in the report and that it would be useful to have the authors present so they could give a full explanation of queries members wish to raise. A special meeting of the Council will be arranged to look at the report in depth.

68/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Speed of vehicles on Windmill Hill – Cllr Mrs Jennings reported that she had had complaints from residents concerning the speed of vehicles on Windmill Hill and that

some heavy lorries were mounting the kerbs to get round the bend. The police will be informed with a view to trying to get speed cameras on the Hill.

Barlaston Common Well – Cllr Mrs Bennett reported that the Borough Council were now supportive of the idea of restoring the Well on the Common. A working Party will be formed to take the project forward.

Grindley Lane/Uttoxeter Road junction – the Clerk reported that the County Council had visited the site and were arranging for the damage to the railings to be repaired. They had also reported to the Clerk that the work done at the junction was in line with the final agreed plan.

Gypsy site, Spot Acre – a letter from the Borough Council’s Head of Planning was read out which states that there is presently no breach of conditions and that the Borough Council are monitoring the position closely.

Tesco roundabout – letter from the Highways agency had been received saying the car sales were not on their land, but on Stoke-on-Trent City Council land.

Grindley lane, damage to grass verge – no planning conditions attached to the development on Grindley Lane, it is the responsibility of the County Council to ensure the verge is restored.

Grindley park play area – work to start on 22nd July.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council –Members Digests (nos.158)

Stafford Borough Council – opening of a free debt advice clinic in Stafford

Stafford Police – a guide to Citizens’ Panel

SPCA – details of Councillors’ training

Letter from Mrs Grace Holmes

69/11 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Rail passes

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall** on **Thursday 11th August 2011** at **7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN