

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Colclough, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Beck (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Mrs Barker, Evans, Mrs Lightfoot and Borough Councillors Dodson & Roycroft

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None present

**68/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**69/13 POLICE REPORT**

None

**70/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

None raised

**71/13 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

**72/13 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS**

Borough Cllr Holmes reported on the following:

- Youths on motorbikes were causing a nuisance in Ridgway and Adamthwaite drives;
- A walk around the Fulford conservation area had been undertaken by the conservation officer undertaking the conservation area review. Next steps is to produce a report (probably in September) which will be then subject to public consultation;
- 2 payments of the s106 money had been received by the Borough Council, 1 to go. Cllr Holmes still working on getting the money released to the Parish Council.

**73/13 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) Chairman's Allowance**

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that this should be paid in line with the amount agreed (£150) in the 2013/14 budget.

**74/13 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:

13/18854/HOU – 9 Grindley Lane. Meir Heath – single storey and 2-storey rear and side extension.

13/18409/FUL – The Outwoods Farm, Stone Road, Rough Close – demolition of existing buildings and construction of new dwelling, , however the committee were concerned that it would appear from the plans submitted that there may be an intention to create another dwelling on the site.

13/18507/HOU – Fulford Dale farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford – proposed agricultural building to house livestock etc.

13/18885/HOU – 2 Willow Lane. Meir Heath – 2-storey side extension.

13/18886/HOU – Hilberry House, Fulford Road, Fulford – bay windows to study and living room.

**(b) Decisions**

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

**Approved:**

13/18279/FUL - Aynsley Special School, Aynsleys Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of conditions 2,4,8 and 9 of planning appl. 10/14680/FUL

13/18506/HOU – 23 Adamthwaite Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey side extension

13/18248/HOU - 10 Franklin Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – garage extension

13/18345/FUL - Hadleigh Park, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – helicopter landing site and erection of aviation windsock

13/18516/FUL - Black Lake Farm, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – lifting of condition 2 on application no. 3487

**(c) Other Planning Issues**

None

**75/13 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:-

- Bollards on Ridgway Drive
- Tree at the end of West View

**RESOLVED:**

1. It was agreed that the County Council be approached to see if they are prepared to erect bollards around the grass area on Ridgway Drive. The County Council should also be made aware that the Parish Council are willing to contribute to the cost of such work.
2. Advice to be sought from the County Council as to a) whether they will allow replanting of trees on this area of land and b) if so, what trees are recommended.

**(b) Repair of bench seat/new seat**

Details on the proposal were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that rather than repair the existing seat obtained from the Borough Council a new seat should be purchased at a cost of £379 plus delivery. It was further agreed that the old seats (2) should be sold for scrap. Cllr. Mrs Jennings to organise.

**(c) Purchase of new photocopier**

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed, with 2 abstentions, to purchase a new colour photocopier for use by the parish council at a cost of £1392. Additionally a service agreement based on 1.0 pence per B&W copy and 6.0 pence colour copy be taken out.

**76/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

*Snow barriers* – the clerk reported that a response from the County Council indicated that they no longer provided barriers on roads.

*Friends of the Common* – Cllr Mrs Jennings reminded councillors of the first meeting of this group on the 17<sup>th</sup> July in the parish office.

*Woodview appeal* – reported that it will be held on 17<sup>th</sup> September

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members digest

Stafford Borough Council – Mayor’s charity appeal (afternoon tea)

Letter from Bill Cash MP – re: any matter requiring representation

Meir Heath Windmill Preservation Group – information letter

RoSPA – notification of annual play area inspection

SPCA – details of free trees from the Woodland Trust

**77/13 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

None requested

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN