

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th JULY 2014 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Jennings (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Mrs Brayford, Brunt, Evans, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Lovatt, Monks, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft, PC D Perry & S. Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Colclough, Mrs McPherson & Mycock & Borough Councillor Dodson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Nothing to report from members of the public.

65/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

66/14 POLICE REPORT

PC Perry reported that there had been no significant issues over the last 2 months. There had been a few sheds broken into in the Stone area and there are a number of 'out of area' door salesmen around the area.

67/14 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None

68/14 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th June 2014, with some minor amendments and having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

69/14 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Holmes reported that the Borough Council's Enforcement Officer is still dealing with Littlefields, Fulford. The Officer had also visited the Woodview site and was content that no activity was being undertaken on this site.

70/14 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) Consideration of revised Financial Regulations

The revised regulations had been considered by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and had been made available to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

The revised Regulations were adopted by the Council.

71/14 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 application:

14/ 20694/HOU – Blacklake Farm, Stallington Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – replacement flat roof with pitched roof and single storey rear extension.

14/20688/HOU – Rough Close Farm, Stone Road, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – sun room to rear and new boundary walls

(b) Decisions

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

(c) Other Planning issues

The Clerk reported that the planning application for the affordable housing application on Hilderstone Road will be heard by the Borough Council's planning committee on Wednesday 16th July.

72/14 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:-

- Trees on Stallington Lane
- Wildflower meadow
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Crossing on Grindley Lane
- Repairs to bus shelter in Fulford
- Wood adjacent to Meir Heath Cricket Club

RESOLVED:

1 This item to be held over until the next meeting.

2 It was agreed that this project needs time to develop (3-year project) and it was unlikely that much colour will be seen until the area becomes established.

3 The Council understands that this initiative is likely to be re-launched in the near future, but like all these initiatives it requires volunteers.

4 The issue will be raised at a meeting the Chairman is due to have with Cllr. Parry on the 13th August.

5 It was agreed that the Clerk would get prices to replace panels in several of our bus shelters.

6 The issue had now been resolved, however it was agreed that the Clerk would explore with the CC the process for designating the footpath through the wood as a Right of Way.

(b) WW1 Commemorations

RESOLVED:

The following was agreed:

- a) Consideration be given to planting poppies around the parish – Councillors need to decide on locations.
- b) The war memorial in Fulford churchyard requires repairing. Further discussions with the Church is required in order to move this forward.
- c) The suggestion that mugs should be manufactured for distribution to school children was rejected.

(c) The Commissioner’s People Power Fund

Details of this scheme had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

Details of the scheme were noted by the Council.

(d) Empowering Parish Councils to sell electricity

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to support the national approach to allow Councils this opportunity.

(e) Additional hours for handyman

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that an additional 18 hours be added to the Handyman’s contract to cover additional strimming work.

73/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Community Transport – a presentation has been arranged for the august meeting.

Good Neighbourhood Scheme – a presentation has been arranged for the September meeting.

Speedwatch in Stallington Lane – the Clerk reported that the County Speedwatch co-ordinator had been in touch with Mr Emery.

Newsletter – contributions required by 14th August.

Streetscene – Cllr. Holmes reported that he was touring the area with the head of the Streetscene team on Monday 14th July.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – members digest (196)

Stafford Borough Council – Service of Remembrance & Reconciliation Saturday 2 August

Stafford Borough Council – details of Borough Green Awards 2014

Stafford Borough Council – Individual Electoral Registration

Stafford Borough Council – details of LEADER programme

Staffordshire County Council – details of boost to economy and tourism

Staffordshire County Council – Library consultation.

74/14 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 14th August 2014 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN