

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Mrs Brayford, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, McNaught, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft, S. Beck (Clerk), Ms Kirsty James (Staffordshire Newsletter) & Mr R Morris

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brunt, Holmes & Monks

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

58/15 CO-OPTION TO FILL VACANT SEAT IN BLYTHE BRIDGE WARD

RESOLVED:

That Mr Roy Morris be co-opted to fill the existing vacancy in Blythe Bridge ward. Cllr Morris duly signed the Statutory Declaration of Office and participated in the remainder of the meeting.

59/15 POLICE REPORT

No report.

60/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None.

61/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th May 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

62/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Roycroft said he had nothing specific to report. The Clerk provided the meeting with information he had received from Cllr. Dodson on specific issues raised by members at the May meeting:

- *Littlefields* – The Borough Council's Enforcement Officer is writing to the Planning Committee for authority to proceed with enforcement.
- *Roundabout in Stallington* – the sec.106 money that was originally allocated for this project is being pursued by the Borough Council.
- *Tudor Hollow, Fulford* - The Enforcement Officer will visit and investigate the construction of buildings on agricultural land.

63/15 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) Membership of Fields in Trust

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the membership fee be paid to this organisation.

(c) Request for donation – Staffordshire Women’s Refuge

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a donation of £100 be given to this organisation.

64/15 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:

15/22332/FUL – Fulford Dale Farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed agricultural building

15/22357/HOU – 20 Hollies Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – two-storey side extension and front canopy

That objections be raised on the following applications:

15/22030/FUL – Outbuilding at 38 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – conversion of existing outbuildings to residential unit. Objections were on the following grounds:

- The proposal does not comply with the Plan for Stafford Borough in that the development proposed is within a designated Green Belt area of the Borough;
- The development will increase the level of noise and traffic for neighbouring properties.

(b) Decisions

The following decisions were reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

Approved:

15/21973/FUL – Rosedale Croft, Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath – variations to conditions 2 & 5 of appl. no. 12/17151

15/21775/REM – land at former Bird in Hand carpark, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone – scale, appearance and landscaping (reserved matters in respect of 07/08560/OUT and 11/16077/EXTO)

15/22047/HOU – 2 Greenacres Avenue, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension to dwelling

15/22033/FUL – Windmill Hill Day Nursery, Windmill Hill, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – form access ramp and extend playground terrace

15/22098/HOU – 9 The Grove, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing garage, construction of single storey extension & 1st floor single storey front extension

(c) Other Planning Issues

Cllr. Mrs McPherson asked if any decision had yet been made by the Borough Council on application no.15/21857 (a new development in the grounds of 2 Uttoxeter Road), as local people were concerned with the proposed development. The Clerk reported that as far as he was aware no decision had been made

65/15 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:-

- Allotments

RESOLVED:

1. It was reported that progress is continuing with the allotments in Blythe Bridge that are being provided by Stafford and Rural Homes..

(b) Stafford Borough Council Consultation documents

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the 2 consultation documents (Preliminary draft Charging Schedule & Plan for Stafford Borough Part 2) should be considered by the Planning Committee.

66/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr. Mrs Jennings reported on a meeting that she attended, along with Cllr. Miss Noblett, organised by the Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The main issues addressed at the meeting concerned the way in which the police intended using technology to report crimes with many millions of pounds put aside for this project.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Afternoon Tea 8th July

St Nicholas Church, Fulford, Parochial Church Council – thank you letter for the grass cutting in the church yard

FoSSA – thank you letter

Staffordshire County Council – details of the Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015-2030).

Stafford BC – extract from their website re: initiative on dealing with dog dirt.

Thanks were also recorded to Cllr. Miss Noblett for arranging for some of the ceramic poppies to be mounted and they will now be on display in Meir Heath & Rough Close village hall.

67/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Car wash signs

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 9th July 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN