

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JUNE 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Colclough, Flackett, Garside, Holmes, Inscker, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, McNaught, Monks, Morris, Mycock, Miss Noblett & Oxby.

IN ATTENDANCE: 2 members of the public, PCSO D-M Hill plus a second PCSO & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Lovatt & BC Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public present highlighted problems that his family were experiencing with anti-social behaviour at the top entrance to Grindley Park where, on at least one occasion, approx. 200 young people (confirmed by the police) had gathered. He played a short video to the Council, which demonstrated the extent of the problem and suggested the Council might wish to consider locking the gate to the park, putting CCTV in place and/or providing a youth shelter.

58/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

59/16 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Hill reported on issues of anti-social behaviour on Grindley Park and Stallington Hall. The police had attended several instances at both sites over the past few weeks. A 'Dispersal Order' had been issued on the Grindley Park area and the police will continue to have a presence in the area.

School traffic parking on Hilderstone Road is continuing to cause a problem.

60/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Anti-social behaviour Grindley Park – after some discussion it was agreed that initially a notice would be put up highlighting that the police will take action against any instances of anti-social behaviour. The Grindley Park working group will look at other possible approaches including the suggestions made by the member of the public.

61/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th May 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

62/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None.

63/16 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.

64/16 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:

16/24071/COU- Eastfield, 54 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – change of use from C1 to C3

16/24095/ADV- The Windmill, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – various advertising signs

15/23372/FUL(amended) – Stallington Hall, Fulford Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent –conversion & extension of existing building to form 26 apartments with 3 townhouses and a lodge and associated parking

16/24229/FUL- adjacent Fulford Road, Fulford – temporary access for a period of 2 months to facilitate the delivery of a UV kiosk.

That objections be raised on the following applications:

16/24172/HOU – 50 Tudor Hollow, Fulford – retention of close board fence set back from front boundary behind beech hedge and reduction of height to 1m. Temporary consent. Reason for objection was:

The fencing is considered to have a detrimental effect on the surrounding area.

16/23916/FUL- Land rear of 214 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – demolition of existing garage and construction of new dwelling. The reasons for objection were:

- The proposal does not comply with the Plan for Stafford Borough in that the development proposed is on a garden land site and is not within one of the key service villages identified in the Plan;
- The development will adversely impact on the character and surrounding area, in particular the properties at 216 and 212 Grindley Lane;

The scale of the proposed development (3/4 bedroom property) crams in a new house which will be out of keeping with the surrounding area.

16/24287/PAR- Woodview, Fulford Road, Spot Acre – conversion of existing agricultural barn to form a class C3 dwellinghouse. The reasons for objection were:

- The planning application approved in 1998 was for a new barn for the storage of hay;
- The development is proposed in the Green Belt area of North Staffordshire and would be contrary to the Plan for Stafford Borough.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

16/23982/FUL – land at former George and Dragon – variation of conditions 2 and 18 on application 10/14268/FUL

16/24049/HOU – 7 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath – re-submission of planning application reference 15/22367/HOU

Refused:

16/23921/FUL – Land at 375 Sandon Road, Meir Heath – demolish existing bungalow and detached garage and erect 1 detached dormer bungalow and 1 detached house.

Withdrawn:

16/23987/HOU – 50 Tudor Hollow, Fulford – retention of close board fence set back from front boundary behind beech hedge

65/16 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:-

- Parish office refurbishment, including technology;
- Stallington Hall;

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that the parish office should be decorated and made more ‘user friendly’ and that prices should be obtained for the work. Additionally it was agreed that a new laptop and necessary software should be purchased to replace the current laptop used by the clerk.
2. The Clerk reported on the response received from the Borough Council concerning security at Stallington Hall in which they state that unless the current owners take action to secure the property within a reasonable timeframe then the borough council will do it at the developer’s cost.

(b) Weight limit proposals for Stallington Road, Fulford Dale, Fulford Lane and Brooms Lane.

RESOLVED:

The proposals contained in the consultation were supported by the Council.

66/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Holmes reported on a recent meeting of the Defibrillator group and advised the meeting that thanks to Councillor Morris’s work it is likely by buying in bulk the Council could get a discount on the product. The meeting agreed that initially the Council should look to purchase 1 defibrillator per ward

Councillor Oxby reported on the proposals for the Dog Fouling campaign, which will begin on 1st July. He also reported that ‘Fulfest’ would be taking place on the 9th July. Cllr. Mrs Jennings said there would be a ‘clean for the Queen’ event on Rough Close common on Sunday 12th June.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members’ Digest (221)

Stafford Borough Council – details of Mayor event at Upper house, Barlaston

Staffordshire County Council – notice of temporary diversion at moss gate on 11th July.

Staffordshire County Council – Public Rights of Way Guide

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – details of Draycott in the Moors application for a Neighbourhood Plan

Stone Town Council – invitation to Civic Service and Parade

67/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- brambles on Grindley Park

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 14th July 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN