



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th June 2020 AT 7.15 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Brunt, Cllr Deeth, Cllr Baskin, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Elliff, Cllr McNaught, Cllr Cooke, Cllr Noblett, Cllr Oxby, Cllr White

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dawn Plant – Clerk, Borough Cllr Dodson.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr Flackett, Cllr Roycroft.

**10/20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

**None**

**11/20 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

The Councillors reported the following items: -

Cllr Deeth Blocked drains on Creda roundabout. – The details of the incident numbers would be emailed to the Clerk to add to the Highways Agenda. He also went on to report that the speed of the traffic on Uttoxeter Road was a concern, there were large pot holes on the pavements next to Portland Academy and the falling leaves from the trees were blocking the drains making the pavements difficult to walk on. There were also lots of weeds on Creda roundabout. All the items would be forwarded to County Cllr Parry and added to the Highways agenda.

Cllr Wilkinson reported the speed of traffic through Fulford and Long Lane. These would be added to the Highways agenda.

Cllr Cooke reported the issue with grass verges outside the V12 garage and asked if it was possible for the Parish to look into adopting the verges, there had also been more incidents of the transporter from the garage using West View to turn and causing damage to the pavements. These had already been reported to County Cllr Parry and the Clerk would ask what progress has been made and put on the Highways agenda.

Cllr Cooke asked if the Handyman could weed the area around Windmill Hill – The Clerk would ask he does this. He also asked if the Handyman could refurbish the phone box at the Swynnerton Arms – The Clerk would request the Handyman does this.

Cllr Cooke had been approached about installing a flag pole outside the car wash in Meir Heath. Cllr Cooke proposed that the Clerk look into the possibility of installing a flag pole



and the issue of planning permission. The Clerk would add to the next agenda and Cllr Cooke would forward the quotes to the Clerk. A suggested budget was proposed by Cllr Cooke of £700 and Cllr Noblett seconded. Unanimous decision.

Cllr Hamilton reported the littering on Rough Close Common – The Clerk would request Street Scene visit and also ask that the bins are emptied more regularly. Cllr Hamilton also reported the poor state of the Footpath 38 – The Clerk would report to SCC Rights of Way.

Cllr Elliff asked if the Council would consider planter (Fulford end) and a picnic bench for Saverley Green. Cllr Cooke stated that Saverley Green have never had any planters so this was a great idea. Cllr Oxby agreed and asked the Clerk to forward the details of the person who made the planters for Fulford onto Cllr Elliff. The land on which the noticeboard is common land and the Parish are mowing it. Cllr Cooke proposed a budget of £1000 for 4 planters. This was seconded by Cllr Wilkinson and a unanimous decision was taken.

Cllr Elliff asked for a bench on the village green, an issue with permission was discussed and Cllr Oxby thought the permission would come from SBC. Cllr Cooke asked if a budget could be set. Cllr Elliff had three quotes ranging from £350-£933. There were no installation costs as the villagers were doing that FOC Chairman Brunt suggested it be added to the next month's agenda which Cllr Cooke disagreed with as he thought it was something less for the Clerk to do. Cllr Oxby expressed concerns that decisions were being made without agenda items being set. Cllr Oxby said that although we can agree in principle, I think more research needs doing around the planning permission etc.

Cllr Cooke proposed that the composite bench (£595) be purchased subject to planning, Cllr McNaught seconded.

Cllr Sandiford reported the ongoing state of the pavements / roads on Adamthwaite / Ridgeway Drive- Again the Clerk would chase County Cllr Parry for a response on this matter and add it to the Highways Agenda. Cllr Sandiford also reported the area around the notice boards which were covered in weeds. The Clerk would ask the Handyman to attend to this along with the planter repair required at Blythe Bridge. Cllr Sandiford mentioned that the issue with waste collection at Southlands Nursing home was now sorted.

Cllr Sandiford asked if the Handyman was really busy and if it would be ok if he purchased paint and did the work.

Cllr Sandiford asked if the Cllrs could have notice board keys – The Clerk would purchase some and supply.

## **12/20 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL 14.05.20**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14.05.2020 having been circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Cooke



Seconded Cllr Brunt

## **13/20 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Cllr Dodson reported that due to the Covid 19 pandemic. The planning application for the 5G masts on the former water tower had been approved by the planning committee. The only course for redress now would be a judicial review but this review can only be applied to the process and not the decisions.

Cllr Sandiford asked why the mast was positioned on a tower in Fulford Parish when the majority of the benefit would be for South Stoke. Cllr Dodson reported that Stoke City Council had taken a decision to not allow the masts in their urban areas.

Cllr Cooke asked if Cllr Dodson could extend his thank to the homeless teams as they were doing a great job during the pandemic.

## **14/20 FINANCE**

### **(a) Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED** - Authority was given for cheques to be issued in settlement of the invoices. The cheques had been circulated to Cllrs Oxby, Brunt, Baskin and Noblett.

**Proposed Cllr Oxby Seconded Cllr Noblett**

The Clerk explained that the 2019/20 accounts were now inputted into the Scribe accounts package and the year-end documents had been submitted to the internal auditor. The AGAR would be on the July agenda.

## **15/20 PLANNING**

20/3227/HOU – Field View, Leadendale Lane, Rough Close – Replacement timber frame conservatory with flat roof and sky lantern – No objections.

## **16/20 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: -

- Cllr McNaught – Present at the meeting so no longer needed as an agenda item
- Volunteers around the Parish and Community Committee.  
Cllr Cooke said the action group was very successful and a lot of the volunteers wanted to continue to volunteer around the Parish. He said he would propose to form a Community Committee it was seconded by Cllr Sandiford and it was unanimous to form the committee. The Clerk



said that the money from the grants which were being applied for could be ringfenced for the Community Committee. Cllr Cooke would forward an update to the Cllrs.

➤ Allotments

The paperwork was now signed and sent to the solicitors and we await their go ahead. The Clerk has contacted all the interested people and said the Parish would be in touch shortly. Cllr Cooke said the Allotments could come sit under the community committee. The Clerk would source some TOR

➤ Web Site

Deferred to the Communications committee.

➤ Leadendale Lane planters

The Clerk had received an email from a resident on Leadendale Lane regarding parking, bollards and planters. Cllr Cooke proposed that another planter be ordered for the grassed area and this was seconded by Cllr Elliff. Chairman Brunt advised he may be able to get the planter donated. The issue of the parking was deferred to the Highways Committee. The Clerk advised caution when getting involved with the parking issues as the land is not owned by the Parish and is outside of the powers of the Parish Council. Cllr White said yes, we can help but we must not act ultra vires. Cllr Garside asked the Council to look at the wider view before any more money was spent.

➤ SRH Garages

Cllr Cooke asked if the Parish could discuss at a later date should the opportunity to purchase garages become available.

➤ Planters update

Cllr Elliff explained that the planters were done and the Cllrs thanked Cllr Elliff for her contribution.

## **17/20 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

The Clerk updated the Cllrs on the Police Houses community bid by Forsbrook Parish Council and Cllr White asked for the matter to be put on the next agenda for discussion about financial contribution. The Clerk also reported that a cheque had been received from the Staffordshire Ladies Bowls association for the community action group. She would write and thank them.

Cllr White asked residents to be vigilant when paying people to dispose of their rubbish and it later being fly tipped elsewhere.



The Cllrs expressed concerns over the news about Black Lake care home, County Cllr Parry had assured the Cllrs that the County would support the residents of the home to find alternative provision.

Cllr White reported all the defibs had been checked and all were in working order. Cllr Noblett extended the Parish Councils thanks.

Cllr Cooke reported that the action group is still working.

#### **09/20 ITEM (S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**Community Committee**

**Allotments**

**Parish Office during Covid**

**Risk Assessments for the Volunteers**

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened virtually via Zoom on Thursday 9th July 2020 at 7:30pm

**CHAIRMAN**