

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs.Brayford (Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Colclough, Holmes, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Moore, Mycock, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Harp and Roycroft, 1 member of the public, PC Neil Massey, PCSO Emma Kempson and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Baggaley, Brayford, Oxby and Mrs Weaver,

OTHER NON-ATTENDEES: Councillors Bevan and Mrs Holmes

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public expressed concern at the level of anti-social behaviour on Grindley Park, particularly on Friday and Saturday evenings. Similar behaviour had been noted on Rough Close common and to a lesser extent at Stallington Village. PC Massey said the police could only react as and when they receive reports of this type of behaviour, otherwise the scarce resource available would be diverted to other potential trouble spots such as Stone town centre. He would like to see people reporting such behaviour (individuals need not give their names) so that evidence can be gathered to enable resources to be allocated to the area. It was agreed that this message would be included in the next parish newsletter.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Mrs Wheat declared an interest in agenda item 6(b)

41/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th May 2009, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

42/09 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Harp reported that issues were arising in relation to the need to seek planning permission if householders were going to re-surface their drives, particularly if they were replacing slabs with a solid surface. This applied if the surface to be covered was over 5 sq. metres. Again it was suggested that an article in the newsletter would help inform people. The front garden of 54 Birkholme Drive was still causing concern with gas bottles and a van being identified as articles that should be removed. Letters are to be sent to the immediate neighbours from the Borough council outlining the action to be taken. The Borough Council will be undertaking regular checks and taking photographs.

43/09 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) Changes to Maintenance Agreement

Details of proposed changes to the maintenance agreement had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the proposals as outlined in the paper attached to these minutes be agreed and implemented as from 1st July 2009.

44/09 PLANNING

(a) Applications

RESOLVED: -

1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:-

09/12065/FUL – extension above existing garage & utility room to create a new bathroom and bedroom– 14 Lancaster Avenue, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9LP

09/12074/FUL – extension to surgery to include parking provision – Trinity Medical Centre, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9HQ

09/12102/FUL – new dwelling in grounds adjacent to Ivy House Farm – Ivy House Farm, The Green, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent

09/12087/OUT – an outline application for one detached dwelling – Saverley, Common Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PE

09/12132/FUL – replace 3 existing dormer windows with 2 dormers to the rear of the property – Spring Cottage, Townend, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QS

09/12060/FUL – Meadow View House, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone, Stone ST15 8SL – conversion of garage roof space and attached store

09/12062/FUL – The Wood, Stallington Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QW – retention of ex security gates.

2) That objections be raised to the following application for the reasons stated at the meeting:-

09/12140/FUL - retrospective planning application for the partial demolition & rebuilding of the former milking parlour & retention of boundary wall treatments with proposed modifications to rooflights, windows, doors, chimney and boundary walls at Fulford Manor Farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent.

It was also reported that Borough Councillor Oldfield would be calling this application in.

(b) Other planning issues

It was reported that in respect of planning application 08/10281/COU an Inspector has been appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the appeal against the decision by Stafford BC to refuse planning permission for Change of Use for standing caravans for 5 gypsy pitches. The appeal will be heard at a public inquiry on 21 July 2009.

The Council raised no objections to a pre-application consultation received in respect of a proposed radio mast to be placed on Meir Park.

45/09 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:-

- anti-social behaviour across the parish
- Speeding on Stallington Road

RESOLVED:-

- (1) This item had been covered in earlier discussions and the need for residents to report occurrences to the police will be emphasised in the Parish Newsletter.
- (2) The main issue of concern is the junction where Fulford Lane meets Stallington Road and the lack of vision for cars turning into Fulford Lane coupled with the excessive speed of some motorists. Councillors suggested several possible solutions and the Clerk was asked to write to the Highways Dept. requesting some action to be taken.

(b) Highways work – Community Crew

It was reported that the first 4 days of community crew work will take place in the parish w/c 15 June. The work prioritised for this initial 4 days is path clearance along Hilderstone Road and on Grindley Lane, as well as weed control on the concrete bollards at the bottom of Grindley Lane.

RESOLVED

The areas highlighted for priority action were agreed by the Council..

(c) Business Risk Assessment and policies

Following work by a small working group the Council's Business Risk Assessment document and policies relating to H&S, Equal Opps. and Complaints were presented.

RESOLVED

It was agreed that the above documents be adopted.

(d) Change of membership to Planning Sub-Committee

RESOLVED

It was agreed that Cllr. Moore will replace Cllr. Taylor on the Planning Sub-Committee

46/09 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Road Safety, Meir Heath – it was reported that the census had been completed to determine whether a pedestrian crossing and/or a crossing patrol person was justified. The results are still awaited regarding the traffic density but it was reported that the first results regarding the numbers of people crossing were low.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-
Stafford Borough Council – Green Awards information

Stafford Borough Council – Information on Stafford Festival
U3A – letter of thanks
Fulford Village Hall – letter of thanks

47/09 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Road safety/children's' crossing officer, Meir Heath
100th birthday – Mrs Heath

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall on
Thursday 9th July 2009 at 7.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN