

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.  
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Bennett (Chairman), Colclough, A. Holmes, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mycock, Mrs McPherson, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor, Mrs Weaver & Mrs Wheat.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms K Armitage (Stafford & Rural Homes), Mr T Price (Housing Plus) and S Beck (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Baggeley, Mrs Brayford, Brayford and Borough Councillor Oldfield.

**OTHER NON ATTENDEES:** Councillor Bevan

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

**PRESENTATION ON RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

The Council received a presentation (presentation available from the Clerk) from Karen Armitage and Tony Price prior to the start of the meeting on the provision of affordable housing on rural exception sites.

**41/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr. Taylor declared an interest in item 46/10(a) – seat for Rough Close

**42/10 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

**43/10 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS**

Cllr. Harp reported that Age Concern Stone were struggling and asked the Council to help support them if possible (Age Concern has been invited to the August meeting of the Council). He reported, following questions from Parish Councillors, that the Borough Councillors were due to meet with Borough Council planning officers shortly to determine what action is being taken to ensure that occupants of the Gypsy site on Hilderstone Road continue to meet the conditions set out in the temporary planning approval. Cllr. Harp will keep the Parish informed.

It was reported that work on Stallington Hall should be starting in the Autumn.

## **44/10 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) Payment for broken porch window**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Council would pay £40 towards the cost of replacing a porch window apparently broken while the grass was being cut by the Council's contractor.

### **(c) Chairman's Allowance**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Chairman's allowance be set at £140 for 2010/11.

### **(d) Renewal membership for Community Council for Staffordshire**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the annual subscription be renewed at a cost of £22.

## **45/10 PLANNING**

### **(a) Applications**

The following decisions made by the Planning Sub-Committee were reported to the meeting:

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

10/13559/FUL – new wooden car port to front/side of property – 179 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13693/FUL – proposed detached dwelling with 2 garages – land at Saverley, Common Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13727/FUL – detached single garage – 81 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7NU

10/13776/FUL – variation of conditions on 08/09628/FUL – 1&2 Blacklake Farm, Hilderstone road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13802/FUL single storey extension to form function room, foyer & toilets with additional overspill parking area & vehicle passing area – Moddershall Oaks, Moddershall, Stone, Staffs.

10/13762/FUL – change of use from C3 dwelling to C2 residential institution including conversion of garage to provide 2 new bedrooms, single storey extension to rear to provide new living room and informal dining area – Southlands, Aynsley Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

2) That objections be raised to the following applications:

10/13699/FUL removal of existing gates & provision of new designed wall & gates–  
The Wood, Stallington Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QW

10/13783/FUL –the construction of a 670m2 concrete slurry store & associated  
access track – Dale Farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QP

**(b) Decisions**

The following applications decisions made by the Borough Council were reported:-

**Approved:**

09/12851/OUT – 2-storey detached dwelling – Southdown Plot 1, Hartwell Lane,  
Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7NG

09/12962/COU – change of use of existing 2-bed care bungalow into private 2-bed  
detached bungalow – Blacklake Lodge Residential Home, Hilderstone Road, Stoke-  
on-Trent

10/13290/COU – change of use of existing 2-bed care bungalow into private 2-bed  
detached bungalow – Blacklake Lodge Residential Home, Hilderstone Road, Stoke-  
on-Trent

10/13500/FUL – proposed kitchen/WC/utility extension – The Firs, Cross Gate,  
Hilderstone, Stone ST15 8RL

**Rejected:**

09/12885/FUL (amended description & amended plans) – site of George & Dragon,  
Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent

**(c) Other Planning Issues**

**Proposed Coal Bed Methane Development at Spot Grange** – it was reported that  
documentation had now been submitted to the County Council for this development.  
It was available on the Council’s website and on CD for anyone to view.

**Car Boot Sales at Saverley Green** – it was reported that the Borough Council were  
taking action to stop the car boot sales and to remove illegal signs.

**46/10 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:-

- Planter for Fulford
- Parish Online
- Replacement bus shelter for Meir Heath
- Seat for Rough Close

**RESOLVED:-**

1. Following discussion it was agreed that up to £80 could be spent on providing a  
replacement display to replace the one stolen.
2. It was agreed that this was not a priority at this stage and the proposal to use this  
facility should be revisited in December.
3. It was agreed that a new bus shelter should be purchased at the price quoted in the  
circulated paper with the addition of a timetable case. Total cost £3589 + VAT.

4. It was agreed that a metal seat should be installed beside the pond at Rough Close, although if possible a cheaper option should be found and waste paper bin should also be provided by the Borough Council. (*Cllr Taylor having left the room took no part in the discussion*)

**(b) Proposed re-organisation of public rights of way in Fulford Parish**

Details of the proposal were circulated to councillors with the meeting papers.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Parish Council object to this proposal and suggestions for an alternative route to be given to the Clerk by the 25<sup>th</sup> June for forwarding to the County Council.

**(c) Public Heath act 1925 – street naming**

Details of the proposal were circulated to councillors with the meeting papers.

**RESOLVED:**

The Council had no objections to this proposal.

**(d) Report from Highways agency re: A50**

Details of the response received by William Cash MP from the Highways Agency regarding the noise barriers on the A50 had been circulated with the meeting papers.

**RESOLVED:**

Details to be included in the Newsletter with a request for comments back to the Parish Council.

**(e) Change of date for the August meeting**

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the date of the August Parish council meeting be changed from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**47/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

**Feedback from SPCA Executive (attended by Cllr. Holmes) & the SPCA Stafford Area committee (attended by Cllr. Mrs McPherson)** – Cllrs. Holmes & Mrs McPherson reported back on a number of issues including IT support for Parishes, workshop for parish Councils in October & planning .

**Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)** – it was reported that following a meeting with the County Highways it had been decided to leave the SID on Hilderstone Road in its present location, the resident who had complained had been informed. It was also reported that the Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership would not accept a contribution from the Parish Council to supply a dedicated SID in the Parish area.

**Waste land on Windmill Hill** – ownership had now been established as being the County Council. They will be taking action to tidy the site.

**Speeding traffic on Hartwell Lane** – a mobile SID is to be deployed

**Litter Picker** – following a recruitment process a new Litter Picker has been engaged

**Feedback from Playbuilder group** – Cllr Shaw reported on plans to move this project forward using Parish council funding.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (no.143)  
Staffordshire County Council – temporary road closure notice (Fulford)  
Land Registry – details concerning registering property and land  
Stafford Borough Council - details of events at Gatehouse Theatre  
Open Spaces society – Summer newsletter  
Link Staffordshire – date of AGM

**48/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

-Rural Affordable Housing

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is to be convened at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN