

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 16th JUNE 2011 AT 8.00 P.M.
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Bennett Bevan, Mrs Brayford, Chesworth, Ms Ellerman, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: 3 members of the public & S Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Lovatt & Shaw. Borough Councillor Dodson & County Councillor Parry.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised the following concerns:

Noise from the A50;

Double yellow lines and barrier fencing at the bottom of Grindley Lane

The selling of cars on the Tesco roundabout.

Another member of the public expressed concern that trees at the entrance to Grindley Park (pedestrian entrance) were becoming too big and were blocking light into the house adjacent to the entrance as well as shedding leaves into the garden of one of the properties.

51/11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

52/11 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Noise from A50 – there was nothing further to report on this matter.

Double yellow lines & barrier fencing – it was agreed that the Clerk write to the County Council to ask whether the work undertaken was in line with the agreed Safer Routes to School proposals.

Selling of cars on roundabout – it had been established that the land in question belonged to the Highways Agency and they had already been asked by the Borough Council to take action, although nothing had happened. The Clerk was asked to also take up the issue with the Highways Agency.

Grindley park entrance – the Council had agreed to look at this issue in the summer when the trees were in full foliage. It was agreed that further consideration would be given to the issue and a site meeting arranged.

53/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2011, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

54/11 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Councillors Holmes & Roycroft informed the meeting of the various committees and other bodies that they were involved with. It was reported that the planning application in

respect of 25 Hilderstone Road had been ‘called in’. There was a meeting due shortly, involving County & Borough officers and elected members, concerning the future of the Creda site. Cllr Holmes will keep the Parish council informed of any developments. The Borough Councils parking enforcement officers had visited areas around the schools. Information regarding tourist attractions was required. Cllr. Bennett would provide information on Barlaston Common.

55/11 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.

56/11 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:

11/15346/FUL – extension to hairdressers to provide living accommodation – 160 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

11/ 15451/EXT – Creda site, Grindley Lane, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15481/HOU – alterations and extension – 7 Blacklake Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

2) That objections be raised to the following applications:

11/15248/FUL – Demolition of bungalow & construction of a mini extra care scheme comprising 7 one bedroom flats, staff accommodation and communal facilities, with associated car parking - 25 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PB. The following reasons were given for objection:

- The development is not in keeping with the surrounding area;
- The development is on an increasingly busy road and the extra traffic generated by this development, not only with staff transport, but all the other vehicles that will be visiting the complex i.e. service vehicles, delivery vehicles etc. will only increase the problem;
- The increase in noise and disturbance that this development will generate at all hours of the day and night with vehicles coming and going;
- Loss of mature trees.

Borough Councils would be asked to ‘call in’ this application.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

11/14904/FUL – change to form 3-bedroom dwelling house, including provision for access & parking – old Methodist Chapel, Fulford road, Fulford ST15 8RL

11/15240/FUL – proposed rear bedroom extension – The Laurels, Little Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15250/FUL – Copperfields, Moss Lane, Moss Gate, Hilderstone, Stone – Removal of existing timber conservatory & replacement with new oak boarded sun room with green roof, balcony to 1st floor study & conversion of roof void to habitable room including dormer & terrace on front elevation

(c) Other planning issues

Proposals for a new street name associated with the Monsoon development were considered by the Council.

RESOLVED: That no objections be raised to the proposal.

57/11 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:-

- Cockieshall Lane
- Allotment provision
- Barlaston Common well
- Long Service Awards
- Gypsy site (Hilderstone Road)

RESOLVED:

1. This item to be carried forward to the next agenda as the member raising the issue was not present.
2. It was agreed that some research needed to be carried out to gauge possible demand and therefore an item would be included in the Autumn edition of the Newsletter and notices placed on the Noticeboards.
3. Rough Close Councillors would undertake some further research, including speaking to the Borough Council on what possible action could be taken.
4. It was agreed for those Councillors with 20 years plus service to the community that an award to the value of circa. £100 be made.
5. Following the erection of a chalet style bungalow on the site that is clearly having a visual impact on the openness of the greenbelt it was agreed that the Council's concern be relayed to the Borough Council and a meeting with officers requested.

(b) Results of Housing Needs Survey

A summary of the report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a full copy of the report would be circulated electronically to all members with a view to having a full discussion at the July meeting.

58/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Request from police to identify areas where speeding is a concern –

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-
Stafford Borough Council –Members Digests (nos.157)

Stafford Borough Council – details of Mayoress’s Afternoon Tea 13th July
Stafford Borough Council – details of open day at Stafford Crematorium

59/11 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall** on
Thursday 14th July 2011 at 7.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN