

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2013 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Mrs Barker, Colclough, Evans, Mrs Jennings, Mrs Lightfoot, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Parry, Borough Councillor Roycroft & S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Holmes (also Borough Councillor) & Shaw, Borough Councillor Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present

58/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

59/13 POLICE REPORT

None

60/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None raised

61/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th May 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

62/13 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Cllr Parry reported that the barriers at the Tesco roundabout were in the process of being installed and this will hopefully prevent cars being parked. Councillors raised the following issues with Cllr. Parry;

- Flooding across the parish – Cllr Parry explained that flooding is being tackled, but the County Council need to prioritise the work with main roads a priority.
- The installation of ‘chicken wire’ by the Highways Agency on the sliproads onto the A50 – Cllr. Parry will again take this up with the Highways Agency.
- Potholes – Cllr. Parry said that feedback from most parish councils was that the response of the County Council had improved, however Fulford parish councillors felt this was not the case in this parish.

63/13 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.

64/13 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:
13/18627/FUL – The Stable Block, Stallington Hall, Stallington Road – erection of pole mounted satellite dish and regularisation of road access alignment.
13/18704/HOU – 13 Balaams Lane, Moss Gate, Stone – 2-storey rear extension.
13/18630/FUL – Mia Hairdressing, 160 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – extension to hairdressing salon.
13/18759/FUL – 361 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling.
13/18611/FUL – Moss Barn, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – wooden stable block.
13/18730/HOU – 120 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – conservatory at rear.
13/1818516/FUL – Black Lake Farm, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – lifting of condition 2 on application no. 3487, providing that the integrity of the North Staffordshire Green Belt is maintained

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

13/18393/FUL - Hunters Moon, Fulford Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of condition 3 on application 02/41874/FUL

(b) Other Planning Issues

None

65/13 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:-

- Parish Office Refurbishment
- Friends of Rough Close Common

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that the Clerk would bring information on the cost of a new photocopier to the next meeting and consideration should be given to making the office ‘more inviting’ by having a map of the parish, coat stand etc available.
2. It was agreed to support this new initiative which would help support bio-diversity on the common over the next 5 years, organise talks and walks. First meeting will be on the 17th July in the parish office.

(b) Staffordshire Rural Strategy

Details on the proposal were circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that feedback on this draft should include the lack of reference to support/access to services and facilities and the issue of transport for elderly people in isolated villages.

66/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT

SPCA Area Committee – Cllr. Mrs McPherson reported on the meeting held on the 6th June. The meeting heard details of the HS2 plans, possible shortfall in funding for the SPCA because of falling membership and neighbourhood planning. On the latter the Borough Council would be visiting all parish councils over time.

Parish Newsletter – it was agreed to have a working group (to which all councillors are invited) to discuss the current Newsletter format, content etc. The meeting will be on the 23rd July at 7.30pm.

Affordable Housing – information from Housing Plus has indicated that discussions with the planners are progressing well and that it is hoped to be in a position to have a public event towards the end of June/early July.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members digest (2)

Stafford Borough Council – information on Dog Fouling Campaign

Stafford Borough Council – information on Westbridge Park, Stone consultation

Stafford Borough Council – Stafford and Surrounds Health and Wellbeing Strategy

67/13 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Bollards on Ridgway Drive
- Trees at the end of West View

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 11th July 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN