

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2015 AT 8.00 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Jennings (Chairman), Colclough, Mrs Baskin, Mrs Brayford, Brunt, Evans, Lovatt, McNaught, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor & Mrs Wheat

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Evans & Holmes (also Borough Councillor), BC Roycroft.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present; however Cllr. Taylor raised an issue on behalf of resident concerning the parking of a mobile advertisement on Moments carpark. The Clerk had also been contacted regarding the possibility of a litter bin to be placed on the Green in Saverley Green.

22/15 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

23/15 POLICE REPORT

No report.

24/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Mobile advertisement – the Clerk reported that he had been in touch with the planning department who had informed him that there was no legislation preventing the mobile advertisement. It was agreed that the position of the ad. was a potential traffic hazard and therefore the County Council Highways should be consulted.

Litter bin, Saverley Green – it was agreed that a bin be requested from Stafford Borough Council.

25/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th February 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

In the absence of Borough and County Councillors there was no report.

27/15 FINANCE

(a) Accounts for Payment

Prior to the accounts for payment being presented the Clerk reported that he had incurred an additional £100 expenditure in, accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations para. 3.4, in respect of the fee paid to the Newsletter distributor to cover

the extra expense of distributing the Voluntary Car Scheme questionnaire alongside the Newsletter.

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) Request for a donation from the Samaritans

RESOLVED:

A donation of £100 was agreed.

28/15 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

That no objections be raised to the following application:

15/21792/HOU – The Grove, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey rear extension

15/ 21775/REM – land at former Bird in Hand carpark, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone – scale, appearance and landscaping (reserved matters in respect of 07/08560/OUT and 11/16077/EXTO

14/21533/FUL – 136 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – amendment to original application

15/21896/HOU – 74 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey rear extension to existing bedsit accommodation

That objections be raised to the following application:

15/21814/HOU – 4 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent – extension and alteration to form new lounge, kitchen and 1st floor bedroom. Objections were on the following grounds:

- Planning consents for this building go back to 1994 and over the years there have been a number of changes to the property to the extent that it is quite possible that the changes have resulted in an increase in excess of the allowable 70%. The Borough Councillor was asked if he would ‘call in’ this application

(b) Decisions

The following decisions were reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

Approved:

14/21509/HOU – Fox Hollow, Fulford Lane, Stallington – single storey side extension and detached triple garage

14/21545/HOU – Hazeldene, Stone Road, Rough Close – front extension to form enlarged bedrooms and front hall extension

14/21558/HOU – 15 Beaumont Rise, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey rear extension

15/21595/HOU – 50 Highview Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – removal of carport and construction of 2-storey extension to side

15/21587/HOU – 367 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey rear extension to side & replacement of detached garage

15/216027/PTEL – land opp. junction of Whitestone Road, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – upgrade to existing base station including replacement monopole (amended scheme to that approved under 14/21077/PTEL)

Refused:

14/21550/FUL – Moments Kashmir Restaurant, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – retention of raised decking and a proposed no parking area

Withdrawn:

14/21298/OUT – Outbuilding at 38 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – conversion of existing outbuildings to residential unit

(c) Other Planning Issues

None

29/15 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:-

- Stallington Village

RESOLVED:

1. The Clerk to try and find out from the Borough Council as to the reason why the non-adoption of the roads.

(b) Ceramic Poppies

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that this will be held over until the next meeting.

(c) Fulford Conservation Area

The Clerk reported that a new Conservation Officer had taken over at Stafford Borough Council and that work would again be starting on the appraisal of the area.

RESOLVED:

The Council noted the details.

30/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Smith's Alley, Meir Heath – it was reported there is still a problem with dog mess and the bins still need to be re-located.

War memorials event – Cllr Mrs Jennings reported on an event she attended along with Cllr. Holmes in connection with war memorials. Information obtained included funding available to restore and repair memorials.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members' Digest (205)

Community Council of Staffordshire – details of the Village SOS campaign

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – details of the People Power funding programme.

Staffordshire County Council – details of meeting at Hilderstone Village Hall on 24th March re: speed of traffic on rural roads.

31/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Ceramic poppies (brought forward from previous meeting)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 9th April 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

Part 2

32/15 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTS

Prior to this item the Council passed the following resolution:

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.”

RESOLVED:

The contracts for the grass verges and open spaces will remain with the Council’s present contractors.

CHAIRMAN