

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th MARCH 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Garside, Holmes, Lovatt, Mrs Jennings, Monks, Morris, Mycock, McNaught, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Taylor

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Flackett and BC Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Clerk reported that he had received a complaint concerning the amount of rubbish accumulating in no 54 Birkholme Drive.

24/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

25/16 POLICE REPORT

None.

26/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

54 Birkholme Drive – The Clerk was asked to report this to the Environmental Health Department at Stafford BC.

27/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th February 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

28/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Roycroft reported that the Head of Planning would be leaving the authority at the end of March and that a new Chief Executive would be starting in the summer.

29/16 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) Donation request from Samaritans (Stafford Branch)

RESOLVED:

That a donation of £150 be made.

(c) Appeal from the Open Spaces Society

RESOLVED:

That a donation of £50 be made.

30/16 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:

16/23789/HOU – 9 The Grove, Blythe Bridge – demolition of existing garage, construction of single-storey side extension and 1st floor single-storey front extension to form ensuite

16/23684/HOU – Grange Cottage, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath –single-storey rear extension.

16/23690/HOU – 242 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge –2-storey side extension, 2-storey rear extension and single storey rear extension and photovoltaic solar panels.

16/23506/FUL – land at Stone Road, Rough Close – construction of access into agricultural land

16/23679/FUL – Boa Vista 63 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath –1st floor rear extension & single storey front extension.

That objection to approval be raised on the following application:

16/23617/PAR – Barn at Woodview, Fulford Road, Spot Acre – conversion of existing agricultural barn to form class C3 dwelling house. The reasons for objection were:

- The planning application approved in 1998 was for a new barn for the storage of hay;
- The development is proposed in the Green Belt area of North Staffordshire and would be contrary to the Plan for Stafford Borough.

(b) Decisions

No decisions had been made by the Borough Council since the last meeting.

31/16 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:-

- Grit bin in Fulford;
- Additional waste bin on Hilderstone Road;
- Car parking on Windmill pub car park.

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that a proposal to purchase a grit bin for outside the school be brought to the next meeting.
2. Stafford BC to be contacted with a view to obtaining an additional bin.
3. Cllr Brunt was congratulated on getting the car parking machines removed from the Windmill car park.

(b) Defibrillators in Fulford Parish

RESOLVED:

Several sites around the parish were identified as potential locations for the defibrillators including: The Shoulder of Mutton, Greyhound Inn, Windmill, Spot Gate and Matthews Farm, Stallington. Councillors will make contact with the respective sites.

(c) Community Paths Initiative

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Footpath 38 (Hilderstone Road) be considered for this initiative with advice sort from the County Council on the best course of action.

(d) Legacy Project

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

The preferred option agreed by the Council was for an Interpretation Board to be erected on Rough Close Common.

(e) Clean for the Queen Campaign

RESOLVED:

It was reported that Fulford had already had a clean-up day on the weekend of the 5th and 6th March. Friends of the Common were planning an event later in the year.

(f) Fulford Well

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

A total cost of £680 plus the cost of the trough was agreed; however this amount would be off-set with the use of the £200 won by Fulford village for the Best Kept Village 2015.

32/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT

It was reported that meetings had been arranged with Cllr. Parry (Highways) and Stafford and Rural Homes (Allotments) for the coming weeks.

Details of proposed action on dog fouling were reported, following a meeting with Saul Hocking (SBC). The Campaign will start on 1st July.

Mrs Brayford's 'retirement' event planned for Tuesday 22nd March.

Cllr Oxby reported that Severn Trent Water was holding a consultation event in Fulford village hall on 6th April concerning major repairs in the village.

Cllr Holmes reported on the SPCA Executive meeting he had attended.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford BC – Monthly digest (218)

Tower Mint Ltd – details of Queen’s 90th birthday commemorative medals

First Direct – response re: withdrawal of service 6A

Stafford BC – Mayor’s Charity Appeal dinner on 27th April.

33/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Crossroads at Spot Acre and Blacklake
- 30mph speed limit in Meir Heath

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 14th April 2016 at 8.00 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN