

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th MARCH 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: BCs Dodson & Roycroft & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brunt, Flackett, Garside & Mrs Jennings.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr. Holmes raised an issue relating to the provision of a seat on Saverley Green village green

Cllr Lovatt raised a problem relating to the poor state of repair of a path leading to Leadendale Lane.

Cllr Oxby relayed request for a waste bin at the junction of Fulford Lane/ Fulford Dale

22/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Garside declared an interest in item 9(f) on the agenda.

23/17 POLICE REPORT

None.

24/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Saverley Green seat – as the seat is being provided by Stafford BC there is no action for the Parish Council to take.

Leadendale Lane – this is an unadopted road and is therefore the responsibility of the residents.

Waste bin – a request for a bin to be made to Stafford BC.

25/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th February 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

BC Dodson reported the following:

- The Borough Council is still dealing with a large number of planning applications;
- The Borough's council tax will increase by 1.9%. The Council is still presently in good order however the 'bite' will come in 2 years' time as the New Homes Fund, which is currently providing funding is changing and reducing in the coming years.
- New Chief executive visiting Fulford on 17th March.
- Streetscene have cleared the litter form Hilderstone Road.

27/17 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) Increase in the cost of the Newsletter printing

The Clerk reported that the printers had increased the cost of printing the Newsletter by £75 and as agreement could not wait until the next Council meeting, the extra cost had been approved in line with the Council's Financial Regulations para 3.4

RESOLVED:

The Council noted this decision.

28/17 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 applications:

17/25700/FUL – Glenwood, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed demolition of existing bungalow and construction of purpose designed detached dormer bungalow.

17/25778/FUL – 40 Tudor Hollow Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – front boundary fence

17/25797/HOU – 11 Field Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension to rear and single storey garage to side

17/25798/HOU – 11A Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed extension to rear and side of dwelling

17/25832/HOU – 12 Stallington Mews, Galton Croft, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed rear/side ground floor sun room extension.

That objections be raised to the following applications:

17/25799/OUT – Land at 32 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – detached 2-storey dwelling in the garden area. The reason for object was:

- Inappropriate development in an existing garden

17/25697/OUT – Land adjacent to 60 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – outline application for a single dwelling. Reasons for objection as follows:

- Road access and safety;
- Inappropriate development in an existing garden

(b) Decisions

The following decision was reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

Refused:

16/25487/FUL- Field Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – demolition of existing 2-storey dwelling and erection of new 2-storey dwelling

29/17 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: -

- Hilderstone Road motion: It was proposed that as there has been a dearth of tenders for the work on Hilderstone Road that the tender submitted by Millstone Landscaping be accepted and the work authorised to proceed

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that the work should be contracted to Millstone Landscaping.

(b) Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 13th April starting at 7.00pm and that the Samaritans be asked to give a brief presentation to the meeting.

(c) Ceramic poppies

Cllr Holmes reported on a meeting Cllr. Mrs White and he had had with Fulford Church wardens. Unfortunately, no decision can be made on possible location within the church until a new vicar is appointed (probably late summer)

RESOLVED:

A small sub-group consisting of Cllrs. Holmes, Oxby, Miss Noblett and Mrs White will meet to agree a way forward with the displays.

(d) Change of date for the May meeting

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the date of the May meeting will be Thursday 18th May.

(e) Proposal to rid two areas of council owned land of moles

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that work should go ahead to clear the areas of moles and that Mr Scott (Town & Country Services) be asked to undertake the work

(f) Refurbishment of the Parish Office

Details of the tenders received for the work had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the tender submitted by Infinity Property Management be accepted.

30/76 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Oxby reported on the recent meeting of the Highways Committee and in particular on the progress being made on weight restrictions for Stallington Road, and double yellow lines outside Fulford school. He also reported on the possible impact

budget cuts at the County Council would have on the Neighbourhood Highways team work. The result would be that parish councils will get less resource from the County Council to undertake minor highways work. Therefore, if the parish council wishes this work to be done, it must find the resource to do it themselves.

Councillor Miss Noblett reported on a recent meeting of the Grindley Park Committee. The main issue raised had already been dealt with earlier in the agenda, namely the moles.

Councillor Holmes reported that First Aid training would cost £20 per head with a minimum of 6 people per session

Councillor Monks reported that Meir Heath Primary School is now part of St Barts Academy. He has had to step down as a Local Authority Governor, but has been retained on the governing body.

Councillor Taylor reported a burglary in Black Lake Drive.

Councillor Oxby reported that there will be no Fulfest this year

An organised litter pick has been arranged for 19th March on Rough Close Common
Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted: -

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (230)

Stafford Borough Council – dates of civic amenity visits

Stone Town Council – details of Civic Dinner on 29th April

Office of Police & Crime Commissioner – details of consultation on Strategy document

31/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- First aid training
- Social media
- Parking outside schools

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened **at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 8.00 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN