

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th MARCH 2018 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mycock (Chairman), Brunt, Colclough, Flackett, Garside, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Monks, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor & Mrs White

IN ATTENDANCE: BC Dodson, 5 members of the public & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Mrs Baskin, Holmes, Inscker, McNaught, Morris. BC Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issue was raised by members of the public present:

Dog fouling in Meir Heath – members of the public present were concerned at the increase in dog fouling in Meir Heath.

19/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

20/18 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Dog fouling in Meir Heath – It was agreed that this was a continuing problem and that Saul Hocking (Stafford BC) be asked to provide support for the parish council in trying to tackle the issue, additionally further details will go in the Parish Newsletter.

21/18 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th February 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

22/18 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

BC Dodson reported that the Borough Council were currently going through the budgetary process with council tax rising by 1.9%. The leisure scheme for Stone is now budgeted at £10m, Stafford Park £2.5m and the master plan for the station 'gateway' costed at £500m.

23/18 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.

24/18 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:

18/27986/HOU – Rose Cottage, Stallington Grange, Grindley Lane Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey gable extension and rear extensions with alterations to existing flat roof.

18/28033/FUL – Blacklake Farm, 85 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing dwelling and agricultural buildings and erection of replacement dwelling.

18/27985/HOU – 184 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – double storey side extension & part single storey rear extension

18/27995/HOU – Delverne House, Heatherlands Close, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey side extension connecting the main dwelling with existing outbuilding and a front extension to the garage

18/27997/FUL – Blacklake Lodge Residential Home, Lake Croft, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – extension to provide activity hub and garden.

18/28020/FUL – Glenwood, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of condition 2 on application 17/25700/FUL

(b) Decisions

Refused:

17/27658/HOU – The Outlands Farm, Stone Road, Rough Close – proposed summer house.

17/27761/FUL – Land adjacent to Mount Pleasant Farm, Stapeley Heath – prior approval for change of use.

25/18 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: -

- Allotments
- No cold caller signs in Meir Heath
- Telephone Box in Rough Close

RESOLVED:

1. The cost of installing a water supply will be £1815 and the Council will now need to decide whether to proceed with this cost. A further meeting of the allotments group will make a recommendation to the full council.
2. Signs are available for people to put in their windows. A copy will be included on the back of the next Newsletter.
3. Agreed that work will be undertaken to tidy up the box.

(b) First World War Commemorations

Details of events proposed and potential costs had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

A top estimate of £3279 was agreed for these events, however it was anticipated that the cost would be considerably less.

(c) Libraries – consultation paper

RESOLVED:

Individual members encouraged to respond. The Council's overall response is that libraries are valued and mobile libraries are important for rural communities.

(d) Data Protection Officer Service

Details of the proposed service to be provided by Staffordshire County Council had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The Tier 3 service as set out in the paper was approved.

(e) Safeguarding Children & Adults' Policy

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

A policy should be adopted; however, it was felt that the policy presented was not totally in line with the council's business and should be subject to further review. Cllr Mrs White undertook to have a look at the policy and come back with suggested changes.

26/18 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Monks reported that he had undertaken a survey of traffic using Birkholme Drive and Goulbourn Avenue and confirmed that traffic was cutting the corner coming into Goulbourn Avenue. This is maybe something the Highways Committee should pick up. He had also asked the school to put something out on their website.

Cllr Oxby reminded members that contributions for the Newsletter were due.

It was reported that a Community Day was to be held at Blythe Bridge Library on 24th March.

27/18 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 12th April 2018 at 8.00 p.m. (Later time as the meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting)**

CHAIRMAN