

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th MARCH 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Brayford, A. Holmes, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mycock, Mrs McPherson, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor & Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Harp & Roycroft, 3 members of the public and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Baggaley, Bevan, Colclough, Mrs Weaver and Borough Councillor Oldfield.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public asked if the Parish Council could establish why, following the cutting down of trees beside the George & Dragon Public House in May 2009, they had not been replaced. It is understood the Borough Council had asked for this to happen, but so far no action has been taken.

Another member of the public again expressed concern about the rubbish close to the A50 by the bridge in Stallington Road.

RESOLVED:

1. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to establish the present position regarding replacement of the trees.
2. BC Harp to investigate what action can be taken by the Borough concerning the rubbish referred to above.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests, although Cllr. Mrs Jennings declared an interest in any future discussions concerning the George & Dragon Public House.

15/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th February 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

16/10 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Councillor Harp reported that there was still an ongoing issue with The Wood and that the Borough was taking legal action against an unauthorised development at Crossgate. The Bird in Hand development, which borders the parish, is to be looked at again.

Following a question from a councillor, Councillor Harp didn't think any further action can be taken against the owner of 54 Birkholme Drive. Following some discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Harp would arrange a meeting between Parish Councillors and the Borough's Environmental Health Officer to discuss the situation.

17/10 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.

18/10 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:

10/13221/FUL – 36 Kingfisher Crescent, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QE – 1st floor extension over existing garage, kitchen & utility room.

10/13288/OUT – remodelling of interior of existing school & extensions to improve teaching & learning spaces, access & sports facilities with some external landscape improvements – Aynsley Special School, Aynsley Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/13295/FUL– garage extension with private sun terrace on roof – 23 Franklin Drive, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9TN.

10/13342/FUL – rear & side alterations & extensions to a 3-bedroom dwelling– 1 Post Office Terrace, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent

That objections be raised to the following application:

10/13290/COU - change of use of existing 2-bed care bungalow into private 2-bed detached bungalow – Blacklake Lodge Residential Home, Hilderstone Road, Stoke-on-Trent.

(b) Decisions

It was reported that the following applications had been approved by the Borough Council:-

Approved

09/12949/FUL – 1st floor extension over existing garage to provide 2 bedrooms, single storey kitchen extension to rear & addition of dormer-type roof canopy to front – 36 Tudor Hollow, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9NP.

09/12969/FUL – practice nets – Meir Heath cricket club, Willow Lane, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7NA.

09/13030/FUL – detached garage – 29 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7JQ

Withdrawn

09/12667/COU – change of use of 2 stables & existing bar & pool room of the public house including small toilet extension & provision of a car park at rear with new entrance & fencing to match – The Hunter Inn, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QX

19/10 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:-

- BT phone boxes – adopt a kiosk
- Litter and dog bins
- Dog fouling
- Hosting of district SPCA meeting

RESOLVED:-

1. It was agreed that no further action be taken on the adoption of telephone kiosks until it becomes clearer as to BT intent regarding the boxes.
2. It was agreed to request a further dog litter bin for Adamthwaite Drive/Mayfield Drive.
3. It was agreed to approach the Borough Council to see if there are any examples of good practice that could be applied in the parish to try and eliminate dog fouling in the parish.
4. It was agreed that the Parish would offer to host the September meeting of the district SPCA meeting.

(b) Playbuilder application

The decision on the Playbuilder has been delayed again. A letter from the County Council indicates that they are now waiting for confirmation from DCSF on their 2010/11 grant allocation.

RESOLVED:

The Council noted the present position.

(c) Installation of noticeboard

Details of the proposal were circulated to councillors with the meeting papers.

RESOLVED:

That the noticeboard be purchased at a cost of £730 + VAT and installed on land owned by Stafford & Rural Homes (agreement has been given). The conditions set out by Stafford & Rural Homes were also agreed.

20/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT

54 Birkholme Drive – a holding letter had been received from the Borough Council following further correspondence sent to the Borough and William Cash M.P. No response had been received from William Cash M.P.

Baulk Lane – Confirmation had been received from the County Council that their contractors had removed trees in Baulk Lane.

Gypsy Site – Response from Borough Council indicates that they are waiting details for the discharge of conditions set out in the Inspector's report (this was due in on 10th March). It was also stated that the Borough's enforcement team will monitor the situation.

Roundabout (Fulford Lane/Stallington Lane) – still awaiting a response from the Borough Council

Litter pick – litter picks will take place in Fulford & Rough Close on the 28th March.

SPCA meeting – The Chairman reported brief details from the recent area meeting of the SPCA including, proposals for computer support for Parish councils from the County Council, cost of training courses and proposals to put notices on grit bins to deter people from using the grit for their own purposes.

Email from a Fulford resident – an email had been received concerning parking outside Fulford school. It was agreed to put this on the next agenda.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Special Parish Council Forum Wednesday 24th March (Cllrs. Mrs Bennett and Holmes to attend)

Stafford Borough Council – details of civic amenity visits for 2010/11

Stafford Borough Council – details of Borough Debate on 22nd March

Stafford Borough Council – Stafford Borough Council LDF – draft core policies

Staffordshire County Council – Funding opportunity for ‘grassroots’ support for vulnerable people

Staffordshire County Council – details of Community Paths Initiative bids for 2010/11

Samaritans – letter of thanks

Sandon High School – letter of thanks

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest

Stafford Borough Council – Members Allowances for 2010/11

Open Spaces – Spring Newsletter

21/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

54 Birkholme Drive
Stallington Village site
Parking outside Fulford School

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on **Thursday 8th April 2010 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN