

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th MARCH 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Bennett (Chairman), Mrs Brayford, Colclough, Ms Ellerman, Holmes, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Brayford

OTHER NON ATTENDEES: Councillor Bevan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public again raised the issue of the A50 barriers.

19/11 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

A50 Barriers:

The Parish Council were unable to add anything to previous feedback following the meeting organised by Cllr Parry with the Highways agency on 31st January.

RESOLVED:

Cllr. Parry to be asked for any update following that meeting.

20/11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

21/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th February 2011, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

22/11 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Councillor Oldfield reported that the application in respect of the proposed hairdressing salon in Sutherland Crescent, which had been called in, was approved by the Borough's Planning Committee. The Parish Council expressed disappointment at this decision and the Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council regarding this decision. It was also reported that enforcement action had been taken against the owners of the Spot Acre site and that further action was being considered regarding the unauthorised sign at Moments Restaurant, Meir Heath. The Borough Council had also been informed of the signage that had appeared outside the car wash on Grindley Lane as well as the excessive discharge of water.

It was also reported to the Borough Councillors that cars were again appearing for sale on the Tesco roundabout.

Cllr. Taylor reported that some of the items deposited on the Nursery site on Hilderstone Road were now being removed following intervention from the Borough Council's Environmental Health Officer.

23/11 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 to Stafford Samaritans

RESOLVED

It was agreed that a donation of £100 be made to Stafford Samaritans.

24/11 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:

1014726/FUL – erection of 2 minibus garages – Aynsley Special School, Aynsley Drive Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

11/14975/FUL – proposed extension to semi-detached dwelling house – 17 West View, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15024/FUL – rear conservatory – 5 Churchill Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/14248/FUL – new buildings opening, car parking spaces and landscaping – Blythe Lodge, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9JP

2) That objections be raised to the following applications:

10/14675/FUL – raised deck area above existing single storey flat roof to form balcony seating area – Orchard Cottage, Meadowside, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent

11/14901/FUL (additional information) – installation of 3 O2 & 3 Vodaphone antennas, ancillary rooftops works & a ground based equipment – Severn Trent Water Tower, Common Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

(b) Decisions

The following application decisions made by the Borough Council were reported:-

Approved:

09/12922/FUL – demolition of existing building & erection of 14 dwellings – Monsoon restaurant, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/14454/FUL– Land at Fulford Manor Farm, Fulford Dale Road, Fulford Stoke-on-Trent – reinstatement & alterations to Fulford Manor Farm Barns to one dwelling

10/14680/FUL – remodelling of existing school and extension – Aynsley Special School, Aynsley Drive Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/14542/FUL – conversion of garage to living accommodation – 11 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LT

(c) Other planning issues

The Clerk reported that the approval given to 09/12922/FUL (Monsoon Restaurant) came with a Sec. 106 planning obligation and circa £22,000 would be available to the local community for open spaces.

25/11 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:-

- Parking outside Aynsley School
- Planters for Fulford

RESOLVED:-

1. It was reported that following the changes made at Aynsley School parking on Uttoxeter road had become a problem as parents had to wait for the gates to be opened. It was agreed that this was something that the school should be dealing with, however it was agreed to include this item on the next Highways working group agenda.
2. It was agreed to purchase 2 planters for Fulford village at a cost of £320.

(b) Data Transparency – consultation

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk was asked to respond to this document with particular emphasis on lack of resources available to Parish Councils to enable them to comply with the suggestion set out in para. 14 of the document. Other ways of communicating the information should be available for example via Parish Newsletters.

(c) Local elections

Packs of information, including the application form were distributed to members.

(d) Community Right to Challenge – consultation

RESOLVED:

The above consultation runs until May 2011 and it was agreed that a small working group would look at the document and formulate a response. The working group will consist of Cllrs. Mrs Bennett, Colclough, Ms Ellerman, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt and Taylor.

(e) Change of Dates for May & June meetings

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the May meeting be held on 19th May, which will also be the Parish Council's General Meeting and the June meeting will be on the 16th June. This date will also be used for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was also agreed to invite Alex Yendole from Stafford BC to talk about Neighbourhood Plans.

(f) Broadband Service in Fulford village

Copy of an email setting out the poor broadband service received in Fulford had been circulated with the agenda. The email pointed out the help the County Councils in some parts of the country were giving to poorly served villages.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to see if Staffordshire CC were making any help available.

26/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT

SPCA Area Committee – Cllr. Mrs McPherson reported on a recent meeting of this Committee where items covered included changes to policing in Staffordshire and Neighbourhood Plans (part of the proposed localism Bill). Further details of Neighbourhood Plans were circulated to members. Main points on changes to policing were; £22m cut from the budget, no officers based at Stone (response team will come from Stafford), although Neighbourhood Team still based in Blythe Bridge.

Grindley Lane – the clerk informed the meeting that he had received correspondence from the County Council that indicated that planting of trees was not now an option. They were still considering possible other alternatives.

Dog fouling – further details have been received from Stafford Borough Council concerning their on-going campaign to reduce the amount of dog fouling.

Litter pick in Rough Close – Sunday 10th April.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Mayors Charity appeal (Charity Gala Concert & ‘An Evening of Music’)

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – invitation to comment on Local Development Framework

E-on – demonstration pack to be used in event of power cuts

Staffordshire Prepared – Guide for dealing with the unexpected.

27/11 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None requested

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall** on **Thursday 14th April 2011 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN