

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th MARCH 2012 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman) Shaw (Vice Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Mrs Brayford, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Monks, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Ms Cuncannon, Evans, Mrs McPherson, Mycock and Borough Councillor Dodson

NON-ATTENDEE: Councillor Bevan.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no issues raised by members of the public.

21/12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

22/12 POLICE REPORT

There was no police report.

23/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th February 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

24/12 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

County Councillor Parry reported on the following:

- The integration of health care across the County is now underway with 800 county council employees moving into the new Health Trust. The new service goes live on the 1st April;
- The county is announcing a commitment to have broadband to every property by 2015. Cllr Parry was reminded of the Parish Council's commitment to this project and that resource was available in the 2012/13 budget to help with match funding;
- £30m extra funding for highways maintenance;
- Announcements on care for the elderly due soon;
- The CC is changing the way it works with schools by working more closely with other partner organisations;
- Funding through the Community Fund is available for Jubilee events.

Parish Councillors asked Councillor Parry about several issues relating to flooding on Hilderstone Road, bollards, grit bins and double yellow lines on Grindley Lane.

Borough Councillor Holmes reported on the following:

- Work on playing field by at Stallington is in line with agreed approval;
- Bus passes can be used 24/7 across Staffordshire, although possibility that this may change for Stoke-on-Trent area;
- No movement on the roundabout for Stallington Lane/Fulford Lane. This has now gone to the Borough's legal department for action;
- Nothing further to report on Stallington Hall.

The Chairman raised the issue of the Gypsy site on Hilderstone Road and possible breaches of conditions. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council to seek clarification.

25/12 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) Details of Town and parish Precepts

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

26/12 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:

12/16709/HOU – 17 Highview Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed bedroom/en-suite extension

11/16429/HOU – Rowan Lodge, 99 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – extension to rear of existing garage to form hydrotherapy pool & enclosure. However the Council is concerned about the size and scale of the extension.

12/16665/FUL & 12/16666/ADV – Panelco Ltd, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – retrospective application for demolition works, erection of cladding and palisade fencing and advertisements. However the Council is concerned about the colour of the cladding and that a development of this size was not brought to the attention of the Council at an earlier date.

The metal fence that has been erected is regarded as an eyesore and everything should be done improve the appearance of this, which is after all on a major road and opposite a large number of houses.

12/16683/OUT – Hunters Moon, Fulford Road, Fulford Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing garage/store, proposed new dwelling and new access

12/16770/HOU – The Gables, Church Close, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension

12/16666/ADV(amended) – Panelco Ltd, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – retrospective application for demolition works, erection of cladding and palisade fencing and advertisements.

2) That objections be raised to the following application:

11/16029/FUL(amended) – detached stable to house 2 horses- land adjacent to 36 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent for the following reason:

- the proposed building will cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties by way of noise, lighting and potential odours

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

11/16077/EXTO – former car park of Bird in Hand, Creswell Road, Hilderstone – extension of time

11/15765/FUL – land at Fulford Manor Farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – reinstatement and alterations to Fulford Manor Farm Barns 2

11/16024/FUL – land at Hartwell Lane, Rough Close Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey detached dwelling

11/16428/FUL - the former Monsoon Restaurant, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge – variation of condition 2

11/15227/FUL – land adjacent to Highfields, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – proposed private fishing pool, access and ancillary works

27/12 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:-

- The Queens Diamond Jubilee

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that lasting features would be the best way for the Parish to celebrate the Jubilee. Ideas for small garden areas, including wild flower areas were discussed and it was agreed that the piece of land at the end of West View (County Council owned) would be the first area developed. Other suggestions included a wild flower garden by Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall and a community project in Blythe Bridge (just off Adamthwaite Drive). It was reported that Fulford village has a number of events planned for the Jubilee weekend involving the whole community. The Grindley park working group was asked to drive forward the ideas suggested.

(b) Appraisal of potential sites for affordable housing

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

Following a discussion on the sites listed in the report it was agreed to convene a separate meeting of the Council and invite Stafford & Rural Homes to attend so that other options could be considered.

(c) Community Paths Initiative

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting

RESOLVED:

Suggestions for the bid included improvements to Footpath no.1 from Hilderstone Road to Poplars farm entrance; Little Lane/Common Lane and the production of a walk leaflet. The Clerk to respond to the County Council with these suggestions.

(d) Proposals for new goal posts on Grindley Park

Details and costs had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that new goal posts and nets be purchased and installed at a cost of £888.

(e) Annual Parish Meeting

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 12th April at 7.00pm (preceding the Parish Council Meeting) in Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall.

28/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT

George & Dragon – The Clerk reported on correspondence received from the Head of Planning at Stafford BC concerning the issue of the bat and badger survey.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Ladies Charity Evening 31st March

Staffordshire County Council – Details of temporary road traffic regulation order at A521 Uttoxeter Road/Blythe Bridge on 21st April

Staffordshire County Council – letter inviting Councils to visit the County Council building

Staffordshire County Council – letter re. theft of salt stocks from grit bins

SPCA – information on the abolition of the Standards Board and the new arrangements to replace it.

29/12 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Diamond Jubilee Gardens

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 12th April 2012 at 8.00 p.m.** The meeting will be preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm.**

CHAIRMAN