

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2013 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Shaw (Chairman), Mrs Barker, Mrs Brayford, Colclough, Evans, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Jennings, Mrs Lightfoot, Monks, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby and Taylor.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Dodson & Roycroft, PC Dave Parry & S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Mrs Bennett, Lovatt & Mrs Wheat

At the start of the meeting the Chairman informed the council that Paul Whiston, a former councillor and Chairman of the Council, had recently died. Condolences to be forwarded to his family.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

The clerk reported that he had received correspondence from a resident in Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge concerning the running of businesses at neighbouring properties and in particular the inconsiderate parking by one of the businesses.

22/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

23/13 POLICE REPORT

PC Dave Parry reported the following:

The police had looked at the parking on Hilderstone Road (as reported at the previous meeting), however as no offence was being committed no action could be taken;

There has been a few problems with the care home in Adamthwaite Drive and these are being dealt with;

Sat/nav system stolen from a car in Tudor Hollow, Fulford.

PC Parry was asked by the meeting if he could follow up on the proposed 'no cold call notices' for Meir Heath and to check on the George & Dragon site for possible drug taking.

24/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

Grindley Lane – The County Council be again approached to see if anything can be done.

25/13 DISCUSSION OF LAND AROUND FULFORD (It was agreed to suspend standing orders for this item in order for a full discussion to take place with the owner of the land).

The Chairman welcomed Mr Stephen Perrins to the meeting and invited him to set out the background to the request to meet the parish council.

Mr Perrins explained that there are essentially 2 plots of land in the village that he would welcome the Council's view on what might be done with them. After some discussion it was

agreed that the Fulford ward councillors along with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would meet separately to consider proposals and report back to the full council.

26/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 14th February 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

27/13 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Borough Councillor Holmes reported on the following:

Saverley, Rough Close – it was reported that work had started to build a new retaining wall
Stallington Hall – plans for a new roof are being presented to the Borough Council.

Rough Close Common – a considerable amount of work has been undertaken on the common
Hilderstone Road – Streetscene have cleared up the rubbish on this road

HS2 – a DVD presentation is available from Cllr. Holmes.

28/13 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 REQUEST FROM CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

RESOLVED:

A donation of £100 was agreed.

29/13 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 application:

13/18248/HOU – 10 Franklin Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – garage extension

(b) Decisions

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

Permitted:

13/18158/HOU – The Hollies, Fulford Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed utility/garden room extension

12/18044/HOU – Drina Cottage, The Green Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – detached single garage

12/18098/HOU – Crossfields Farm, Baulk Lane, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey kitchen extension

13/18114/HOU – Barnfields, Fulford Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – extension and alteration to existing house including 2 new 1st floor bedrooms over existing single storey lounge etc

30/13 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:-

- **Issues on A50** - Further accidents were reported on the A50, mainly by the Draycott roundabout and the Parish Council would like to see the speed limit reduced to 50mph on the stretch of road leading up to this roundabout from the Stoke side.

RESOLVED:

A letter be sent to the Highways Agency, Staffs CC and Cllr Parry

- **Ditch on Hilderstone Road** – details had been circulated with the agenda

RESOLVED:

Details to be forwarded to the Environmental Health

(b) Community Paths Initiative

Details had been circulated with the February agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Cllr. Holmes would speak to the Stone Ramblers to see what work they would like doing.

(c) Community Parish Recycling scheme

Details of this scheme had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was felt that this scheme was not appropriate for the parish and therefore no further action will be taken

(d) Toddlers Play Area, Grindley Park

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Grindley Park working group should continue with this scheme, preferably utilising s106 funding, however if this is not forthcoming then council resources to be considered. The scheme should not start before June 2013.

(e) Sign for Meir Heath Primary School

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The purchase and installation of the sign was approved at a cost of £368.22 + VAT

31/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT

SPCA meeting – Cllr Mrs Mcpherson reported on the meeting that Cllrs. Mrs Brayford, Holmes and herself had attended. The main issues discussed were:

- A report from the Deputy Police Commissioner and;
- Neighbourhood Planning.

Litter pick on Rough Close Common – it was reported that a litter pick would take place on the 24th March.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council - Digest (181)

Stafford Borough Council – review of electoral arrangements – presentation on 25th March

Stafford Borough Council – Mayors charity appeals

Staffordshire County Council – improving life for motorists

Diocese of Lichfield – confirmation that letter re: St Francis church had been received.

32/13 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 11th April 2013 at 8.00 p.m.** This meeting will be preceded by the **Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00pm**

CHAIRMAN