

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 12th MAY 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Flackett, Holmes, Inscker, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Monks, Morris, Mycock & Miss Noblett.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Colclough, Garside, McNaught, Oxby & BC Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present; however the Clerk had received email correspondence from residents in Stallington village concerning anti-social behaviour in and around the dilapidated Stallington Hall.

44/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2016/17 YEAR

RESOLVED:

Councillor Taylor, being the only nominee, was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year and the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

45/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

46/16 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2016/17 YEAR

RESOLVED:

Cllr. Mycock being the only nominee was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year and the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

48/16 POLICE REPORT

No report.

49/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Following a discussion on the issues raised by some of the residents of Stallington village it was agreed that a letter should go to the Conservation Officer at Stafford BC as well as to the police.

50/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th April 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

51/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Roycroft reported on the Mayor Making ceremony due to take place in Stafford on 14th May.

52/16 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) To approve the annual governance for 2015/16

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the governance statement for 2015/16 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

(c) To approve the annual accounting statement for 2015/16

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the accounting statement for 2015/16 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

(d) Membership of the Community Council of Staffordshire

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Parish Council would continue its membership of the Community Council.

(e) Resolution to change the current Council signing rules

RESOLVED:

The Council passed the following resolution:

“The signing rules in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2, be replaced in accordance with section 4; and

The authorising signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 2, be changed in accordance with sections 5 and 6 and the current mandate will continue as amended”

53/16 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:

That the following be appointed for the 2016/17 year:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillors Holmes, Inscker, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt & Miss Noblett. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio.

Planning Committee

Councillors Colclough, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Morris & Miss Noblett. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Grindley Park Management Group

Councillors Holmes & Oxby plus all Councillors from the Meir Heath and Rough Close Wards. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Parish Newsletter Working Party

Councillors Flackett, Mrs Jennings & Oxby. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Parish Council Website Management Group

Councillors Holmes, Inscker, McNaught & Oxby. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Highway Maintenance Liaison Group

Councillors Mrs Baskin, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Monks, Miss Noblett & Oxby, Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Complaints Committee – Councillors Mrs Baskin, Garside, Mrs Jennings, Oxby. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Representatives on Outside Bodies

Meir Heath & Rough Close V.H.M.C. – Councillor Mrs Jennings

Fulford V.H.M.C. – Councillor Holmes

SPCA Stafford Area Committee – Councillors Brunt & Holmes

SPCA Executive Committee – Councillor Holmes

Governor Fulford Primary School – None

Governor Meir Heath Primary School – Councillor Monks

Governors Springcroft Primary School – None

54/16 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 application:

16/24031/HOU – Armitage, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close – demolition of existing garage and garden store and erection of single storey rear extension and 2-storey side extension to include new dormer window in existing roof. However the Parish council has concerns that the planned extensions could exceed the permitted 70% increase in size.

16/24069/HOU – 71 Bernard Grove, Meir Heath – single storey side extension (resubmission of 15/23248)

16/23982/FUL – land at former George and Dragon – variation of conditions 2 and 18 on application 10/14268/FUL

16/24019/HOU – The Steppes, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close – proposed single storey rear extension and addition of a porch to the front elevation

16/24049/HOU – 7 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath – re-submission of planning application reference 15/22367/HOU

That objections be raised on the following applications:

16/23987/HOU – 50 Tudor Hollow, Fulford – retention of close board fence set back from front boundary behind beech hedge. Reason for objection was:

- The fencing is considered to have a detrimental effect on the surrounding area.

(b) Decisions

The following decisions were reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

Approved:

16/23761/HOU – 18 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – new dropped kerb

16/23690/HOU – 242 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – 2-storey side extension, 2-storey rear extension and single storey rear extension and photovoltaic solar panels.

16/23684/HOU – Grange Cottage, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – single-storey rear extension.

16/23679/FUL – Boa Vista 63 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – 1st floor rear extension & single storey front extension

Refused:

15/23370/HOU – Field Farm, Moss Lane, Moss Gate – extension and alterations to existing 2-storey dwelling

(c) Other Planning Issues

The Clerk reported on a proposed appeal regarding the refusal by Stafford BC on the indoor riding arena at Stallington Sports Club.

55/16 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) Future of Neighbourhood Highways Teams (NHTs)

Details of the letter received from County Councillor Deaville regarding the future of NHTs had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Highways group be charged with working with the County Council to arrive at a solution which will enable the parish council to take over the work of the NHTs. Final proposals to be presented to the full council in due course

(b) Dog Fouling campaign

Details of the proposed Parish Council's involvement in this scheme had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Parish Council would set aside an initial £500 for this campaign.

56/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT

The Clerk reported to the meeting the outcomes from a recent meeting the Highways group had had with Cllr. Parry. This included action to put weight restrictions on Stallington Lane, 20 is Plenty signs in Golborn Avenue and a commitment to look at highway options for Stallington Lane/Fulford Lane junction and yellow lines outside Fulford school.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members’ Digest (220)

Stafford Borough Council – notice of submission of the Plan for Stafford Borough
Part 2 – publication

Fields in Trust – details of AGM

57/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Parish Office refurbishment, including technology

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close
Village Hall on Thursday 9th June 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN