

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 18th MAY 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: BCs Dodson & Roycroft & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs White

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following issue was raised on behalf of a member of the public.

Windmill Hill – a manhole cover close to the White House on Windmill Hill was loose and causing a lot of noise when traffic pass over it. Although the County Council had been to have a look at it, no action had been taken.

42/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2017/18 YEAR

RESOLVED:

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

43/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

44/17 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2017/18 YEAR

RESOLVED:

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

45/17 POLICE REPORT

None.

46/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Windmill Hill – The matter will be again reported to the County Council

47/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13th April 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

48/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

BC Dodson reported the following:

- The Borough Council is dealing with some major planning issues, particularly the Weston by-pass in Stafford and Westbridge Park, Stone.
- The new Borough Council's Chief Executive visited the parish on 17th March.
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49/17 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 2016/17

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the governance statement for 2016/17 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

(c) To approve the annual accounting statement for 2016/17

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the accounting statement for 2016/17 be approved and duly signed by the Chairman.

(d) Internal Audit report

A copy of the report had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The details of the report were noted.

(e) Request for support from Stone Lions Club

RESOLVED:

Following further discussion on this issue (previously discussed at the April meeting) it was agreed not to support the initiative in this instance.

50/17 THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The following appointments were made:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillors Colclough, Holmes, Inscker, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Miss Noblett & Taylor. 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, Garside, Inscker, 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, Lovatt, Monks, Morris, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Taylor. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Complaints Committee – Councillors Mrs Baskin, Garside, Mrs Jennings, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Taylor 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 (although at present this is no longer meeting)

SPCA Executive Committee – Councillor Holmes

Governor Fulford Primary School – None

Governor Meir Heath Primary School – Councillor Monks (although not representing local government)

Governors Springcroft Primary School – None

51/17 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 applications:

17/25876/HOU – 19 Balaams Lane, Moss Gate, Stone – proposed 2-storey side extension

17/25908/FUL – Replacement dwelling Field Farm, Moss Gate, Stone – demolition of existing 2-storey dwelling & erection of new 2-storey dwelling

17/26151/HOU – 242 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – 2-storey side extension, 2-storey rear extension & single storey rear extension & photovoltaic solar panels

(b) Decisions

The following decision was reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

Allowed:

17/25832/HOU - 12 Stallington Mews, Galton Croft, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed rear/side ground floor sun room extension
17/25798/HOU – 11A Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed extension to rear and side of dwelling
17/25913/PAR – Unit 4 land at Gorsty Birch Farm, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse
17/25908/FUL – Replacement dwelling Field Farm, Moss Gate, Stone – demolition of existing 2-storey dwelling & erection of new 2-storey dwelling
17/25876/HOU – 19 Balaams lane, Moss Gate, Stone – proposed 2-storey side extension

Refused:

17/25799/OUT – Land at 32 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – detached 2-storey dwelling in the garden area
17/25778/HOU – 40 Tudor Hollow, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – front garden fence

52/17 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) Items - the notice of which was given to the Clerk

As instructed, the Clerk included the following matters on the agenda for this meeting and the topics were then discussed by members: -

- Planning format
- Parking in Adamthwaite Close
- Trees on Stallington Road

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that the Parish Council should look to a different approach in dealing with planning applications and in particularly using information provided on-line by the Borough Council. Advice on the type of equipment needed will be taken from the borough council.
2. This had been dealt with by Cllr. Mrs White.
3. It was agreed that the County Council Highways be contacted with a view to checking the safety of the trees.

(b) Replacement of basket swing on Grindley Park

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed the PC should seek to claim the replacement cost from the insurers.

(c) Revised date for June meeting

RESOLVED:

In view of neither village hall being available on the 8th June because of the general election it was agreed to move the June meeting to the 15th.

(d) Weed killing on Hilderstone Road

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that this should be done.

53/76 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Lovatt reported on further meetings he had with Stafford & Rural Homes regarding Leadendale Lane.

Councillor Holmes said that he hoped to have the last remaining defibrillator in place, in the telephone box outside the Swynnerton Arms very shortly.

Councillor Holmes also reported that he was on the County Highways Liaison Group. Councillor Mrs Jennings reported that following an appeal for new members the MHVH had received 2 new volunteers.

Councillor Mycock reported that he had received a horseshoe from the Hyde Park Barracks to be used in the ceramic poppy display.

The Clerk reported that he had no response to letters sent to Sandon High school re: vandalism on Grindley Park or from McDonalds re: litter. He also reported that Stafford Borough Council are unable to take any action regarding the care home on Sandon Road as planning is not required for the house to be used as a single household.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted: -

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (232)

Stafford Borough Council – information on ‘The Tempest’ performance at Stafford Castle

Fields in Trust – information on the AGM

Stafford Borough Council – Afternoon tea invitation

54/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- 100 year end of the Great War

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened **at Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 15th June 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN