



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th MAY 2019 AT 7.15 P.M.  
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Brunt, Cllr Colclough, Cllr Baskin, Cllr Noblett, Cllr Lovatt,  
Cllr Cooke, Cllr Oxby, Cllr Flackett, Cllr White, Cllr Sandiford,  
Cllr Mycock.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Navada Garside, Mr. Jon McNaught, Borough Cllrs Roycroft &  
Dodson.

**APOLOGIES:** None

**35/19 Election of Chairman for the ensuring year and signing the Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Oxby stated that as the Standing Orders had yet to be amended to incorporate the previously agreed extended Chairmanship, he felt that the Fulford ward would not put a Cllr forward to stand as Chairman, Blythe Bridge Ward and Meir Heath also didn't put a Cllr forward.

Cllr White stated that as we had already agreed to extend the Chairmanship of Councillor Brunt at a previous meeting, that we couldn't now reverse that decision as 6 months had not elapsed since it was resolved.

The Chairman's form was duly signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

**36/19 Election of Vice Chairman for the ensuring year and signing the Acceptance of Office**

Cllr Colclough was proposed by Cllr Oxby and seconded by Cllr Noblett.

The Vice Chairman's form was duly signed and witnessed by the Clerk.

**37/19 APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE**

None

**38/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**39/19 COOPTION OF COUNCILLORS**



Former Cllr Garside and Cllr McNaught were in attendance.

Mr Garside explained that he had not completed his election paperwork due to time constraints.

Mr McNaught explained that he had not completed the forms due to personal circumstances. They both wished to be co-opted back onto the Council. They left the room and a discussion between the Councillors took place.

A majority decision was taken to co-opt both former Cllrs back onto the Parish Council. They came back to the room, completed the necessary paperwork and joined the meeting.

#### **40/19 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Cllr Lovatt reported that members of the public had complained to him about the neon light at the cash point at the former Bargain Booze shop.

Cllr Garside reported that a member of the public had contacted him regarding a 6ft high fence which had been erected to the rear of Meir Heath Academy. Also, that the flooding at Ridgway Crescent with its junction of Sandon Road had been a problem during the recent heavy rain.

Cllr Cooke reported the water leaks on Windmill Hill were still occurring and that the lights at the garage in Rough Close were an issue again.

It was agreed due to the size of the agenda that the Clerk would liaise with the Cllrs to report/rectify the above issues.

Cllr Mycock reported that there had been a serious crash on Stallington Road and asked that the matter be put on June's agenda.

#### **41/19 MINUTES**

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th April 2019 having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**Proposed by Cllr Cooke and Seconded by Cllr Baskin**

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**

#### **42/19 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Chairman Brunt welcomed Borough Cllrs Roycroft and Dodson back for a new term as Borough Councillors.

Cllr Roycroft extended his thanks for everyone's support over the recent sad loss of his wife and his current ill health.



Cllr Dodson reported that the issue with the rubbish in the area around Ghandi restaurant in Saverley Green had been investigated with Stafford Borough Councils environmental health department and unfortunately it was not something that the current legislation covered and therefore could not be dealt with by them. Chairman Brunt stated that he would pop into the and speak to the manager.

Cllr Roycroft reported a recent crash on Hilderstone Road and asked if the matter could be bought to the attention of Staffordshire County Council via the Highways liaison meeting.

#### **43/19 FINANCE**

The Clerk explained that the bank statement had been delayed due to changing over address with Nat West Bank. This had also affected the cheque book reorder and we await a replacement to pay this month's invoices.

##### **(a) Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED** - Authority was 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.

The Councillors agreed that authority for the invoices to be paid outside of the meeting for this month. The Clerk would contact the signatories when the cheque book was delivered.

#### **44/19 PLANNING**

##### **(a) Applications**

19/30450/HOUS – 3 Willowcroft Rise – 1<sup>st</sup> floor side extension and garage conversion.

Vice Chairman Colcough reported that there were no objections to this application, however he asked the Clerk to comment that there were concerns regarding the closeness of the boundary wall of the extension to the pavement.

#### **45/19 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: -

- To appoint members to the following committees: -  
**Grindley Park Management Group**

Councillors: - Noblett, Baskin, Lovatt, Cooke, Garside, Flackett.  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

##### **Transport Working Group**



Councillors: - Baskin, Sandiford, Cooke, Oxby, McNaught.  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

### **Allotment Group**

Councillors: - Garside, Cooke, Lovatt, Noblett, Sandiford.  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

### **Staffing Committee**

Councillors: - Baskin, Cooke, White, Noblett, McNaught.  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

### **Complaints Committee**

Councillors: - White, Garside, Noblett, Baskin, Sandiford.  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

**Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall representative.**  
Councillor Noblett

**Fulford Village Hall**  
Councillor Sandiford

### **Highways**

Councillors: - Noblett, Baskin, Flackett, Oxby  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

### **Planning**

Councillors: - Noblett, Basskin, Lovatt, Mycock, Sandiford  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

### **Events Committee**

Councillors: - Garside, White, Baskin, Sandiford.  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

### **Communications working group**

Councillors: - Oxby, Garside, Sandiford, Baskin, McNaught.  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.

### **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

Councillors: - Baskin, Noblett, White, Cooke, Sandiford.  
Chairman and Vice Chairman ex-officio.



- **Permission for Councillors to sign acceptance of office at the June meeting.**

No longer required as an agenda item.

- **Purchase of a projector**  
Cllr Garside offered the use of his projector
- **Standing Orders**

It was agreed that the Finance and General Purposes Committee would review the standing orders.

- **Future Chairmanship Rotation**

A discussion took place regarding the way in which a chairman is elected each year.

Councillor Cooke proposed that there should be a secret ballot. Anyone wishing to be considered should put themselves forward in the April meeting for the ballot to take place in the May meeting.

A vote was taken on the ballot system of choosing the chairman.

Ballot – 7 votes

Current rotation system – 5

The Finance and General Purposes committee would agree the wording for the Standing Orders in their meeting in June.

- **Ridgeway Drive Allotment**

Withdrawn from the agenda.

- **Anti-Social Parking Leadendale Lane**

Withdrawn from the agenda.

## **46/19 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr Oxby reported that the newsletter had been delivered.

Cllr Oxby stated that he had concerns regarding the transition of the web site from the old site to the new site. It was agreed that Cllr Oxby would renew the old site licence on a month by month basis to a maximum of 3 months to aid a smooth transition.

## **47/19 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Grass Mowing in Saverley green



Fulford Church Yard grass cutting  
Communication of sub group agendas  
Funding request Little Learners – Fulford.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall**

CHAIRMAN