

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th MAY 2010 AT 8.00 P.M.
AT FULFORD CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Bevan, Mrs Bennett, Mrs.Brayford, Brayford, Colclough, Holmes, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: 1 member of the public, S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Baggaley, Borough Councillors Harp and Roycroft

29/10 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2010/11 YEAR

RESOLVED:

Councillor Mrs Bennett, being the only nomination, was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year. The Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed. Cllr. Mrs Bennett proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. Mrs Brayford for her term as Chairman.

30/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

31/10 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2010/11 YEAR

RESOLVED:

Cllr. Colclough, being the only nomination, was duly elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year. The Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.

32/10 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

A member of the public expressed her concern at the siting of the Speed Indication Device on Hilderstone Road (going towards Hilderstone). The device had been placed close to her property's hedge and is restricting access to the hedge as well as causing other nuisances.

RESOLVED:

A meeting to be arranged with the County Highways to discuss whether moving SID is an option and if it were moved to identify an alternative site.

33/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th April 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

34/10 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

There being no County or Borough Councillors present there was no reports.

35/10 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) Approval of Annual Accounting and Governance Statement

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Accounting and Governance Statement, having been circulated prior to the meeting, be approved.

(c) Proposal to renew Council insurance

Details of the policy and costs had been circulated with the papers for the meeting. The cost for the annual policy was £1293 and is due for renewal on 1st June.

RESOLVED:

That the policy be renewed.

36/10 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:

That the following be appointed for the 2010/11 year:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillors Bevan, Mrs Brayford, Holmes, Lovatt, Shaw and Taylor. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio.

Planning Committee

Councillors Mrs Brayford, Holmes, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Shaw. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Grindley Park Management Group

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

Parish Newsletter Working Party

Councillors Lovatt, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw and Taylor. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Parish Plans Working Party

Councillors Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw and Mrs Wheat. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Parish Council Website Management Group

Councillors Baggaley, Holmes, Oxby and Taylor. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Highway Maintenance Liaison Group

Councillors Mrs Brayford, Holmes, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Weaver. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Playbuilder working group

Councillors Baggaley, Mrs Brayford, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Weaver. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Complaints Committee – Councillors Mrs Jennings, Mycock, Mrs McPherson, Oxby. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Representatives on Outside Bodies

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

Fulford V.H.M.C. – Councillor Holmes

Meir Heath Windmill Preservation Group – Councillor Baggaley

SPCA Stafford Area Committee – Councillors Mrs. Brayford, Holmes and Mrs McPherson

Sustainable Staffordshire – Councillors Colclough and Oxby

Stone Crime Prevention Panel – Councillor Mrs. Brayford

Adamthwaite Drive Anti-social Behaviour Group – Blythe Bridge Ward Councillors and Cllr. Holmes

SPCA Executive Committee – Councillor Holmes

37/10 PLANNING

(a) Applications

RESOLVED: -

1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:

10/13532/COU – change of use from office to hairdressers – former Natwest Bank, Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13537/FUL – 2-storey side extension in place of existing garage & install pitched roof on existing dormers – 58 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7JQ

10/13601/FUL – proposed agricultural building – Meadow View House, Hilderstone, Stone.

10/13496/FUL – variation of condition 7 of planning permission 27939 to allow to existing kitchen & store to form 1 new bedroom – Blacklake Lodge residential home, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13600/FUL – replacement of sports pavilion – Stallington Lane, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent

10/13625/FUL – rear & side alterations & extension to a 3-bedroom dwelling – 1 Post Office Terrace, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent

2) That objections be raised to the following applications:

09/12885/FUL (amended description & amended plans) – site of George & Dragon, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/13556/FUL– 6 Sycamore Close, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LD – single dwelling and vehicular access.

(b) Decisions

1) It was reported that the following applications had been approved:-

09/11677/FUL – Conversion of former public house & associated coach house into six mews cottages with parking on adjoining land – Bird in Hand, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone

09/12979/FUL – 2-storey rear extension – 11 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LN

09/13084/FUL – Rose Lea, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9XQ – proposed single storey extension to front of dwelling.

10/13295/FUL - garage extension with private sun terrace on roof – 23 Franklin Drive, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9TN

38/10 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:-

- Proposal for a replacement bus shelter on Grindley Lane, Meir Heath
- Proposal for a seat by pool at Rough Close
- Agreement on next steps re: play equipment
- Broadband speed in Fulford

RESOLVED:-

- (1) It was agreed that the Council should proceed with the replacement of the bus shelter and the Clerk was asked to bring some firm costs to the next meeting.
- (2) It was agreed that the Council should consider the erection of a seat by the pool subject to clarifying ownership of the land and details of costs.
- (3) A meeting to start to take forward proposals for play equipment on Grindley Park was set for Monday 7th June 2010 at 7.00pm.
- (4) The Clerk was asked to write to BT to try and find out what plans they have for upgrading the exchange at Blythe Bridge

(b) Traffic Issues on Hartwell Lane

Following a request from a member of the public the issue of speed on Hartwell Lane was discussed and the use of this Lane as a short cut for HGV vehicles.

RESOLVED

The Clerk was asked to write to both the County Highways and the police concerning this issue

39/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Complaints Committee – the Clerk reported on a recent meeting of the Complaints Committee and the action taken concerning the complaint

Contribution to a SID – the Clerk reported that there were several criteria that had to be met before the installation of a SID could be considered for specific sites, therefore it was agreed that a meeting with the County Highways would be appropriate.

54 Birkholme Drive – The Clerk reported on further recent correspondence received from Bill Cash MP concerning this issue. The Council requested further representation be made to Mr Cash with a view to pushing for a change in legislation.

Parish Newsletter – contributions requested by 30th May

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

CPRE – Spring newsletter

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (2)

Stafford Borough Council – letter re: unauthorised signage and investigation of use of land south of Saverley House Farm

Age Concern – request to attend meeting of Parish Council

Greenpark Energy – details of development

40/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall on **Thursday 10th June 2010 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN