

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th MAY 2012 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough Shaw, Mrs Brayford, Cuncannon, Evans, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Parry, PCSO Emma Kempson, 4 members of the public & S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Bennett and Holmes, Borough Councillors Dodson and Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representation was made from the Fulford Village Group seeking the Parish Council's view on the purchase and erection of a sign and plaque for the village green. Details of the type of sign were circulated together with some estimated costs.

39/12 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2012/13 YEAR

RESOLVED:

Councillor Shaw, being the only nomination, was duly elected Chairman for the ensuing year and the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed.
Cllr. Shaw proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. Colclough for his term as Chairman.

40/12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Oxby declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 12(e).

41/12 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2012/13 YEAR

RESOLVED:

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

42/12 POLICE REPORT

Overall it was reported the incidents were down in the Fulford Parish area. A full report written report was presented to the Council and is available from the Clerk.
Councillors asked that the police keep a check on possible drug dealing taking place in the Swynnerton Arms car park.

43/12 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Generally the proposal by the Fulford Village Group was considered a good idea and would be supported, however further details of the cost involved would need to be known before any decision could be taken.

44/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th April 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

45/12 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Cllr Parry reported on the following:

1. Work is still continuing to try and get a pedestrian crossing installed on Hilderstone Road. Cllr. Parry is hopeful of progress being made.
2. The issue of ownership of the land on which cars are being put up for sale on the Tesco roundabout has now been resolved (it belongs to the County Council) and proposals that are being considered to stop this activity includes the erection of low level barriers around the land.
3. Broadband rollout – Cllr parry offered to arrange for someone from the County Council to come to the next Council meeting to speak on the issue.
4. Stallington Lane/Fulford lane roundabout unlikely to happen as the Borough Council have still not collected the s106 money from the developers.

There was no Borough Councillors report.

46/12 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.

47/12 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

RESOLVED:

That the following be appointed for the 2012/13 year:

Finance and General Purposes Committee

Councillors Mrs Bennett, Colclough, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Taylor & Mrs Wheat. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio.

Planning Committee

Councillors Colclough, Ms Cuncannon, Evans Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Mycock. 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 Mrs Bennett, Mrs Jennings, Mycock, Oxby and Taylor. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Parish Plans Working Party

Councillors Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio

Parish Council Website Management Group

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

Highway Maintenance Liaison Group

Councillors Mrs Bennett, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Monks, Oxby & Taylor. 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 Jennings

Fulford V.H.M.C. – Councillor Holmes

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

Sustainable Staffordshire – None nominated

SPCA Executive Committee – Councillor Holmes

Governor Fulford Primary School – Councillor Colclough

Governor Meir Heath Primary School – None

Governors Springcroft Primary School – Councillors Mrs Brayford, Mrs McPherson & Mycock

Governor Portland College (formally Aynsley Special School) – Councillor Mrs Brayford

48/12 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 applications:
12/16978/HOU - The Morrilows, Sandon Road, Hilderstone – 2-storey extension
12/16924/HOU – 21 Goldorn Avenue, Meir Heath – conservatory extension
12/16991/FUL – Blacklake Lodge Residential Home, Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath – proposed additional bedroom to 1st floor area
12/17033/FUL – The Black Lake Inn, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – extension, canopy to entrance, steps, paving and timber close board fence etc.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

11/16370/COU – Eastfield, 54 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – change of use to 2-bedroom B&B

11/16029/FUL - detached stable to house 2 horses- land adjacent to 36 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

11/16149/FUL - single storey annexe & new access from the highway adjacent to 418 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

12/16665/FUL & 12/16666/ADV – Panelco Ltd, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – retrospective application for demolition works, erection of cladding and palisade fencing and advertisements

11/14944/FUL & 12/16815/FUL – temporary learning & teaching facilities – Aynsley Special School, Aynsley Drive Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

12/16777/HOU - 19 Leadendale Lane, Rough Close Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension to rear of existing house

12/16770/HOU – The Gables, Church Close, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension

Refused:

12/16683/OUT – Hunters Moon, Fulford Road, Fulford Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing garage/store, proposed new dwelling and new access.

(c) Other Planning Issues

Following a request from the Borough Council asking for views on helicopter landings on the Creda site, the Planning Committee have indicated that there are concerns from neighbours on the activity and that the landing site is considered to be too close to residential dwellings.

49/12 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:-

- The Queens Diamond Jubilee

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed to continue to progress work at the end of West View.
2. Arrangements had been made for a visit to a wild flower meadow in Clayton on 21st June and Bill Waller will be attending the July meeting of the Council.
3. Arrangements to be made to speak to Stafford & Rural Homes re: possibly planting some trees on their land in Blythe Bridge.

(b) Proposal to admit ex Cllr. Bevan an Honorary Freeman of the Parish**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that this should be subject to a Special meeting of the Council to follow the main Council meeting on the 14th June.

(c) Co-option to the vacant Meir Heath ward Councillor post

Two prospective candidates were considered for the vacancy

RESOLVED:

Following discussion it was agreed, on the casting vote of the Chairman, to co-opt Miss Angela Noblett to fill the vacant Meir Heath ward post.

(d) Affordable Housing – revised site appraisal

RESOLVED:

To accept this report.

(e) Consideration of a request for funding from Fulford Village Hall Management Committee

Cllr Oxby circulated details of the proposed extension to the village hall and the results of their applications to various bodies to help fund the work. Most had been successful however they were £10,000 short of their target and the Management Committee were requesting assistance from the Council. Cllr. Oxby, having previously declared an interest, then left the meeting and took no further part in this item.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to provide the balance of £10,000 so the work could be successfully undertaken.

50/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Newsletter- Summer edition – contributions urgently required

Letter from Stafford BC re: Gypsy site, Woodfield, Hilderstone Rd. – The Clerk read a letter received from the Borough Council's Head of Planning & Regeneration, which was in reply to a letter sent from the parish regarding the conditions imposed by the Planning Inspector. The Council were concerned at the tone of the letter and asked the Clerk to respond expressing the unhelpful and discourteous nature of the letter

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – details of Jubilee fund

Staffordshire County Council – Details of broadband champions

Letter from Chairman of NALC Policy Committee – request to support an Early Day Motion on Planning Appeals.

51/12 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Signs by pond on the common;
- Outstanding enforcement action required by Stafford BC
- Trees in Blythe Bridge

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 14th June 2012 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN