

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2013 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Shaw, Mrs Brayford, Mrs Barker, Colclough, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** 8 members of the public & S Beck (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Evans & Mrs Lightfoot, Borough Councillor Dodson

The Chairman announced that he had received the resignation from the Council of Cllr Mrs Bennett due to increased pressure of work. The Council asked that a letter of thanks be sent to Cllr Mrs Bennett.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Concerns were expressed by a member of the public at proposals to provide affordable housing in Meir Heath.

Other members of the public raised issues concerning the planning appeal submitted in respect of Woodview on Hilderstone Road and also brought to the Council's attention the amount of waste building up on the site from the caravan presently placed there. Concern was also expressed as to the amount of hardcore that had been laid. The Parish Council were asked to support residents in their objections to the planning proposals for this site.

Another member of the public expressed concern at the speed of traffic using Baulk Lane in Fulford.

Other issues raised was a problem with rats in Woodlands Grove/Blacklake Drive and Hilderstone Road areas of Meir Heath as well as the amount of dog dirt in Smith's Alley leading onto Hilderstone Road.

**45/13 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2013/14 YEAR**

**RESOLVED:**

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

Cllr. Mrs Brayford proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr. Shaw for his term as Chairman.

**46/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**47/13 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE 2013/14 YEAR**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**48/13 POLICE REPORT**

None

#### **49/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Affordable Housing* – Councillors pointed out that the amount of affordable housing to be delivered would be determined from the results of the parish-wide survey conducted some 18 months ago and that a further round of consultation would take place once the plans became clearer.

*Woodview* – it was agreed that the Council would continue to oppose this development and that the Borough Council should be informed of the rubbish building up on the site.

Additionally a leaflet would be distributed across the parish informing residents of this development proposal and asking them to make any objections known to the Planning Inspectorate (Cllrs. Mrs Jennings, Miss Noblett, Monks and Taylor to do the work).

*Baulk Lane* – the Parish council have tried, unsuccessfully, on several occasions to get the Highways Department to take some action on this Lane. The Clerk was asked to write to the Highways again on this matter.

*Rats* – the Borough Council have been informed of this problem and leaflets setting out action residents can take have been made available.

*Smith's Alley* – Cllr Monks to speak to Streetscene

#### **50/13 MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

#### **51/13 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS**

Cllr Holmes reported that no action is to be taken regarding 54 Birkholme Drive and that the mess around the George and Dragon pub had been cleared up, following intervention from the Borough Council.

#### **52/13 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) Request for a donation from Age Concern Stone & District**

##### **RESOLVED:**

A donation of £100 be made.

#### **53/13 APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES/WORKING PARTIES AND REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

##### **RESOLVED:**

That the following be appointed for the 2013/14 year:

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

Councillors Colclough, Holmes, Lovatt, Shaw, Taylor & Mrs Wheat. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-officio.

**Planning Committee**

Councillors Colclough, Evans, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Miss Noblett & Shaw  
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 Mycock, Oxby, Shaw and Taylor. Chairman and Vice-Chairman ex-  
officio

**Parish Plans Working Party**

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

**Parish Council Website Management Group**

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

**Highway Maintenance Liaison Group**

Councillors Holmes, Monks, Oxby, Shaw & Taylor. Chairman and Vice-Chairman  
ex-officio

**Complaints Committee** – Councillors Mycock, Mrs McPherson, Oxby & Mrs  
Wheat. 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** – Councillors Mrs Jennings and Taylor

**SPCA Executive Committee** – Councillor Holmes

**Governor Fulford Primary School** – None

**Governor Meir Heath Primary School** – Cllr Mrs Jennings

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

**Governor Portland College** – Councillor Mrs Brayford

**54/13 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:  
13/18506/FUL – 23 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge – 2 storey side extension  
13/18393/FUL – Hunters Moon, Fulford Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of condition 3 on application 02/41874/FUL  
13/18464/HOU – 3 Meadowside, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent – removal of existing single storey garage and conservatory to be replaced with new 2-storey extension, however the council does have concerns about privacy of neighbouring properties and that the character of the existing row of houses will be substantially altered

**(b) Decisions**

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

**Approved:**

- 12/17777/FUL – Meadow View House, Hilderstone, Stone – retrospective application for additional stabling  
13/18373/HOU – 12 Greenacres Avenue, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new conservatory  
13/18464/HOU – 3 Meadowside, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent – removal of existing single storey garage and conservatory to be replaced with new 2-storey extension.

**(c) Other Planning Issues**

None

**55/13 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:-

- Signage on Stallington Lane
- Snow fencing on Hilderstone Road
- Quarrying in Lightwood Road

**RESOLVED:**

1. It was agreed that the County Council be asked if the speed signs on Stallington Lane could be made more prominent and if ‘gateway’ markings could be installed
2. The County Council to be asked if any consideration is been given to the installation of snow fencing on vulnerable roads.
3. As this item had been requested by Mrs Bennett, no further action was taken.

**(b) Noticeboard for Saverley Green**

Details on the proposal were circulated with the agenda.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed to purchase and install a noticeboard for Saverley Green to replace the present wooden one which had disintegrated at a cost of £780 + VAT.

**(c) The Plan for Stafford Borough – publication options addendum**

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that this item would be dealt with by the planning committee.

**(d) Play equipment for Grindley Lane**

Details had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Holmes also reported on the present progress with the Sec.106 agreement

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that the contract for the provision of the additional play equipment for Grindley Park should be placed with SMP who had provided the previous equipment.

**(e) PWLB Loan**

The Clerk reported on details of the outstanding loan with PWLB and the penalty payments for early repayment.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that as there was only a further 3 years of payments to be made that early repayment should not be considered.

**56/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

*SPCA Area Committee* – Cllr. Mrs Brayford reported that the next meeting of the SPCA Area Committee would be held in Fulford Village Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed the Council would meet the cost of the hall rental and tea and biscuits.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members digest

Fields in Trust – Details of grants available

Citizens Advice Bureau – letter of thanks

Stafford Borough Council – details of a Shakespeare Gala performance at Stafford Castle.

**57/13 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

- Friends of Rough Close Common

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN