

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Brayford, Mrs Jennings and Mrs McPherson, County Councillor Parry.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public present raised the issue of the lack of progress on the proposed min-roundabout at the junction of Stallington Road/Fulford Lane, which should have been done as part of the housing development in Stallington.

The other members of the public, who were from Sandon Primary Academy, requested that the Parish Council consider, as part of Tree Week, planting some additional trees on the land next to Grindley Park and/or on Grindley Park.

110/15 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

111/15 POLICE REPORT

None.

112/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Mini-roundabout – The chairman pointed out that this was an issue the Parish Council had been pursuing with the Borough and County Councils for a number of years; however a fresh push was being made with the help of Borough Councillor Dodson and it was hoped to get some answers as to where the agreed Section 106 money for the project was now sitting.

Trees – it was noted that the land next to Grindley Park is not in the control of the Parish Council and therefore the Council is unable to help with planting in this area. A decision on whether more trees could be added to Grindley Park was left to the Grindley Park group to decide (next meeting 23rd November)

113/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th October 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

114/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Dodson reported on the following:

- The Borough Council (BC) is very busy with planning applications with the Planning Committee meeting at least twice a month;

- Enforcement team are struggling to keep up with their caseload with 282 outstanding at the end of the 2nd quarter;
- A change of structure is proposed for the Leisure & Cultural Services Department with a possible savings of £500k per year;
- A new draft Sport and Recreation Strategy has been produced;
- Revised Fulford conservation area has been approved by the Cabinet.

115/15 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 donation from Douglas Macmillan Hospice

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to a donation of £200.

116/15 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 application:

15/22938/HOU – 2 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath – 2 storey extension to front and 1 storey extension to rear of existing bungalow (amended application)

15/23141/HOU – 3 The Grove, Blythe Bridge – extension to the rear 2-storey gable & a single storey extension and conversion of the conservatory.

15/23172/HOU – 9 Kingfisher Cres., Fulford – 2-storey rear extension

15/22819/HOU – 177 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – 2-storey side extension.

15/23190/PAR – Long Lane Head Farm, Long Lane, Hilderstone – notification of prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwelling houses (class 3) and for associated building operations.

15/23155/REM – Adjacent Hunters Moon, Fulford Road, Fulford – reserved matters (appearance, landscaping and scale) pursuant 12/18016/OUT

(b) Decisions

The following decisions were reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

Approved:

15/22806/FUL – at Fulford BPS Fulford Dale, Fulford – erection of GRP kiosk at Fulford Borehole Pumping Station

15/22690/HOU – 28 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – 2-storey and single storey rear extension

15/22848/FUL – Blacklake Borehole Pumping station, Stallington Road, Meir Heath – erection of green reinforced plastic kiosk.

Refused:

15/22790/PAR – Long Lane Head Farm, Long Lane, Stone – proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2 dwellings

15/228864/OUT – at Stallington Sports Club, Fulford Lane, Fulford – provision of an indoor riding area

Withdrawn:

15/22743/HOU – Rose Cottage, Lightwood Road, Rough Close – provision of off-road parking

(c) Other Planning Issues

The Clerk reported on correspondence he had received from the Borough Council in respect of Littlefields.

117/15 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:-

- Stencils on footpaths to deter dog fouling

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that new stencils be obtained for use in the Meir Heath area.

(b) Planters at the top of Grindley Lane

Details relating to replacing the existing broken planters had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that work to replace the planters will be undertaken at a cost of £620.

(c) Proposed change of housing mix on Hilderstone Road development

Proposals from Stafford and Rural Homes had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council were supportive and welcomed this proposed change in the mix of housing on offer.

(d) Request to plant trees on Grindley Park

This item was dealt with under 112/15 above.

(e) Request from Stafford BC to pay for signs on Rough Close Common

The Clerk explained that this request relates to a grant received from the Community Paths Initiative in 2014, which was to be used for this particular project. The cost will be covered in full by the grant.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to proceed with signs.

118/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT

It was reported that the primary schools in the parish were considering joining together with a secondary school to form an Academy.

Cllr Miss Noblett suggested that the Council might like to consider funding additional Defibrillators in the parish and suggested someone be invited to the January Council meeting to set out the options to Councillors.

Cllr. Oxby reminded Councillors that the deadline for contributions to the next Newsletter was imminent.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford BC – Monthly digest.

Stafford BC – details of the Borough Carol Service on Sunday 20th December

Staffordshire CC – details of highway winter operations

Staffordshire CC – details of changes to the Mobile & Travelling Library Service

Stafford CC – consultation on the Countryside Estate Review.

SPCA – details of AGM on the 7th December

Community Council of Staffordshire – details of Best Kept Village competition for 2016

119/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Bus shelter at corner of Grindley Lane/Sutherland Crescent

Academy status for local primary schools

Grids in Stallington Road

Rough Close pond

Helicopter landings on old Creda site

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 17th December 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN