

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Colclough, Flackett, Garside, Holmes, Inecker, Mrs Jennings, McNaught, Monks, Miss Noblett, Oxby

IN ATTENDANCE: Harpreet Rayet (Stafford & Rural Homes), Staffordshire Newsletter & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brunt, Morris, Mycock & Mrs White & Borough Councillors Dodson & Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public present

114/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Clerk declared an interest in respect of item 10(d) on the agenda.

115/16 POLICE REPORT

None.

116/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None

117/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13th October 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record, following some minor amendments and signed by the Chairman.

118/16 PRESENTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR BLYTHE LODGE – Harpreet Rayet

Mr Rayet provided the Council with a further update on developments at the former Blythe Lodge. Demolition of the existing building has started and should be complete by 11th December. There has been a rethink on the appearance of the new building and on parking. There will be no change to the number of storeys (still 3), however there will now be a pitched roof. 44 car parking spaces will be provided in line with the Borough Council's guidelines and there will space for a cycle store. Existing trees will remain. A draft transport plan is being prepared, however Staffs. CC has not given any guidance as to what they require..

Issues raised by Councillors included;

- The height of the building;
- Potential flooding;
- Energy efficiency.

Mr Rayet hopes to have a planning application submitted within the next 4 weeks.

119/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

None.

120/16 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) Internal Audit comments

The Clerk reported on comments made by the Council's internal auditor and on the recommendation made, which were:

- Review of the Council's Risk assessment;
- Review the Council's Financial regulations;
- Display copies of standing orders and Financial regulations on the Council's website
- Any significant documents amended or ratified should be made available on the website;
- Precept for the current year (once agreed) should be put on the website

RESOLVED:

The above comments were noted and action agreed as appropriate..

121/16 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 applications:

16/24944/HOU – Heather Crest, Church Close, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed roof conversion and single storey extension.

16/25081/HOU – 39 Hollies Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey rear extension to form a sun lounge off existing kitchen.

16/25084/HOU – Sunnyside, Leadendale Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey extension to rear and new conservatory to side.

16/25025/FUL- Little Fields, Fulford Road, Spot Acre – extension to front of approved dwelling to form new extended kitchen diner at ground floor level & larger bedroom and bathroom at 1st floor level. The Council expressed concerns that the new proposals make the new property considerably larger than the footprint of the original house that was demolished.

That objections be raised to the following application:

16/23916/FUL- Land rear of 214 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – demolition of existing garage and construction of new dwelling. The objections were:

- The proposal does not comply with the Plan for Stafford Borough in that the development proposed is on a garden land site and is not within one of the key service villages identified in the Plan;

- The development will adversely impact on the character and surrounding area, in particular the properties at 216 and 212 Grindley Lane;
- The scale of the proposed development (3/4 bedroom property) crams in a new house which will be out of keeping with the surrounding area;
- There is a loss of privacy to the neighbouring properties

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

16/24709/HOU- 110 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey ‘wraparound’ extension to rear, side and partially to front elevations.

16/24716/HOU- 52 Tudor Hollow, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent – retention of gate off Fulford Dale.

Refused:

16/24759/HOU- 375 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey front bedroom extension. Single storey rear kitchen, study and orangery extensions. Raise height and replace bungalow roof

122/16 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:-

- Stallington Hall;
- Rough Close planter
- Ceramic poppies
- Parish Office refurbishment
- Seat on Uttoxeter Road

RESOLVED:

1. It was reported that the developer of Stallington Hall has lodged an appeal regarding the delayed decision on their application for development of this site.
2. Needs replacing and re-locating.
3. The poppies will be on display at the war memorial in Fulford churchyard for Remembrance Sunday and during the year they have been into several schools in the parish, as well as Blythe Lodge and Open Gardens. How they will be used in the future to be discussed at the next meeting.
4. It was agreed to set up a small working group to progress this item.
5. Agreed a cost of between £325 and £405.

(b) 2017 Parish council meeting dates

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

The dates were noted.

(c) Defibrillators – sundry costs

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that £500 would be available to fund sundry costs such as training, room hire, replacement batteries etc.

(d) Request from Stoke-on-Trent Rugby Club for occasional use of the football area on Grindley Park

The Clerk, having declared an interest in this item, set out for the Council the reasons for the request, which would involve some of the Club's mini sides (7-9 year olds) training on this area on the occasional Sunday morning. The Club would be willing to include this area of the park in its summer maintenance programme. The Clerk took no further part in the discussion.

RESOLVED:

The request was agreed.

123/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Mrs Jennings reported that the Borough Council were looking at the erection of an unlawful wall on the old George and dragon site.

Councillor Oxby reminded members that contributions for the Winter edition of the Newsletter were due.

Councillor Holmes showed members examples of signs that will go on the defibrillators, courtesy of Councillor Inscker.

The Clerk reported on a response he had received from Stafford BC (Licensing dept) re granting of a late licence for the off-licence in Meir Heath.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (225)

Stafford Borough Council – details of ladies Luncheon on 14th December hosted by the Mayoress

Department of Transport – details of partial road closure by the former George & Dragon public house.

124/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 8th December 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN