

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Cllr Brunt, Cllr Oxby, Cllr Mycock, Cllr Miss Baskin, Cllr Mrs White, Cllr Lovatt, Cllr Monks, Cllr Garside.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs D Plant (Clerk), Mr D Cooke

**APOLOGIES:** Borough Cllrs Roycroft & Dobson, Cllr McNaught, Cllr Miss Noblett, Cllr Flackett, Cllr Colclough.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*There were no members of the public present to raise any issues. However, an email had been sent to the Clerk which read as follows: - The person who submitted the email asked that their name was withheld.*

*I have watched with growing concern as more and more cars (and vans) have started to park on the lane. Parking is now so limited, cars regularly park all over the lovely green at the top of the lane.*

*With the dry summer we have had the grass has coped really quite well but as a wet winter approaches, I fear that the top of the lane and green will become a quagmire.*

*It seems such a shame, especially when the council has kindly agreed to replace the planter at the top of the lane.*

*I appreciate that there is little that you can do but i think that with a little research on unadopted roads you will see that technically those frontages in the lane are responsible for the care and repair of the lane outside their houses and therefore should be able to park there. An unadopted road is not a public road and does not have the same access rights, as far as I understand.*

*A recent arrival of a motor home on one of the driveways in the lane has meant that there is further pressure on the lane. It seems most selfish that someone with a large drive with parking for 3 or 4 cars now becomes the home for a massive motor home at the cost of other residents.*

*I am aware that the local council has tried to assuage concerns about parking by writing in the local parish newsletter in the past but I am hopeful that there might be something else that can be done about this. Even if it was a few more lines in any upcoming newsletter. It is my opinion that those with driveways should not be regularly parking in the lane at the cost of other less lucky residents but I appreciate that this is just my opinion.*

*I am unaffected by the availability of parking in the lane but I am writing to you as a concerned resident.*

## **91/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

## **92/18 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Parking on Leadendale Lane as per email in public session.*

Cllr Lovatt explained that the situation was getting worse in Leadendale Lane due to the sheer volume of cars. He went onto to say that when the houses were built the car ownership was much less than now.

Chairman Cllr Brunt said that it was too easy to park on the green as there is no kerb stone. It was his understanding that the lane outside properties 1 – 10 was currently being surfaced by contractors Roy Beech on behalf of Stafford & Rural Homes.

Cllr Oxby questioned who mowed the grass, Cllr Brunt said that it was Fulford Parish Council. Cllr White asked the Clerk to speak to Staffordshire County Council to ascertain if they own the land.

## **93/18 MINUTES**

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **RESOLVED**

## **94/18 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

As Borough Cllrs Roycroft & Dobson had given their apologies there was nothing to report.

## **95/18 FINANCE**

**Balance of Bank as at 01.11.18 was £56059.98**

**The Bank reconciliation for October was circulated and approved.**

### **(a) Accounts for Payment**

**RESOLVED** - Authority was 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.

## **96/18 PLANNING**

### **(a) Applications**

The following decisions made by the Planning Sub-Committee were reported to the meeting.

18/29477/HOU – 5 Sutherland Crescent – Ground Floor and first floor extension.

The Planning Committee reported that they had no objections to this proposal.

## 97/18 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: -

- Fire Extinguishers for the Parish Office

The Clerk reported that a quote had been received from Morgan Fire protection for the two fire extinguishers in the Parish Office

Foam 6Ltr Fire Extinguisher Office  
CO2 2Kg Fire Extinguisher Office

The total cost was £166.68 (Inc VAT)

Cllr White asked the Clerk to obtain two further quotes from Chubb and Cllr Oxby suggested Chase Fire.

- Co-option application for consideration.

Chairman Cllr Brunt introduced Dan Cooke to the meeting. Mr Cooke had recently emailed the Parish Council expressing an interest in the role of Parish Councillor. His email read as follows: -

Dan Cooke  
13 West View, Rough Close, Staffordshire, ST3 7PH

Please accept this email as a registration of my interest in the councillor vacancies in either the Rough Close or Meir Heath wards.

I have lived in the area (West View) for most of my life, nearly 33 years with short stints in Devon and London. I believe I could bring a lot to the parish council as I have a strong passion and loyalty to my area.

Having worked as a Paramedic for a number of years I have a kind and caring personality and enjoy helping people. More recently I changed professions completely to work within the heritage sector including tourism. I have worked for the National Trust, English Heritage and the Landmark Trust in senior positions where I have been responsible for multi-million-pound budgets, management of large teams and responsibility for a number of our most important heritage assets.

During my time with these organisations I have been involved in a number of planning processes both on behalf of the National Trust and in challenging those that impact our assets.

Finally, whilst in Devon I was chair of a number of community groups including the Yelverton and Buckland Food Group (growing veg and rearing meat as a community group), The Buckland Abbey allotment group, Buckland Historical Society and a governor for a local primary school.

Chairman Cllr Brunt asked if Dan could leave the room to allow the Councillors to discuss his application.

Cllr Monks proposed Mr Cooke as he felt he had an excellent skill set that would be a real benefit to the Parish.

Cllr White agreed and seconded.

Mr Cooke re-joined the meeting and was informed of the decision and took a place at the meeting table.

The Clerk informed Cllr Cooke that she would send over the necessary forms on email to him in the next week.

- Consultation on Proposed one-way system, Cavell Court Stallington.

Cllr Mycock stated that he felt there were far more pressing issues with Stallington Road other than this. He went on to say that the speed of traffic on the road was still a major concern.

Cllr Oxby said he understood that the residents of the area had been consulted and this was a matter for them to comment as they are affected. He asked the Clerk to contact Richard Rayson and request that we resurrect the quarterly highways meetings.

- Black Lake Farm Update

The Clerk had contacted the residents of Black lake Farm and had been informed that the matter was far from resolved. They continue to pursue the matter through the complaint's procedure with Staffordshire County Council and Severn Trent.

- No Parking Signs – Meir Heath Academy

Cllr Monks explained to the meeting that he had concerns over the parking outside Meir Heath Academy.

Parents were still parking in dangerous positions at drop off and pick up times. He was looking to the Parish Councils support to purchase a banner to have displayed outside the school asking parents to park responsibly.

Cllr White asked if the matter had been reported in the newsletter and had the school been proactive in promoting responsible parking.

Cllr Monks explained that the school were constantly asking parents to park away from the school and this was really the last piece of the jigsaw.

Chairman Cllr Brunt asked Cllr Oxby if Fulford could offer any advice as they had experienced similar problems. Cllr Oxby explained that Fulford use the Village Hall carpark.

Cllr Lovatt stated that he knew of schools who had members of staff outside policing the area and this may be an option. Cllr Garside asked if perhaps a leaflet could be produced and handed out by the pupils as this may be a little harder hitting.

The Councillors were happy to provide 50% funding when detailed costs were provided. They asked that the banner be purely about parking and not for promotion of the schools Ofsted results.

- Milestone Update.

Chairman Cllr Brunt explained that the Milestone had now been located and he had visited the area where it was to go with David Wright. It would take at least 4 people to manoeuvre it in place and to dig the large hole required.

- Grass Cutting agreement – letter from Staffordshire County Council.

Chairman Cllr Brunt read a letter from Staffordshire County Council regarding the agreement between SCC and Fulford Parish Council. The parish currently receives £5370.20 from SCC to contribute towards the grass verge cutting of their land. The letter states that this money will be “significantly reduced “in 2019/20.

The Clerk explained that she had emailed SCC and asked when we would be made aware of the amount to be received for 2019/20 as would be setting the annual precept in December. It was agreed to review the grass cutting costs at the Finance and General-Purpose meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **98/18 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr White reported that the preparations for the Beacon lighting were going according to plan. She asked for extra volunteers for the evening and asked anyone who wanted to help on the evening to arrive by 5pm.

She awaited confirmation from the Fire Service regarding the risk assessment she had submitted.

Cllr Oxby explained that the Parish still had no one to deliver the upcoming newsletter.

Chairman Cllr Brunt explained that he may have a contact and would report back to the Clerk.

### **99/18 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Precept

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall at 7:15pm.**

CHAIRMAN