

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Baggaley, Mrs Bennett, Brayford, Mrs Holmes, A. Holmes, Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Oxby, Taylor, Mrs Weaver and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Harp, 2 members of the public, PC Neil Massey, PCSO Emma Kempson and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Colclough and Shaw, Borough Councillors Oldfield and Roycroft.

OTHER NON-ATTENDEES: Councillor Bevan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public expressed concern that fencing over Stallington Lane alongside the A50 had not been repaired and that rubbish was being dropped beside the sub-station close to the bridge. Problems were also reported concerning parking on footpaths in Charterly Close. The police agreed to follow up the concerns regarding parking and they also reported that despite going down Stallington Lane many times they had not witnessed any problems by the bridge.

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. Oxby and Holmes declared an interest in respect of agenda item 6(d) and Cllr. MrsWheat item 7(c).

77/09 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th October 2009, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

78/09 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Councillor Harp had nothing to report. PC. Massey and PCSO Kempson provided a report (available from the Clerk) for the Stone Rural, Barlaston and Fulford areas.

79/09 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) To receive the 2010/11 draft budget

Details had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the draft budget be accepted without amendment.

(c) To receive recommendations from the F&GP sub-committee

Minutes and recommendations from the sub-committee had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations be accepted and adopted as appropriate.

(d) To consider a request from Fulford VHMC for a donation towards security cameras

(Cllrs. Holmes and Oxby having previously declared an interest left the room for the discussion on this matter)

RESOLVED:

That the Parish Council donates £1000 towards the cost of the installation of security cameras around the village hall.

(e) To consider a request for a donation to the Douglas Macmillan Hospice

RESOLVED:

That a donation of £250 be made.

(f) Subscription renewal for Open Spaces

RESOLVED:

That the annual subscription be paid.

80/09 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:-

09/12760/FUL – erection of a timber garage in garden of existing property – The Hollies 35 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LN.

09/12795/FUL – extension & alterations to existing single storey dwelling

including conversion of roof space – Su-Zan, Moss Lane, Hilderstone, Stone

09/12802/FUL – part demolition, internal alterations & single storey extensions

to an existing dwelling to provide six individual dwellings with associated staff

facilities for people with learning difficulties – Octagon, Windmill Hill, Rough

Close, Stoke-on-Trent (Although the sub-committee have no objections in

principle to this development they were concerned at the possibility that,

bearing in mind previous extensions to this property, the 75% permitted

extension could be exceeded)

09/11677/FUL - amended plans conversion of former public house and associated coach house into 6 mews cottages with parking on adjoining land
09/12807/FUL – proposed bedroom & shower room extension to side & rear – 74 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent
09/12820/FUL – change of use to 2-bedroom dwelling house including provision for off road parking – Crossgate Methodist Church, Fulford Road, Spot Acre

(b) Decisions

It was reported that the following applications had been approved by the Borough Council:-

09/12402FUL & 12403/LBC – proposed new cap roof to existing windmill – The Windmill Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PB

It was reported that the following applications had been refused:-

08/11253/FUL – garden boundary fence – 2 Nightingale Walk, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9TW

(c) Other planning issues

George & Dragon, Rough Close – it was reported that the planning application for this development had been withdrawn by the applicant.

Blythe Park Power station proposal – it was reported that there was to be a public meeting concerning this development on the 17th November at 7.30pm. Councillors were encouraged to attend.

81/09 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:-

- Proposed dog control orders

RESOLVED:-

1. That no amendments to the wording of the orders proposed by Stafford Borough Council be made.

(b) Playbuilder working group

A verbal report was given on the progress of this application with feedback from the community consultation on the 3rd November. The application will be submitted in the first instance to Stafford BC on the 9th November.

82/09 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Land off Grange Road, Meir Heath – A letter had been received offering a small parcel of land for sale next to the village hall. It was agreed that this item be included on the next meeting agenda and in the meantime the Grindley Park working group would meet to consider the proposal

Report from a resident of cars blocking the road while trying to access the car wash at the top of Grindley Lane – it was suggested that this should be dealt with by the police.

Parish Newsletter (Winter Edition) – copy required by the 20th November

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – details of stray dog collection service

Stafford Borough Council – details of pest control services

Stafford Borough Council – leaflets on responsible dog ownership & dog fouling

Stafford & Rural Homes – details of ‘Save our Villages’ campaign

Community Council of Staffordshire – 2008/09 Annual Report

Staffordshire & Stoke-on-Trent Archive Service – Autumn newsletter

CPRE – Autumn magazine

83/09 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Proof of identity

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on **Thursday 10th December 2009 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN