

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Bennett (Chairman), Bevan, Mrs Brayford, Colclough, Mrs Holmes, Holmes, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor, Mrs Wheat & Mrs Weaver.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft, 2 members of the public and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brayford, Mrs Jennings & Lovatt. Borough Councillors Harp & Oldfield

OTHER NON ATTENDEES: Councillor Baggaley

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public expressed concern that trees at the entrance to Grindley Park (pedestrian entrance) were becoming too big and were blocking light into the house adjacent to the entrance as well as concerns about possible root damage and security.

84/10 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

It was agreed that advice would be taken from a tree surgeon as to the best course of action.

85/10 PRESENTATION BY STAFFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER

The Rights of Way officer outlined the present position concerning a number of the footpaths in the Fulford Parish in particular:

- Footpath 11 – a proposal is being made for an alternative route, the Parish Council will be consulted;
- The County Council will not be taking any enforcement action to open footpaths;
- Footpath 1 – replacement of styles is on the priority list, but it is a long list.

It was also confirmed that landowners are responsible for the maintenance of styles.

86/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

87/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14th October 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

88/10 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Nothing to report. Borough Councillor Harp was thanked for his help in getting parking attendants to visit Meir Heath School. A brief report was presented on behalf of the police where it was reported that the police are presently visiting all primary schools in the area to

see if there is interest in the 'zig-zaggy scheme' where funding is provided for schools to help pupils get the message over to car users concerning irresponsible parking. Police can't help with vehicles parked on grass verges.

89/10 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) Proposals from the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Minutes from this meeting and the draft budget had been circulated to members prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

Then following was agreed:

1. The Clerk's salary be increased by 1 point on the national scale from 1st June 2011.
2. That effect from the 1st January 2011 contract payments for the Grindley Park attendant and the Litter Picker be increased from £2485 to £2532 per annum.
3. The contract for the distribution of the parish newsletter be increased from £283 to £288.
4. No alterations were made to the draft budget.
5. The level of subscription charges for advertisers in the newsletter to remain unchanged.
6. That the precept and final budget be set at the January meeting of the Council.

(c) Consideration of subscription renewal for the Open Spaces Society

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to renew the subscription.

(d) British Legion poppy appeal

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to donate £75 to the appeal.

90/10 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

- 1) That objections be raised to the following applications:

10/14454/FUL– LAND AT Fulford manor Farm, Fulford Dale Road, Fulford Stoke-on-Trent – reinstatement & alterations to Fulford Manor Farm Barns to one dwelling.
10/14497/FUL– 6 Sycamore Close, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LD – single dwelling and vehicular access.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

10/14083/FUL – single storey rear extension – Village Hall, Fulford Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QT

10/14218/FUL – UPVC double glazed conservatory – 22 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/14229/PTEL – removal of existing 12.5m high Vodaphone street pole, installation of 13.8m high joint operator street furniture pole & installation of new equipment – Whitestone Road/Grindley Lane junction, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7TX

Rejected

10/14296/COU – change of use of 2 stables & existing bar & pool room to restaurant on rear outrigger of the public house including small toilet extension, enclosure of rear porch, LP gas compound & carparking ar rear – The Hunter Public House, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QX

10/13921/FUL – to put a car boot/market on field at Saverley House Farm, Saverley Green Lane, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent for a further 20 days.

- (c) **Other planning issues** - Pre –planning application consultation for a mobile base station installation at Meir Heath water tower, Common Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7UY
No objections were raised to the above.

91/10 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:-

- Adamthwaite Drive – grids not being cleared
- Bus shelter on Sandon Road
- 20mph outside schools
- Friends of Barlaston Common

RESOLVED:-

1. As this is an unadopted road it does not appear to fall into the sphere of the County Council; however the Clerk was asked to clarify the situation.
2. It was agreed that the bus shelter on Sandon Road should be considered for replacement next financial year. The shelter on Fulford Road should also be considered as it appears to be in poor repair.
3. The Clerk reported that the roll out of this initiative has started, principally with schools in the Tamworth area. As there are over 400 schools in the county this is likely to be a long process.
4. Considered a good idea and an item will be included in the Newsletter.

(b) Housing Needs Survey

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Stafford and Rural Homes be asked to undertake a housing needs survey at no cost to the Parish Council.

(c) Appraisal and Review of objectives for Council employees

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a process should be implemented with a sub-committee consisting of Cllrs. Mrs Bennett, Mrs Brayford, Oxby and Taylor set up to take it forward.

(d) Playbuilder

RESOLVED:

Following consideration of the report presented to the Council it was agreed that this project should be moved forward with a provisional budget of £40,000. The Clerk was asked to pursue other possible sources of funding. It was hoped to have the scheme completed by the early summer 2011.

(e) Non attendance at Council meetings

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Cllr. Baggaley be asked to resign from the Council as he had been unable to attend meetings for the last 6 months.

92/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Award of MBE to Cllr. Bevan – congratulations were given to Cllr. Bevan.
(*Cllr Bevan left the meeting at this point*)

Update on highways issues:

- paths in Sycamore Close & Blythe Avenue to be dressed before the end of the financial year
- additional lighting in Birch Grove will be provided when finance permits
- Baulk Lane and speeding on Lightwood Road still being pursued as priorities.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digests (no.149)

Stafford Borough Council – invitation to Borough Carol Service on 19th December

Stafford Borough Council – Local Development Framework

Stafford & Rural Homes – Corporate Plan 2010 - 2015

Staffordshire County Council – community focus for ice busters

Stoke-on-Trent City Council – response to Shelton Pool letter

93/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Local Development Framework
- posts on Grindley Lane

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall** on **Thursday 9th December 2010 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN