

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2012 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Shaw (Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Colclough, Evans, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Lovatt, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: PC Dave Parry & S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Mrs Brayford, Mrs Barker, Mrs Jennings and Borough Councillors Dodson and Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Details of an email received from a member of the public were reported to the Council. The email concerned alleged running of commercial businesses from domestic properties in Grindley Lane.

104/12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

105/12 POLICE REPORT

PC Parry reported on the following:

- instance of graffiti in Meir Heath;
- some instances of anti-social behaviour in Fulford;
- several bogus callers reported in Stoke-on-Trent;
- suspicious incident on the old Creda site;
- anti-social behaviour around the George & Dragon site, Rough Close;
- isolated burglary in Uttoxeter Road and 2 burglaries in Hilderstone Road.

106/12 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

Grindley Lane – it was agreed that details should be reported to Stafford Borough Council's Planning Department.

107/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on 10th and 11th October 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

108/12 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Borough Councillor Holmes reported on the following:

Trees at Portland College – Stoke City Council have been asked by the Borough Council to replace the trees previously felled.

Local Development Framework – the Borough Council are currently considering three potential sites in the Borough for gypsy families.

Mortgage Rescue scheme – details available from the Borough Council

109/12 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.

110/12 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 application:
12/17777/FUL – Meadow View House, Hilderstone, Stone – retrospective application for additional stabling. The reason for objection is that the development is not in keeping with the site.

(b) Decisions

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

Permitted:

12/17625/HOU – 21 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LR – single storey rear extension

12/17342/FUL – Aynsley Special School, Aynsleys Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed development of a wireless antenna.

12/17661/EXTF – 8 Greenacres Avenue, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – extension of time

Refused:

11/17372/ADV – Regent Centre, Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – advertising images to existing poly carbonate panels on the forecourt of the business premises

111/12 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

a) Street Lighting – Energy Conservation Initiative

A letter from the County Council had been circulated with the agenda. Members reported on feedback received from the public following an article in the Parish Newsletter. Opinions were mixed with some in favour of reduced lighting and others not.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Parish Council report back to the County Council that they would seriously consider the introduction of the Energy Conservation Initiative.

b) Conservation Area Appraisals

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Parish council would not produce a draft appraisal for the area and that they would like the appraisal to be scheduled into the Borough Council's programme of review.

c) Well on the Common

RESOLVED:

After some discussion it was agreed that Cllr Holmes would try and progress this with the Borough Council.

d) Clearance of public footpath on Rough Close Common

Details of the proposal had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the work should be undertaken at a cost of £220.

e) Revised proposals for electoral boundaries

Details of this consultation had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Council would make the following comments:

- the new proposed electoral area covering Fulford Parish crosses over 3 different local authority areas;
- there is no affinity between villages and communities
- geographical links are illogical
- Blythe Bridge is split between two electoral areas

112/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Planning forum – Cllr Shaw reported on this event and he highlighted the following:

- The Borough Council are trying to reduce the 8 week period for decisions on planning applications;
- 90% of planning applications are decided under delegated powers;
- A customer care charter is being introduced;
- Decisions to be made public within 2 days;
- Trying to move enforcement to a proactive process rather than reactive;
- More details given on Neighbourhood Planning.

Grindley Park Inspection Report – the report by RoSPA on the MUGA and football area is available and shows everything as satisfactory with no remedial action required.

Winter Newsletter – information needed by 14th November

Ellis Bevan – date of presentation confirmed as the 13th November

Community Paths Initiative – the Clerk reported that the Council had received £300 under this initiative.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

NALC correspondence – notification that installation of broadband equipment will not require planning consent

Letter from William Cash MP – request for any items the Parish Council would like him to take up on their behalf

113/12 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 and Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 13th December 2012 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN