

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Monks, Mycock, McNaught, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Taylor

IN ATTENDANCE: S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Brayford, Flackett, Morris and Mrs McPherson, Borough Councillor Roycroft.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

100/15 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

101/15 POLICE REPORT

Although there was no police presence, Cllr. Holmes reported that there had been a number of instances of petty pilfering in the area

102/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None

103/15 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th September 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

104/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Borough Councillor Dodson reported on the following:

- The Borough Council (BC) has seen a huge increase in planning applications;
- A review of finances was underway;
- Major roadworks can be expected around Stafford over the coming months;
- The BC are trying to find out from the County Council what has happened to the Sec.106 money allocated for the mini-roundabout at Stallington Road/Fulford Lane;
- The residents of the gypsy site on Hilderstone Road have lodged an appeal regarding the refusal of their planning application.

105/15 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) Contribution to the British Legion Poppy Appeal

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that that a contribution of £100 plus the cost of a wreath be made to the appeal.

106/15 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 application:

15/23007/FUL – Pump house, Moss Gate – erection of GRP kiosk

15/22906/FUL – Moddershall Oaks Health Spa, School House Farm, Moddershall – proposed office, staff and spa facility

15/22848/FUL – Blacklake Borehole Pumping station, Stallington Road, Meir Heath – erection of green reinforced plastic kiosk

15/22938/HOU – 2 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath – 2xextension to front and 1xextension to rear of existing bungalow

15/22690/HOU – 28 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – 2-storey and single storey rear extension.

That objections be raised on the following applications:

228864/OUT – at Stallington Sports Club, Fulford Lane, Fulford – provision of an indoor riding area. Reasons for objections were:

- The site is accessed from a very narrow lane (Fulford Lane – not Stallington Road as shown on the enclosed map). This lane for the most part is single track and the increased traffic (particularly large vehicles transporting horses) would be an unacceptable safety hazard.
- The size of such a development, particularly the height, would have an unacceptable impact on the surrounding rural area.

15/22743/HOU – Rose Cottage, Lightwood Road, Rough Close – provision of off-road parking. Reason for objection was:

- Removing the hedges as described in the application will have an adverse impact on the character of the surrounding area.

15/22865/HOU – 19 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – detached garage with apple loft.

Reason for objection was:

- The scale of this development would appear to be excessive.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

15/22741/HOU – 23 Woodside Drive, Meir Heath – white PVCU front entrance porch

15/22742/HOU – 23 Woodside Drive, Meir Heath – white PVCU conservatory

(c) Other Planning Issues

The Clerk reported that he had still not received any form of response from the Borough Council in respect of Littlefields. If no response was forthcoming following a further request the Clerk was asked to write to the Council's Chief Executive.

107/15 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:-

- Well/tap, Fulford
- Mini roundabout Stallington Road/Fulford Lane
- Cars for sale on grass verge, Grindley Road

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that in principle the Parish council would support proposals to upgrade and repair the well in Fulford up to a cost of £2000.
2. This was covered in the Borough Councillor's report and the Parish Council awaits further information on this matter.
3. As it is unclear who is selling the cars and only one or two are appearing at any one time it was not thought that any further action could be taken at this time.

(b) Footpath and seat on Grindley Park

Details of proposals relating to these two items had been circulated with the agenda. The Clerk also provided an additional price for the footpath work.

RESOLVED:

The Council agreed to undertake work on the footpath at a cost of £1527. It also agreed that the seat should be concreted into the ground.

(c) Planters at the top of Grindley Lane

Details relating to replacing the existing broken planters had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that further work be undertaken to determine exactly what was required along with an additional quote for the work.

(d) Change of date for December PC meeting

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the December PC meeting be changed from the 10th December to the 17th December.

(e) Grindley Park Play Inspection Reports

The Clerk verbally reported on the results of the annual inspection report. The Grindley Park working group having already seen and commented on the report.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the two minor pieces of remedial work be undertaken at a cost of £368.

(f) Nomination for the SPCA Executive

RESOLVED:

Cllr. Holmes to be nominated for a place on the SPCA Executive

108/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr. Oxby reported details of issues raised by the Highways Committee with the County Council and the response to a number of the issues raised.

The Clerk reported on some of the points raised by Parish Councils at a recent Parish Forum held in Stafford. In particular there had been an informative presentation on an initiative in Weston to try and eliminate dog fouling. (It was agreed that a member of Stafford BC Enforcement Team be invited to the next Grindley Park meeting)

Cllrs. Mrs Jennings and Holmes reported on a forum they had attended entitled Staffordshire and the Great War.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Staffordshire CC – details of a road closure – Common Lane, on the weekend of 31stOct/1st Nov.

Stafford BC – details of pantomime at the Gatehouse Theatre

Staffordshire CC – details of major roadworks on the A34 in Stafford

Stafford BC – details of Mayor’s Charity Ball on 4th December.

Fields in Trust – details of AGM

109/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN