

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER 2018 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Brunt (Chairman), Miss Noblett, Mrs Baskin, Oxby, Mycock, McNaught, Monks, Garside.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs D Plant (Clerk) Borough Cllr Roycroft.

**APOLOGIES:** Borough Cllr Dodson.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr Oxby reported that Fulford preschool had asked if they could use the public play field belonging to the Parish Council for outdoor lessons on a Friday afternoon.

Cllr Noblett reported that she had liaised with a resident on Leandendale Lane regarding the planned part resurfacing of the unadopted road.

Cllr Oxby read out an email received via the Parish Council web site regarding horse manure on the highway.

Chairman Cllr Brunt reported a problem received via the Parish Office regarding a highway drain outside Pear Tree Cottage.

**82/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**83/18 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

*Cllr Oxby reported that Fulford preschool had asked if they could use the public play field belonging to the Parish Council for outdoor lessons on a Friday afternoon.*

The Clerk had previously advised Cllr Oxby to request a copy of the risk assessment and Cllr Oxby read the document out to the Councillors. It was unanimously agreed that this was an excellent idea and there would be no problem with allowing the pre school access to use the field for outdoor lessons.

*Cllr Noblett reported that she liaised with a resident on Leadendale Lane regarding the planned part resurfacing of the unadopted road.*

Cllr Miss Noblett explained that she had liaised with the resident in the absence of Cllr Lovatt who was the Councillor for Rough Close.

The resident was concerned that only half of the lane was being resurfaced by Stafford and Rural Homes. Chairman Cllr Brunt explained that he thought this was due to the gas repairs which had recently taken place and that the surface repairs were only happening in that particular area. It was agreed that Cllr Noblett would speak to Cllr Lovatt on his return.

*Cllr Oxby read out an email received with regard to horse manure on the highway.*

An email had been received complaining about the dangers of horse manure on the highway. The resident was concerned that when the horse manure became wet and compacted it was a hazard to motor cycle users and he had recently nearly skidded on the mess.

Chairman Councillor Brunt explained that there was nothing in law to insist that horse owners picked up their horse's mess. He asked the Clerk to email the gentleman and explain the situation.

*Chairman Cllr Brunt reported a problem received via the Parish Office regarding a highway drain outside Pear Tree Cottage.*

A resident had contacted the Parish Office to express concern regarding the drain outside his property Pear Tree Cottage. The drain is blocked and vegetation is growing from it. The Councillors asked if the Clerk could report to SCC Highways.

#### **84/18 MINUTES**

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 13 September 2018, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

#### **RESOLVED**

#### **85/18 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Borough Cllr Roycroft reported that Yarnfield had started a public consultation to enable them to form a separate Parish Council from Swynnerton.

He went on to say that Stafford Borough Council had been subject to a peer review and had been rated very good, being financially sound. The report had no negatives.

He reported to Cllr Mycock that the issue regarding the new track installed off Stallington Road was not an issue that Stafford Borough Councils planning enforcement team were wanting to take further as it had little merit in terms of public interest. The enforcement team were continuing to look into the former Stallington Hospital carpark area.

Cllr Monks asked Cllr Roycroft if he could help with the issue over the parking outside Meir Heath Academy. The Clerk had recently reclaimed the cones that the school use to stop inconsiderate parking, however due to a complaint regarding the cones the school had been told not use them. Cllr Roycroft explained that this was a County Council issue and the Clerk could contact the Clear Streets team at the County.

Cllr Baskin asked Borough Cllr Roycroft if he had any update on the Black Lake Farm sewerage issue. He had not but the Councillors asked the Clerk to email the resident to ask if the issue was resolved or if they could do any more to help.

#### **86/18 FINANCE**

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

**Balance of Bank as at 28.09.18 was £37012**

**The bank reconciliation for September was circulated and Chairman Cllr Brunt signed to confirm this.**

**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.

## **87/18 PLANNING**

### **(a) Applications**

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

18/29302/FUL – Grindley Lodge, Ainsley’s Drive – Demolition of existing, dilapidated early 20<sup>th</sup> century rendered detached dwelling and construction of two new detached dwellings with associated garage.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to question if this application was garden grabbing and contravened SBC own policy. They also commented that they would like the movement and operation of machinery and site vehicles restricted so as to not disturb neighbouring properties.

18/29381/HOU – 377 Sandon Road, Meir Heath.- Single storey garage  
No Objections.

## **88/18 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: -

#### ➤ Stallington Lane Speeding.

Cllr Mycock expressed concern that the speed of traffic on Stallington Lane was excessive and asked what could be done about it.

The Clerk explained that she had previously contacted the Safer Roads Partnership and not received an answer, the Councillors asked her to chase up a reply.

#### ➤ Temporary Suspension of Sub Committees

Due to a number of resignations there had been two occasions where the sub committees had not been able to go ahead because of not enough Councillors in attendance.

Cllr Oxby proposed that the Planning and Finance & General-Purpose Committees still go ahead as they are the most important. The Great War Committee would cease soon anyway and the other items could be discussed in the main meeting until such times that the Council had co-opted extra members.

Cllr Mrs Baskin seconded this.

➤ Cheque Signatory Lists

The current cheque signatory list is Cllrs Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Monks. Chairman Cllr Brunt and Cllr Baskin agreed to complete the bank mandates and take the information into NatWest to add themselves to the list of signatories.

➤ Vice Chairmanship

Chairman Cllr Brunt explained that Vice Chairman Holmes had resigned with immediate effect so this now left a vacancy for Vice Chairman.

Cllr Oxby proposed Cllr Colclough and Cllr Miss Noblett seconded this.

➤ BT Phone boxes completed decommissioning

Chairman Cllr Brunt explained that the BT phone boxes in Fulford and Saverley Green had been transferred to the Parish Council.

Cllr Oxby stated he would speak to the Fulford Volunteers to make sure they were still able to look after the one in Fulford.

The Clerk would add them to the asset register with an acquired value of £1 (as per internal auditors' instruction) and complete the paperwork for BT.

➤ Co-option application

An application to become a Parish Council had been withdrawn.

Cllr Noblett asked if perhaps an acknowledgement of the efforts of Cllrs Taylor, Jennings and Holmes would be a good idea.

Cllr Noblett proposed that £100 garden vouchers for Cllr Taylor and a Card and a bottle of wine for Cllrs Holmes and Jennings. This was seconded by Cllr Oxby.

Chairman Cllr Brunt then read out the resignation of Cllr Morris who was unfortunately in ill health. All Councillors agreed that he had been an invaluable member of the Council and passed on their best wishes.

## **89/18 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Manor Hill First School – Consultation to provide 25 extra school places per year

This information was noted.

Appeal to Secretary of State Land adjacent Mount Pleasant Farm, Sandon Road  
This was deferred to the Planning Committee meeting on 25.10.18

Chairman Cllr Brunt reported the minutes of the Great War Committee as: -

## **Notes of Great War Remembrance meeting held on 10th October 2018**

**Present:** Cllrs. Brunt, Mrs Baskin, Garside, Oxby, D Plant (Parish Clerk)

**1. Apologies:** Cllrs Noblett, McNaught.

### **2. Notes from the last meeting**

#### **Accepted as a true record**

The Councillors then went through the notes and discussed the following: -

#### **Memorial Garden –**

The sleepers and the slate for the garden will be delivered on Friday 19 October directly to the garden. Cllr Brunt is arranging.

The men who are delivering the sleepers will move them from the lorry to the garden.

A working party will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am to prepare the area ready for the sleepers and a further working party on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10:30am all Councillors are welcome to come and help out.

Cllr Brunt will speak to a local builders' merchants regarding white decorative stone and bring along to the working party day the necessary tools.

Cllr Garside will source some Terram (weed sheet) for the area.

Cllr Baskin will paint the sleepers green to protect them from the elements.

#### **War Memorial – Fulford**

Cllr Oxby reported that he awaiting a decision from Nettlebanks as to when and if they can carry out the work.

The Clerk would speak to Julie Hall at SCC for any other recommendations for memorial masons and also a few of her contacts in the memorial mason's business to ascertain if we could receive any more quotes.

#### **Brazier**

The Brazier is currently in the garden of Rowena and the Clerk will speak to Tony Roberts at Goulds for the delivery of the pole.

The Clerk will speak to Absolute Ecology about the questions raised on the Ecology reports with regard to hand digging the pole into the common.

**Finer details of the event.**

Cllr White is working on the final details and they will be distributed nearer the date. Cllr Brunt has put the Squadron Leader in touch with Cllr White.

**A.O.B**

Cllr Oxby asked the Clerk to contact Sculptured Steel to ascertain what the intention with the buckle on the wreaths was.

Cllr Oxby asked that the Wreaths are at the Shoulder of Mutton at 10am on 11.11.18 and Fulford Church for 11am on 11.11.18.

They will then be delivered to the Windmill in readiness for the evening event.

The Councillors asked the Clerk to source a clear backed sticker with There but not There to attach to the silhouettes. The font should be the same as the standard lettering on the Covenant leaflet.

**3. Date and time of next meeting**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> or Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 TBC in the Parish Office.

**90/18 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Milestone – Cllr Noblett asked the Clerk to chase the Milestone at the Depot at SCC and report back.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- 1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Fulford Village Hall at 7:15pm.**

CHAIRMAN