



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2019 AT 7.15 P.M.  
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Brunt, Cllr Colclough, Noblett, Lovatt, Baskin, Oxby, Flackett, White, Wilkinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs Barnard – Fulford Village Hall Treasurer.

**APOLOGIES:** Cllr McNaught, Garside & Borough Cllr Roycroft.

**63/19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Oxby – Fulford Village Hall Committee

**64/19 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Brunt started the meeting with a minute's silence for Cllr Richard Mycock who had passed away recently.

Cllr Noblett reported the terrible state of the pavements on Hilderstone Level, one elderly person had fallen and another could no longer access the pavements in his wheelchair. This had been discussed during the recent Highways meeting which had been well attended by Staffordshire County Council including Cllr Ian Parry.

Cllr Noblett reported the on-going issues with the lights at V12 Garage on Windmill Hill. A Parishioner was present at the meeting and explained that although Stafford Borough Council Environmental Health department had spoken with the garage and they had assured them the lights would be pointed down to date nothing had happened. It was agreed that photographic evidence of the lights would be emailed to the Clerk and SBC

Cllr White reported a streetlight which was broken on Grindley Lane. This had been reported to SCC.

The Treasurer of Fulford Village Hall was present to give an update on the village hall roof. During the works on the new roof it had become apparent that extra works were needed which were likely to be in the region of 5-6K. Cllr Colclough would take a look at the specification for the extra works and report back. It was agreed that once he had an idea of the extra costs a date for the F&GP committee would be set.

**65/19 TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
12.09.19**



That the minutes of the meeting held on 12.09.19 having been circulated be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Noblett

Seconded Cllr Baskin

## **66/19 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Borough Cllr Dodson reported that the replacement tree for Fulford Village was a work in progress. SBC were reluctant to provide a replacement Oak Tree unless a proper quarantine period had been observed.

## **67/19 FINANCE**

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

**RESOLVED** - Authority was given for cheques to be issued in settlement of the invoices  
**Proposed Cllr Baskin Seconded Cllr Flackett**

The Clerk reported that the internal auditor had inspected the accounts for the six-month period April – October and all was in order.

The Clerk had spoken with the auditor regarding the Copelands Bus trip to York. The Auditor advised that the Parish Council do not have the power to provide such trips. Following on from a discussion it was agreed that Chairman Brunt would check with the Windmill Preservation Society to ascertain if they could take over the running of the trip. If not, then the Clerk would contact Copelands and ask them to take over the running of the trip on the Parish behalf.

## **68/19 PLANNING**

19/31219/HOU – 223 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – Two storey and single storey extensions to dwelling.

No objections were found to the proposal.

## **69/19 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: -

- Co-option Policy

Councillor Baskin proposed that the policy be adopted, Cllr Colclough seconded.



Resolved to Adopt the policy, this would be published on the web site and sent to anyone who wished to be considered for co-option on to the Parish Council.

➤ Complaints Policy

Councillor White proposed that the policy be adopted and Councillor Colcough seconded.

Resolved to Adopt the policy, this would be published on the web site and sent to anyone who wished to make a complaint about a member of Parish Council staff in the future.

➤ Office Photocopier

The Clerk explained that the office photocopier was costing approx. £500 a year to run and it was no longer subject to a contract agreement. She asked if she could provide some quotations for a printer/scanner/copier and also a black and white printer which would be more cost effective.

Cllr White asked the Clerk to bring the figures to the next meeting for discussion.

➤ Brown Bear diary facility

Cllr White explained that the Community First Responders used a diary facility called Brown Bear which was available either through the web site or as an app. It meant that the Clerk could update it with meetings and not have to keep emailing everyone.

A discussion took place and it was agreed to trial for the next month.

Cllr Baskin and Colcough did not want to lose the facility of paper copies of the agendas and minutes.

➤ Fulford Village Hall Roof

Discussed in public participation.

➤ Allotments

The Clerk explained that she was awaiting response from S&RH regarding the shared access onto the site with Severn Trent. She would chase again for answer the following week.

Borough Cllr Dodson stated that he was involved with the SBC allotment committee and would send over the contact details to the Clerk.

## **70/19 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr Noblett reported that MH & RC VH held their AGM the previous week and Barry Shaw had now retired from the committee.



Cllr White asked Cllr Noblett to ask the MH&RC VH if they had any plans for motion activated lights for the carpark.

Cllr White stated she had made some enquires about 1940 bands for the VE Day commemorations and it would be nice if the Village Hall could host an event.

Cllr Noblett presented the notes from the Grindley Park Committee

Cllr Oxby presented the minutes from the Highways meeting with SCC

Cllr Oxby presented the notes from the communications committee.

Cllr Oxby asked Cllr White if she could explore the possibility of a speed radar van for Fulford. The traffic coming through the village due to the A521 diversion had increased in volume and speed.

Cllr White reported that Trinity Medical Centre had asked if the Parish could have a representative on their patient group and she was happy to do this.

Cllr White reported that all the defibs in the Parish had been serviced and replacement pads installed.

Chairman Brunt reported that there had been a recent infestation of Malayan Spiders on the ex-Creda site and it was being dealt with by the relevant bodies.

## **71/19 ITEM (S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

**Photocopier / Printer  
Allotments**

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

1. The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened on 14.11.19 at Fulford Village Hall.

**CHAIRMAN**