

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 14th OCTOBER 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Harp, Oldfield & Roycroft, PCSO E. Kempson, 1 member of the public and S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Holmes & Mrs McPherson.

OTHER NON ATTENDEES: Councillors Baggaley and Bevan

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The issues of the noise barriers on the A50 were again raised by a member of the public. It was noted that a response from the Highways agency to Bill Cash MP that had been forwarded to the Parish Council appeared to be inaccurate.

Details of alleged breaches of conditions concerning the gypsy site on Hilderstone Road were reported namely;

- people other than those entitled to reside at the site were also resident;
- vehicles, including trailers and appliances were parked on the northern part of the site;
- excessive lighting during the night.

74/10 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

It was agreed that the following action should be taken regarding the A50 issue:

- County Cllr. Parry be asked on progress being made to lobby the Highways Agency
- letter to go to Bill Cash MP highlighting the inaccuracies in the letter from the Highways Agency.

It was also agreed that the following action be taken regarding the issues at the gypsy site:

- A letter to go to the Borough Council setting out the alleged breaches of condition.

75/10 PRESENTATION ON HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY FOR THE PROVISION OF AFFORDABLE HOMES

The Parish Council received a presentation from Stafford and Rural Homes and their partners on the process of undertaking a housing needs survey. Key points from the presentation included:

- there would be no cost to the Council;
- questionnaire to go to everyone in the parish using a freepost envelope
- the exercise is led and owned by the parish with the assistance of Stafford & rural Homes;
- report is compiled for the Parish Council and it is the Council who decide on the next steps.

76/10 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Oxby declared an interest in agenda item 7(b)

77/10 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th September 2010, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

78/10 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

Borough Councillor Harp agreed to follow up parking issues outside Meir Heath Primary school with the Borough's parking dept.

PCSO Emma Kempson reported that Stoke-on-Trent City Council were planning to introduce the 'zig zagging' safety scheme into their schools including Rough Close

She was also hoping to get some volunteers to re-start the Community Speed Watch scheme in Stallington Lane. PCSO Kempson was thanked for her help in getting the youth group up and running in Fulford.

79/10 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) Request for contribution to drainage work at Fulford Village Hall

The response to the questions asked of the Village Hall Management Committee was read to the meeting and Cllr Oxby set out the context and the history of the piece of ground in question.

(Cllr Oxby having declared an interest left the room at this stage).

Following discussion it was agreed that the responsibility for providing additional facilities for the village (which drainage of this piece of land would do) rested primarily with the Parish Council.

RESOLVED:

That £2500 should be donated to the village hall to help towards the cost of this work.

(Cllr Oxby returned to the meeting)

(c) Request for donation from Douglas Macmillan Hospice

RESOLVED:

Following a vote it was resolved to donate £350 to the Hospice.

(d) Natwest Corporate Bond

The above bond is due for renewal on 18th October and the F& GP Committee are recommending that the Bond be cancelled and a better rate of interest sought for the Parish Council investment.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to request the payment of the £19,318.98 presently invested be returned to the Parish Council's main account until a more favourable investment can be obtained.

80/10 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:

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 & car parking at rear – The Hunter Public House, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QX

10/14334/FUL – proposed first floor extension – Willow Cottage, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7TA

10/14339/FUL – extension to side and rear of existing dwelling at ground and first floor level – 1 Anthony Grove, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PA

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

10/13957/FUL – to change flat garage roof to pitched tiled roof – 28 Highview Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent.

10/14146/FUL – alteration & extension to existing residential dwelling – Bermar Windmill Hill, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent

10/14061/FUL – rear conservatory – 59 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent.

Rejected

10/13440/OUT – erection of 3 detached houses- 5 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LT

10/14134/FUL – 2-storey extension and orangery to side – Flatts Farm, Balaams Lane, Hilderstone, Stone

10/14145/FUL – raised deck area above existing single storey flat roof to form balcony seating area – Orchard Cottage, Meadowside, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent

81/10 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:-

- Speed cameras – Stallington Lane
- Plastic bollards on Grindley lane (Blythe Bridge)

RESOLVED:-

1. Volunteers to start up the community speed watch scheme will be sought via the Newsletter.
2. This item had been discussed by the Highways group and as a result the County Highways have been asked as to their views on planting trees on the grass verges down Grindley Lane.

82/10 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Report from Highways Group – notes from the meeting on the 4th October had been circulated with the agenda. Additionally it was reported that Cllr. Oxby and the Clerk had met with the Borough Council to discuss the grass cutting in Fulford village, particularly the village green. The Borough will provide details to the Parish Council of the contribution they would make if the Parish took on this responsibility. The Neighbourhood Highways team can provide the Parish with an extra day on 23rd December if they wish. The Parish council accepted this extra day and Councillors were asked to provide either their representative on the Highways group or the Parish clerk with details of any work they wished to see done.

Report from the Playbuilder Group – Cllr Shaw updated the meeting on the progress being made with this project. It is expected that some firm proposals will be brought to the November meeting.

Report from Parish Forum held on 30th September – Cllr Mrs Jennings gave a comprehensive report to the meeting covering the following issues:

- new executive arrangements for the Borough;
- Concurrent funding;
- Costs of local elections for 2011;
- Postal services in rural areas;
- High speed rail link;
- Rural affordable housing;
- LDF update;
- Casual vacancies
- Streetscene
- Recycling champions
- Review of development control

(full minutes of the meeting are available at the Parish Office)

Report from Local Council Day (4th October) – Cllr. Oxby reported on the topics covered at this half day seminar held at the County Showground. 3 topics were discussed, IT, Planning and the Big Society.

Autumn newsletter – contributions for the Winter edition are required by 14th November.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digests (no.147 & 148)

Stafford Borough Council – invitation to a planning parish forum on 8th November

Stafford Borough Council – Car Parking Strategy – 2016 - consultation

Stafford Borough Council – Mayor’s Christmas Ball

Staffordshire County Council – customer focus on highways survey

Letter from Bill Cash MP – response to Birkholme Drive letter

83/10 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Housing Needs Survey
- Appraisals and review of objectives for Council employee(s)
- Adamthwaite Drive
- Grindley Park
- Bus shelter on Sandon Road
- 20mph speed scheme outside schools

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at Fulford Village Hall on **Thursday 11th November 2010 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN