

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Brayford, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Monks, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft, PCSO Emma Kempson and S Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Bennett, Ms Ellerman, B.C. Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

88/11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

89/11 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

There were no members of the public present; however an email concerning the lack of transport to the 6th Form College from the parish area had been received from a resident. Following discussion it was agreed to ask Cllr. Ian Parry if there was any action the County Council could take as part of their Transport Plan.

90/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 8th September 2011, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records (following some minor amendments) and signed by the Chairman.

91/11 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

The Borough Councillors reported that despite putting forward objections backed by a petition from local residents the Borough Council's Planning Committee had approved the development at 25 Hilderstone Road.

Work is currently underway on the Creda site following Panel Co decision to relocate a large part of its operation to this site. It is expected to create about 400 jobs, with 30 by the end of November.

Details of a response from the Borough Council's Senior Conservation Officer regarding Stallington Hall were given to the meeting.

Police report – enough volunteers had now come forward to enable a new speed watch scheme to be started on Stallington Lane. Speed checks are being carried out across the parish. Parking outside schools is being tackled with the start of a 'ziggy-zaggy' scheme at Fulford school.

92/11 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 British Legion Poppy Appeal

RESOLVED;

It was agreed that a contribution of £100 be made to this year's appeal.

93/11 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:

11/16030/HOU – 2 storey extension to rear & single storey extension to side of dwelling – Malvern, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath

11/16024/FUL – 2 storey detached dwelling – land at Hartwell Lane, Rough Close

11/15949/HOU – single storey extension to include rebuild of garage, pitched roof to side & balcony to rear – 69 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

11/16077/EXTO – erection of fishing lodge and ancillary store – former car park of Bird in Hand, Creswell Road, Hilderstone

11/16037/HOU – single storey rear pitched roof kitchen/flat roof bathroom/bedroom – 36 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath

11/15227/FUL – proposed private fishing pool, access and ancillary works – land adjacent to Highfields, Moss Lane, Moss Gate

2) That objections be continued to be raised with application:

11/16029/FUL – detached stable block – land adjacent to 36 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath. The following reasons were given:

- the proposed building will cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties by way of noise, lighting and potential odours.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

11/15346/FUL – extension to hairdressers to provide living accommodation – 160 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent

Refused:

11/15656/HOU – dormer at rear of property – 379 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

(c) Draft National Planning Framework

A suggested response to this document had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

The Parish Council to respond as suggested in the paper.

(d) Stafford Borough's Local Development Framework

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to meet on Wednesday 19th October to discuss this item.

94/11 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:-

- Broadband provision within the parish
- Dog fouling
- Land at the end of West View
- Wheelchair access in Meir Heath

RESOLVED:

1. It was agreed that the Parish Council should support Staffordshire County Council's efforts to bring better broadband speeds to rural areas and that money should be set aside in next year's budget to help facilitate the introduction of faster speeds in Fulford.
2. Posters to be put up around the parish
3. The piece of land previously cleared by the County Council is becoming untidy again and it was agreed a site visit should be arranged with the County to determine how best to tackle the issue
4. It was felt there was a need for dropped kerbs in parts of Meir Heath. The County Highways will be approached to determine how this could be progressed.

(b) Housing Needs Survey

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that Stafford and Rural Homes/Housing Needs Plus be asked to move to the next stage i.e. the identification of possible locations for the development of affordable homes..

(c) Polling District & Polling Place Review

RESOLVED:

No changes required for Fulford Parish

95/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Resignation – A letter had been received from Cllr. Chesworth submitting his resignation from the council because of his work commitments in London.

Car wash, Grindley Lane - a report should be going to the November meeting of the Borough's Planning Committee

Windmill Hill (leakage of water) – this appears to have been repaired

Parish Forum – the Chairman reported on issues raised at this forum. Main areas covered were review of conservation areas and the local development framework.

Barlaston Common – work to be done on the common on 23rd October

Bus shelter, Uttoxeter Road – need cleaning, Cllr. Holmes has asked the window cleaner to look at it.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council –Members Digests (nos.161)

Stafford Borough Council – details of ‘Love where you live day of action’

CPRE – booklet ‘How to respond to planning applications’

Open Spaces Society – details of AGM

Boundary Commission - 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies

Stafford Borough Council – details of the Mayor’s Christmas Snow-Ball

Staffordshire County Council – details of consultation on the Joint Waste Core Strategy

96/11 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Grindley Park

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 10th November 2011 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN