

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 11th OCTOBER 2012 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Shaw (Chairman), Mrs Barker, Mrs Bennett, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Jennings, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: 4 members of the public, PCSO Becky Powell & S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Mrs Brayford, Colclough, Evans, Mrs McPherson and Monks and Borough Councillors Dodson and Roycroft

OTHER NON-ATTENDERS: Cllr. Lovatt

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public again raised concern about the possible use of Portland College's (previously known as Aynsley school) new sports hall for community activities and in particular weddings, discos etc. The response from Stafford Borough Council on a range of other issues relating to the planning consent was also questioned and in particular the removal of 4 mature trees.

An email had been received from a resident in Moss Gate requesting that the Parish Council make representation to the County Council to try and obtain some road signs indicating the whereabouts of Moss Gate

94/12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

95/12 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Becky Powell reported on the following:

- Shed broken onto on Uttoxeter Road;
- Burglary on old Creda site;
- Vandalism on George & Dragon site;
- Break-in in Blythe Close.

Councillors reported several incidents of accidents, possibly due to 'boy racers' on Hayes Bank. The police would look into any instances.

96/12 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

Portland College – As reported at the last meeting (and confirmed by the member of the public) the school governors are dealing with the issue of 'community use' and will be speaking to the residents.

The Clerk was asked to again raise the issue of the felling of mature trees with the Borough Council.

Moss Gate – the Clerk was asked to contact the County Highways to see if some signage could be installed.

97/12 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13th September 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

98/12 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Borough Councillor Holmes reported on the following:

Stallington Hall – now has a new owner, although the pool and gardens not included in the sale. It is hoped some progress will now be made with the Hall.

Section 106 money (Monsoon Development) – developers have still not paid over the money and the Borough Council are now pursuing them through the courts.

Helicopter landings – Borough Council are still waiting a response from the Aviation Authority

Councillors enquired about the action the Borough Council would be taking as regards the buildings already erected on the refused Woodview site. Cllr. Holmes said the Council's enforcement officer had visited the site, but no action had yet been taken. The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough to ask them what action they were taking.

Concern was expressed at the lack of jobs materialising from the PanelCo. Investment. Cllr Holmes said that there was still expected to be some new jobs, however more existing employees of the company had chosen to relocate than was previously envisaged.

99/12 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) Royal British Legion

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a donation of £100 be made plus the cost of the wreath.

(c) Open Spaces Society – annual subscription

RESOLVED:

That the annual subscription would not be renewed.

100/12 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:

12/17715/FUL – land at Southerndown, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close – erection of detached dwelling with detached double garage.

12/17508/HOU – 7 Willows Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – conversion of loft with dormer extensions to front and rear

12/17594/COU – Meadow View House, Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath – change from ancillary accommodation to holiday let.

2) That objections be raised to the following application:

12/17093/FUL – 361 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing dwelling and construction of new dwelling. The reason for objection is that the proposed new dwelling is out of character with the surrounding properties.

(b) Decisions

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

Refused:

12/17435/COU – Woodview, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – change of use of land for the stationing of three mobile homes inclusive of children's play room and play area, additional part access road and area of hardstanding for parking and turning of vehicles ancillary to that use for gypsy family members of the applicant.

101/12 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

a) Request to support Speedwatch (Saverley Green) application to SCC

Saverley Green Speedwatch are requesting funding from the Staffordshire Local Community Fund and because they are not a constituted organisation require a 'responsible body' manage the application on their behalf.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the parish Council would submit the application on behalf of the Speedwatch body and manage the receipt of funding.

102/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Parish forum – Cllr Shaw reported on this event which he attended. The main issues covered were; the Localism act including Neighbourhood Planning, reorganisation of Streetscene, Plan for Stafford Borough (due to be published in December) and proposed changes to Council Tax Benefit.

Affordable Housing – a brief report was given on the Special council meeting held on 10th October to discuss potential sites. Minutes of the meeting will be presented to the next full council meeting.

Planning Forum – Stafford Borough Council are running a Planning Forum on the 23rd October (details had been previously circulated). Cllrs. Shaw, Mrs Barker, Mrs Jennings, Monks and Miss Noblett expressed an interest in attending.

Conservation Area Appraisals – Interest in participating in this exercise had been received from a resident in Fulford. Item on this issue to be included on the next agenda.

Street Lighting – a response to the article in the Newsletter had been received from a resident in Fulford. This item to be included on the next agenda.

Public footpath 14, Fulford – Principal Rights of Way Officer has raised the selling of this field through which the right of way extends with the estate agent, who has stated that the right of way will not be affected.

George & Dragon site – a reply to the Council's letter concerning the state of this site has been received from the Borough Council's Environmental Health Services. In the reply the Council state they have been monitoring the site and have now issued a legal notice to the owners requiring them to secure the property to prevent unauthorised access within 21 days and to remove all litter and refuse from the site within 28 days.

Ellis Bevan presentation – suggested dates 13th or 20th October. The Clerk will check availability with all Councillors.

Land at the end of West View – it was reported that a potential sponsor had come forward for the seat to be installed on this land.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Digest

Stafford Borough Council – letter re: consultation on Council Tax Changes (a link to the document to be provided by the Clerk)

Wedgwood – details of a consultation event to be held on 19th October

Western Power Distribution – details of Stakeholder workshops

Staffordshire County Council – details of the 2013 Volunteer Staffordshire Awards

Stafford Borough Council – details of pantomime at Gatehouse theatre

Staffordshire County Council – modifications to the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Joint Waste Core Strategy 2010-2026

Monitoring Boards – invitation to sit on the monitoring board for HMP Oakwood (Featherstone)

Stafford Borough Council – details of Remembrance Day Service and Parade in Stafford on 11th November.

103/12 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Street Lighting – energy conservation initiative

Fulford Conservation Area Appraisals

Well on the Common

Public footpath on Rough Close common

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 8th November 2012 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN