

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2013 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Jennings (Chairman), Brunt, Evans, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs Lightfoot, Lovatt, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Parry, PC D Perry, 9 members of the public and S. Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Barker, Mrs Brayford, Colclough, Monks, Mrs McPherson, Borough Councillors Dodson and Roycroft

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public present outlined their concerns and objections to the proposal to build affordable housing on the old Heathers Nursery site, Hilderstone Road. The objections included, it was intruding into the green belt, hedges would be destroyed, local school was oversubscribed, increase in traffic, speed concerns, disruption to B&B business next to the proposed site and local property would be devalued.

99/13 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. Evans and Oxby declared an interest in item 7(b)

100/13 POLICE REPORT

PC Perry reported on several matters affecting the parish including a reported burglary in the Spot Acre area, suspicious male in Hilderstone Road and that the police were working with schools to try and reduce parking outside those schools.

101/13 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Chairman responded to the comments made by members of the public and pointed out that many of the issues raised would be dealt with if a planning application for the proposed development was submitted to Stafford Borough Council. She also pointed out that, as she was a Governor at Meir Heath primary school, she could confirm that the school was not oversubscribed. The Chairman told the meeting that the next steps would be that the Council would consider the report from HousingPlus on the consultation event at the next meeting of the Parish council on the 14th November.

102/13 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th September 2013, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

103/13 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

County Councillor Parry reported on the following:

- Flooding on Fulford Dale – engineering work is required to solve the problem

- Roadworks in Meir Heath have gone well and should be finished on schedule
- Within the County Council(C.C.) a number of procurement exercises are underway, including Highways and dementia care centres
- The C.C. is seeking a property partner to help them manage their £500 million property portfolio.

104/13 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 financial support for Fulfest

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that up to £1500 would be made available to help meet any shortfall in the running costs for the 2014 Fulfest.

(c) Contribution to British Legion Poppy Appeal

RESOLVED:

It was agreed to donate £100 plus the cost of the wreath.

105/13 PLANNING

(a) Applications

No planning applications had been received since the previous meeting.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

13/18933/FUL – The Greyhound Inn, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent – retention of container

13/ The Greyhound Inn, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent – play area equipment

13/18962/HOU – 170 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – extension of the front dormer roof at both sides

13/18943/HOU – The Mynd, Windmill Hill, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent – 2-storey extension

13/18916/FUL – Stallington Mews, Gallton Croft, Stallington, Stoke-on-Trent – to vary condition 8 of planning consent 06/06051/FUL and condition 2 of listed building consent 06/06037/LBC

106/13 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) Unregistered land in Fulford

The Clerk circulated details of parts of the ‘village green’ in Fulford that were not in the hands of the Borough Council and therefore remained unregistered

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate how the Parish council go about registering this land as a village green

(b) Newsletter Distribution

The Clerk informed the Council that the current Newsletter Distributor was no longer able to continue with the work.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the vacancy should be advertised on the parish noticeboards.

(c) Grindley Park – maintenance work

Details and costs associated with the removal of lower shoots on all trees in Grindley Park and removing the top off the oak tree where the telephone lines are rubbing were presented to the Council

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the work should be undertaken at a cost of £680.

(d) Affordable Housing

The Clerk reported that Stafford and Rural Homes/HousingPlus would be preparing a report following the consultation event, which would be available before the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

The Council noted this information

107/13 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Friends of the Common – next meeting 24th October

Land at junction of Birkholme Drive and Grindley Lane – the clerk reported that he had confirmed the land did not belong to the C.C.

Trees in West View – The C.C. had agreed that new trees could be planted in West View and have given advice to the Council on the type of trees to be planted. A Licence to Plant will need to be agreed.

Bollards in Ridgway Drive – C.C. are to prepare a scheme with costs.

Rough Close Common – Streetscene have strimmed the footpaths.

Parish Newsletter – contributions required by the 14th November.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Staffordshire County Council – revised Statement of Community Involvement

Staffordshire Moorlands District Council – draft Churnet Valley Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document

Stafford Borough Council – Remembrance Day Service and Parade

Highways Agency – letter re: A50 addressing the Parish Council's concerns

108/13 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Appearance of the Parish Newsletter
- Bus services on Grindley Lane

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 14th November 2013 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN