

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER 2014 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Jennings (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Brunt, Colclough, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Monks, Mrs McPherson, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillor Roycroft , PCSO Becky Powell, 1 member of the public, Mr Andrew Halden (Community Council of Staffordshire) & S. Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Mrs Brayford, Evans, Lovett & Borough Councillor Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public present raised an issue relating to fibre broadband in the Meir Heath area. He was concerned that the implementation date for the roll-out of fibre broadband is continually being pushed back to the point it is now shown as June 2015 and he has been unable to get answers from Openreach.

The Clerk reported that he had had issues raised by email/telephone from residents on the following issues:

- A resident in Stallington would like to see a skip for household waste placed in Stallington at least twice a year.
- A lady in Meir Heath would like to see an additional waste bin placed on the pathway (Smith's Alley) off Hilderstone Road.
- A resident in Blythe Bridge concerned with the flooding on Grindley Lane opposite Ridgway Drive.

96/14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Oxby in relation to item 10(a) on the agenda (Fulford Village Group - Fulfest)

97/14 POLICE REPORT

PCSO Becky Powell reported that generally things were quiet in the area with the only issue being the stealing of several number plates across the area. The police have been undertaking checks on rogue traders and undertaking policing around the schools

98/14 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Fibre Broadband – Cllr Holmes agreed to try and get some information on the roll-out of fibre broadband in Meir Heath and report back to the resident.

Skip in Stallington - it was agreed that when agreeing next year's Civic amenity visits that an additional site will be identified in Stallington.

Additional waste bin – either an additional waste bin to be requested or one of the two bins at the other end of the alley to be re-sited.

Flooding – this has been reported to the County Council Highways.

99/14 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th September 2014, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

100/14 PRESENTATION ON GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

Mr Andy Halden outlined the work of the Community Council and his role with it, before explaining how the Good Neighbour Scheme works. Essentially it is about local residents coming together to help neighbours who might need help or support with things like shopping, writing a letter, using a computer etc.

RESOLVED:

Mr Halden was thanked for his presentation and it was agreed to include an item in the next edition of the Newsletter to gauge whether there is any support for the scheme in the parish

101/14 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

It was reported that the Borough Council were still considering what to do about the waste bin in the lay-by on Hilderstone Road. The Borough's preferred option is to remove the bin as their experience elsewhere is that this reduces the amount of fly-tipping. The Parish Council are not in favour of this option, but would prefer to see a lid placed on the bin to stop paper blowing around.

102/14 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) Donation to the Royal British Legion's Poppy appeal

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that £100 be donated to the appeal plus the cost of the wreath.

103/14 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

That no objections be raised to the following application:

14/ 21077/PTEL – land opp. junction of Whitestone Road, Grindley Lane, Meir Heath – upgrade to existing base station including replacement monopole

14/21148/HOU – Kandahar, Fulford Road, Crossgate – living room, garden room and bedroom extension, however the parish council requested that the Borough Council ensure that the 70% rule is not being breached.

(b) Decisions

The following decisions were reported as having been made by the Borough Council:

Approved:

14/20713/FUL – Moments Kashmir Restaurant, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – variation of condition 9 on application 00/39761/FUL
14/20845/HOU – 414 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed extension and alterations
14/20692/HOU – Blacklake Farm, Stallington Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed oak framed garage

104/14 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:-

- Fulford Village Group – Fulfest
- Counselling Directory
- Litter on Hilderstone Road

RESOLVED:

- 1 It was agreed that the Parish Council would underwrite the 2015 Fulfest up to £1500.
- 2 Following a full discussion it was agreed that a link to the Counselling website from the Parish Council website would not be put in place.
- 3 This item was covered under 101/14 above.

(b) Voluntary Car Scheme

The Clerk reported that following the article in the Parish Newsletter 2 people had come forward offering their services and it was understood there may be a further 2 also be interested. All the people showing an interest live in Fulford.

RESOLVED:

It was felt at this stage there needs to be more interest in order to get a Group up and running and it was agreed to bring this item to the next meeting for further consideration.

(c) Nominations for the SPCA Executive

RESOLVED:

As neither of our 2 representatives were up for re-election this year it was agreed that no further nominations should be made.

(d) Interpretation Board for Rough Close Common

The purchase and erection of an interpretation board was subject to a bid to the County Council's Community Paths Initiative earlier in the year. The content of the Board now needs to be considered.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that this should be discussed at the next meeting of the Friends of Rough Close Common.

105/14 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Report from the Parish Council Forum – Cllr. Mrs Baskin reported on this meeting that had taken place on the 25th September. The items covered at the meeting included a presentation from the Police and Crime Commissioner highlighting the priorities for policing in Staffordshire, electoral matters and the Community Infrastructure Levy.

County Council Highways meeting – Cllr. Holmes reported on this meeting which had also taken place on the 25th September. The main item covered had been the arrangements the County Council have with Ammey, their new service deliverer.

Visit to Mayor's Parlour – Cllr Holmes announced that the visit had been arranged for Wednesday 17th December at 7.00pm.

Windmill Group – Cllr. Brunt reported that the committee for this group had been reformed with himself as the Chair.

Litter bins on Grindley Park – Cllr. Miss Noblett reported that she had received good feedback from residents following the provision of the additional bins.

End of West View – The Chairman thanked Cllr. Miss Noblett for the work she had done and was doing in keeping this area of re-claimed land in excellent condition.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – members digest (199)

Stafford Borough Council – Antiques Quiz and Valuation Evening Tuesday 4th November

Stafford Borough Council – Sponsored Charity Walk in Stafford 22nd November

Stafford Borough Council – invitation to Gala Performance of Cinderella at the Gatehouse Theatre on 15th December.

Local Government Boundary Commission – final recommendations of the Electoral Review of Stafford

106/14 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 13th November 2014 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN