

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Flackett, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Morris, Mycock, McNaught, Oxby & Taylor

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S. Beck (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Mrs Brayford, Brunt, Mrs McPherson, Monks and Miss Noblett. Borough Councillors Dodson & Roycroft.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

**89/15 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

None

**90/15 POLICE REPORT**

Although there was no police presence, Cllr. Holmes reported that there had been a recent arson attack on Mangrove House in Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge.

**91/15 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

None

**92/15 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2015, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**93/15 PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF DOUGLAS MACMILLAN HOSPICE**

Mr Martin Lewis gave a presentation on the work of the Douglas Macmillan Hospice, including outlining the £11m pound annual cost of providing this facility for the people of Stoke-on-Trent and the surrounding areas.

Following the presentation it was agreed that an article could be included in the next Parish Council Newsletter highlighting the work of the Hospice.

**94/15 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

As there were no Borough Councillors or County Councillor present there was nothing to report under this item.

**95/15 FINANCE**

**(a) Parish Council Insurance Renewal**

**RESOLVED:**

The renewal of the Council's insurance with Came & Co at a cost of £1325.50 was agreed.

**(b) 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.

**(c) Staffordshire Playing Fields Association**

A request to subscribe to the above organisation was considered by the Council.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that there was no benefits to the Council in becoming a member of the above Association.

**96/15 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:

15/22806/FUL – at Fulford BPS Fulford Dale, Fulford – erection of GRP kiosk at Fulford Borehole Pumping Station

15/22818/FUL – Land opposite Woodlands Grove, Meir Heath – vary condition 2 and remove conditions 3 & 8 on planning permission 14/19944/FUL

It was not possible to give a view on the following application for the reasons stated:

15/22790/PAR – at Long Lane Head Farm, Long Lane, Hilderstone – proposed change of use of agricultural building to two dwellings

the Parish Council was concerned that very limited information has been provided with this application e.g. no plans.

This proposal originally received full approval in 2006 and 2009 and one of the conditions of approval was that the work should start within 3 years. The sparse information provided would suggest the work has not started, therefore more information should be provided by the applicant to enable the Parish Council and others to respond in an informed manner.

**(b) Decisions**

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

**Approved:**

15/22367/HOU – 7 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent –proposed single storey side extension & replacement roof to create additional bedroom at first floor to the rear

15/22521/HOU – Saverley House Farm, Saverley Green, Stoke-on-Trent –proposed single storey extension providing granny annex ancillary to main dwelling house

15/21918/FUL – Barn at Flatts Farm, Balaams Lane, Moss Gate – change of use of existing outbuilding to residential

15/22576/HOU – 120 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent –proposed bedroom extension at rear

### **(c) Other Planning Issues**

The Clerk reported that he had received correspondence from Cllr. Dodson stating that the Borough Council's Enforcement Officer was putting a case to the Borough's Planning Committee with a view to taking enforcement action in respect of Littlefields. Cllr. Roycroft had also reported that Moments Restaurant's enforcement court case was due to be heard in court on the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

The Clerk also reported that the Council had been notified that an appeal has been lodged in respect of Woodfield, Hilderstone Road following the Borough Council's rejection of the planning application to remove several conditions.

### **97/15 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:-

- Milestone refurbishment
- Heavy vehicles using Stallington Road
- Health & safety
- Bus services in Fulford

#### **RESOLVED:**

1. Following an inspection of the milestones in the parish by Cllrs. Mrs Jennings, Miss Noblett and Taylor it had been agreed that only two of the five originally identified are in need of attention.
2. The Clerk reported on a letter received from Cllr Parry and it was agreed that the Council would like to take up his proposal of putting up an 'Unsuitable for HGV' s' sign at the Hilderstone Road end of Stallington Road, however they would also like to see the same sign at the Blythe Bridge end of the road.
3. Instructions have been issued (letter dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2015) to all the PC's contractors regarding H&S equipment.
4. Cllr. Oxby reported on changes that have been made to the bus service running through Fulford.

#### **(b) Road name for new development on Hilderstone Road**

The Clerk reported that the three names suggested by the Parish Council had all been rejected and the Borough Council were proposing Stonehills Close.

#### **RESOLVED:**

The Council noted the decision of the Borough, although they could not see the logic in the name suggestion.

### **98/15 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Cllr. Holmes reported on the SPCA Executive meeting he had attended where the Parish Council Reform Bill had been discussed as well as the Local Council award Scheme, training for 2015 and the AGM

Cllr. Mrs Jennings reported on action taken so far regarding the war memorial in Fulford Churchyard, including providing a report and pictures to the War Memorials Trust. It was also reported that a new bench had been placed on the Common.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Digest 211

Community Council of Staffordshire – AGM notification  
Stafford Borough Council – church service to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen  
longest reign on 13<sup>th</sup> September  
Stafford Borough Council – Mayor’s invitation to Chinese Buffet on 8<sup>th</sup> October  
Staffordshire CC – notification of A521 road closure around the 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Stafford Borough Council – Remembrance Day Service and Parade Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
November  
Stafford Borough Council – notification of updated planning application validation  
guidance

**99/15 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Cars parked for sale on Grindley Lane  
Planters on Grindley Lane  
Well/tap by village green, Fulford  
Mini-roundabout, Stallington

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close  
Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN