

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Taylor (Chairman), Mrs Baskin, Flackett, Garside, Holmes, Inscker, Lovatt, McNaught, Morris, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby & Mrs White

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms Michelle Shaker (Staffordshire Speedwatch) & S. Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Brunt, Mrs Jennings and Monks Borough Councillor Dodson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

91/16 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

92/16 POLICE REPORT

None.

93/16 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None

94/16 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th August 2016, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

95/16 PRESENTATION ON Staffordshire Speedwatch activities – Ms Michelle Shaker

Ms Shaker said that there were currently 43 Speedwatch groups involving 310 volunteers across Staffordshire and that there was an aim to double or even treble that number. The Speedwatch team are currently testing a new device which is much cheaper to buy at a cost of £199. She said she would like Parish Councils to identify ‘hotspots’ and help to galvanise volunteers.

Councillors suggested 3 areas that need attention – Hilderstone Road (outside the 30mph area), Windmill Hill and Fulford Road

The Council found the presentation very informative and thanked Ms Shaker for attending the meeting.

96/16 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Borough Councillor Roycroft had nothing to report. He was asked if he could bring an update on Stallington Hall to the next meeting.

97/16 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.

98/16 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 applications:

16/24759/HOU - 375 Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey front bedroom extension. Single storey rear kitchen, study and orangery extensions. Raise height and replace bungalow roof. However the council did have concerns that it may breach the 75% rule.

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

16/24480/HOU - 5 Midway Drive, Blythe Bridge – single storey rear extension

99/16 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:-

- Stallington Hall;
- Additional dog bag dispensers

RESOLVED:

1. This item to be carried forward to the next meeting.
2. It was agreed that the purchase of further dispensers should be put on hold until the dog fouling campaign has ended, at which point a full assessment of need across the parish can be considered.

(b) Allotments

Following the presentation given at the August meeting the Council discussed the next steps in moving forward with the allotment proposal.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed before further discussions with Stafford and Rural Homes on the use of the land on Hilderstone Road a need and demand survey should be undertaken. The next edition of the Newsletter would be used to gauge the demand for allotments in the parish.

(c) Defibrillators

Sites have been agreed for five of the six defibrillators bought by the parish council; however the 6th has yet to find a home. Cllr. Holmes outlined plans to site the

defibrillator in the redundant phonebox beside the Swynnerton Arms. This would involve the Parish Council taking on responsibility for the phonebox.

RESOLVED:

The Council agreed to the above course of action and authorised Cllr. Holmes to take the action needed to secure the box.

(d) Staffordshire County Council – Highway Infrastructure Asset Management Strategy

RESOLVED;

It was agreed that this item be dealt with by the Highways Group, however it would be circulated to all members.

100/16 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Taylor reported back on his attempts to get further quotes for the footpath work reported at the last meeting. Four contractors had visited the site resulting in two quotes. The cheapest being the quote reported at the last meeting and a decision had been made to proceed with this quote.

Cllr Holmes reported on a recent meeting of the Staffordshire Parish Councils Association (SPCA) Executive that he had attended. The main item for discussion had been the County Councils decision to move some of the minor highways works to parish councils, if they wished to take this on.

Cllr. Oxby reported on a meeting that he and Cllrs. Mrs Jennings and Morris, as well as the Clerk had attended with County Councillors Deaville and Parry to discuss taking on some of the minor highways work referred to by Cllr. Holmes. Cllr Oxby felt this was a positive step and the County were looking for about 8 pilot councils to take on this work from April 2017 and he felt Fulford should be one of them. Further details are to be provided to the Council by the County Council in due course.

Cllr. McNaught reported that he had looked at the need for a seat on Uttoxeter Road by the Bus shelter and he had concluded that it was not feasible to put the seat in the shelter and therefore would have to be alongside it. The Clerk will seek approval from the County Highways for a seat to be placed on the footpath.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (223)

Realis Estates Ltd – information of a public exhibition for Hanley shopping and leisure plans

Stafford Borough Council – details of Remembrance Day Service and Parade

Stone Town Council – invitation to Limestone Brewery Charity event

Citizens Advice Bureau – thank you letter

Stafford Borough Council – details of Parish Forum

101/16 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Stallington Hall

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 13th October 2016 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN