

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 7.15 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: BC Roycroft & S. Beck (Clerk) & 7 members of the public

APOLOGIES: BC Dodson.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public present raised concerns about the cars parked outside of the car showroom in Windmill Hill. Some of the cars parked on the grass verge were blocking residents' views as they tried to exit from Windmill Close. Residents have asked the owners of the garage to park cars more sensibly and for notices to be put directing people to the rear car park, without success.

85/17 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Miss Noblett declared an interest in the item raised by members of the public as she also lives in the Close affected by the issues raised.

86/17 POLICE REPORT

None.

87/17 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

Windmill Hill – it was reported by councillors that the garage had been asked 3 times to help solve the issues, but so far nothing has been done. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the garage and that residents should report any parking which they consider dangerous to the police.

88/17 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 10th August 2017, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

89/17 COUNTY & BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Nothing to report

90/17 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) Chairman's allowance

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that this should be paid at the rate agreed at the December 2016 meeting.

(c) Request for a donation from DM Hospice

RESOLVED:

A donation of £100 was agreed.

(d) Parish council Insurance

Details of 3 quotes for renewal of the annual insurance had been circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that the quote from Ecclesiastical of £1400 be accepted.

91/17 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:

17/26875/HOU – 6 Ash Grove, Blythe Bridge – small conservatory to the rear of the property

17/25404/FUL (amended)- Blythe Lodge, Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge – construction of 35 affordable dwellings. However, when considering the application, the Borough Council were asked to bear in mind the continuing need for affordable housing within Fulford parish, which was demonstrated in the Housing Needs Survey undertaken jointly between SARH and Fulford Parish Council in 2011. The need identified has not yet been met; therefore, the parish would like to see this new development made available in the first instance to people with connections to the parish.

17/26864/HOU – 2 Lake Croft Drive, Meir Heath – knock off existing render and replace with 'Wentworth' mixture

17/26888/HOU – 184 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge – double storey side extension and part single storey rear extension

17/26855/FUL – Hunters Moon, Fulford Road, Fulford – demolition of existing garage/store. Proposed new dwelling

That objections be raised to the following application:

17/26757/FUL – Barn adjacent Flatts farm, Balaams Lane, Moss Gate – conversion of existing rural building to form dwelling. The reason for objection was:

- The proposal is contrary to the green belt policy contained within the Plan for Stafford Borough

17/26878/HOU – Blacklake Farm, 85 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – 2-storey side extension to existing dwelling. Reasons for objection were:

- It would appear that the development would add more than 70% to the existing dwelling

(b) Decisions

Allowed:

17/26581/HOU – 371 Sandon Road, Meir Heath - extension to front and side and rear.

17/26075/FUL – Fulford Hall Farm, Church Lane, Fulford – construction of agricultural building

17/26401/ADV – 420 Sandon Road, Meir Heath – retention of unilluminated signage to ATM pod

17/26616/HOU – 9 Tudor Court, Meadow Lane, Fulford - 2-storey side extension to form garage with bedroom above.

17/26392/HOU – 16 Moss Lane, Moss gate – proposed replacement of existing wooden shed with a brick structure

Refused:

17/26523/OUT – Land adjacent to 85 Hilderstone Road Meir Heath – limited infill 2 dwellings.

17/26514/HOU – Blacklake Farm, 85 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath – retention of 2 barns.

92/17 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: -

- McDonald's rubbish
- Computer support
- Grass cutting frequency

RESOLVED:

1. Cllr Mycock reported that he had spoken to the City Councillor representing the Meir Park area and that she would take the matter up with the relevant department within the City Council.
2. The Clerk reported that at present he was content with the current arrangements, but this would be something that would need to be considered for the future.
3. The Highways group were asked to consider this at their next meeting.

(b) Nomination for SPCA Executive

RESOLVED:

The current representative, Cllr Holmes, indicated his willingness to have his nomination put forward and this was agreed by the meeting.

(c) Play area safety inspection reports

Details of the report were presented to the meeting with no serious concerns reported, however there were several minor repairs required. The Clerk reported that some of the actions needed had already been undertaken, including replacing the log steps.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that action should be taken to undertake to address the remaining areas of concern.

(d) Equipment and hedge cutting for Grindley Park

Details had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a new swing should be installed on the park at a cost of £818 and a new zip wire seat (£147). The hedges around the park would also be cut back at a cost of £130.

93/76 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Councillor Holmes reported on the recent SPCA Executive meeting and in particular on a presentation given on dementia. He suggested it would be a good idea to have the same presentation given to the Council. The Clerk to arrange.

Several people expressed an interest in attending the Great war conference on 21st October.

Cllr Taylor raised an issue concerning footpath 38 and was advised that issues relating to public footpaths need to be reported in the same way as highway defects. Cllr Oxby will report this issue.

Cllr Oxby reported on the recent Highways meeting and Cllr Miss Noblett on the Grindley Park meeting

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted: -

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest (235)

Stafford Borough Council – details of the Remembrance Day service and parade.

94/17 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- allotments
- parking on Windmill Hill

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is to be convened **at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 12th October 2017 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN