

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 7.30 P.M.
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Colclough (Chairman), Mrs Bennett, Bevan (from 7.40pm), Mrs Brayford, Ms Ellerman, Holmes, Mrs Jennings, Mrs McPherson, Mycock, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Dodson & Roycroft and S Beck (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Chesworth, Lovatt, Monks and Shaw. PCSO Emma Kempson

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

79/11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

80/11 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

None

81/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th August 2011, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

82/11 COUNTY, BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' & POLICE REPORTS

The Borough Councillors reported that it had been a quiet time at the Borough during August; however there was to be a meeting on the 14th September concerning the Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) on trees beside the George & Dragon, Rough Close.

The Borough Councillors were asked if there was any progress on action to be taken regarding the signs outside the car wash on Grindley Lane. It was reported that the Borough Council are investigating.

Police report – mobile speed laser checks have been completed at various locations throughout the parish with checks on Stallington Lane on Wednesday 17th August between 15.52 and 16.10 with 2 motorists warned and on Tuesday 30th August when no speeding was observed. The mobile speed indicator device (SID) was also on Stallington Lane on the afternoon of Wednesday 31st August. Letters have been delivered to residents on Stallington Lane seeking volunteers for a community speed watch team.

A number of checks have been made re: parking on Sutherland Crescent/Grindley Lane junction and over the period from 12th August to 1st September no cars were found to be illegally parked.

No significant issues on Grindley Park over the school holidays.

83/11 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.

84/11 PLANNING

(a) Applications

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

1) That no objections be raised to the following applications:

11/15765/FUL – land at Fulford Manor Farm, Fulford Dale, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent

11/15896/FUL – proposed field shelter, stable, hay store & tackroom/store to support horses – land off Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath

11/15950/HOU – UPVC conservatory to side elevation, single storey rear extension – 76 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent.

2) That objections be continued to be raised with application:

11/15248/FUL – Demolition of bungalow & construction of a mini extra care scheme comprising 7 one bedroom flats, staff accommodation and communal facilities, with associated car parking - 25 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PB (additional information

(b) Decisions

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

Approved:

11/15544/HOU – 2-storey extension to side & single storey extension to rear of detached dwelling – 2 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent, however concerns were expressed as to how close this extension will be to the neighbouring property.

11/ 15650/EXTF – demolition of existing vicarage & ancillary buildings & erection of 9 detached dwellings – St Francis Vicarage, Sandon Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent

(c) Other planning issues

It was reported that the Staffordshire & Stoke-on Trent Local Enterprise Partnership bid, which included the Creda site, for Enterprise Status had failed.

The present dilapidated state of Stallington Hall was raised by Councillors.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk was asked to write to the Borough Council (again) concerning the disrepair that Stallington Hall (a listed building) and also to raise the issue with English Heritage.

85/11 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL

(a) Items - the notice of which was given at the last meeting

As instructed at the last meeting, the Clerk included the following matters on the agenda for this meeting and the topics were then discussed by members:-

- Rail Passes

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that this item would not be pursued further.

(b) Barlaston Common well

An update on what action had been taken to date was given by Cllr. Mrs Jennings, including seeking some initial quotes for repair work to the well. The activity was currently being overseen by a small working group that included a representative from Stafford Borough Council.

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that regular updates would be given to the Council.

(c) Grindley Park

P/t Park attendant – it was reported that a p/t attendant had been appointed with a start date to be arranged. Training on the inspection of the play equipment was being arranged.

Official opening – agreed for Wednesday 28th September at 4.00pm. Invitations are being sent out

Provision of litter bins – details of types of litter bins and costs had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED:

1. The above reports on the attendant and opening were noted
2. It was agreed that 2 x 75 litre concrete litter bins with lids be purchased at a cost of £686 + VAT

(d) Retiring Councillors

RESOLVED:

It was agreed that a presentation would be held on Tuesday 18th October at the Spot Gate Inn for the two councillors who retired at the last election.

86/11 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Broadband meeting Thursday 8th September - Cllrs Oxby reported on this meeting and on the actions Staffordshire County Council is taking to try and improve broadband speeds in parts of Staffordshire including parts of Fulford Parish.

Stafford Borough Council Local Development Framework – the Parish Council have received details of this consultation document with a closing date for responses of the 21st October 2011. It was agreed that the planning committee be tasked with formulating a response.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council –Members Digests (nos.160)

Stafford Borough Council – availability of surplus benches/seats (agreed that 4 should be requested)

Stafford Borough Council – invite to Parish Forum on 29th September (Cllrs. Mrs Bennett and Colclough to attend)

Stafford Borough Council – Polling District & Polling Place Review 2011 (to be brought to October meeting)

Stafford Borough Council – Remembrance Day Service & Parade, Sunday 13th November

SPCA – Ballot and proposed motions for AGM on 5th November (Cllrs Chesworth and Holmes to be nominated for the Executive)

Community Council of Staffordshire – notification of AGM on 28th September

Staffordshire Playing Fields Association – details of AGM

CPRE – details of open meeting at Lichfield on 6th October

87/11 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- broadband
- dog fouling
- Land by West View

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall** on **Thursday 13th October 2011 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN