

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.15 P.M.  
IN MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs Brayford (Chairman), Colclough, Evans, Mrs Jennings, Lovatt, Monks, Mycock, Miss Noblett, Oxby, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** County Councillor Parry, Borough Councillor Dodson, 5 members of the public & S Beck (Clerk).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Mrs Barker, Mrs Bennett, Holmes (also Borough Councillor), Mrs McPherson and Shaw and PCSO Emma Kempson

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public raised concern about the possible use of Portland College's (previously known as Aynsley school) new sports hall for community activities and in particular weddings, discos etc.

Other members of the public raised concerns about the selling of cars by the Tesco roundabout.

Issues were raised regarding the increased numbers of vehicles that are parking at the entrance to Sutherland Crescent, flooding problems in Saverley Green and bus services on Stallington Lane

**81/12 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Mrs Brayford declared an interest in the matter raised by the member of the public concerning Portland College by virtue of her role as a school governor.

**82/12 POLICE REPORT**

There was no police report

**83/12 MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:**

*Portland College* - Details of a response from Stafford BC concerning previous planning enforcement issues was given to the meeting. It was also reported that the sports hall would not be used for weddings etc. however it could possibly be used by the community for sports related activities, subject to approval from the governors. Cllr Mrs Brayford to ask the governors if they could arrange for a letter to go to residents of Aynsleys Drive explaining this position.

*Parking on Tesco roundabout* – Cllr Parry set out the County Council's position and indicated that legally the land was part of the highway and therefore it was not illegal to park on it, however he agreed that the present position was not acceptable and that the County Council were considering erecting a low level barrier around the area to keep vehicles off the grass, although cost would be a consideration.

*Sutherland Crescent parking* – the police will again be asked to consider whether any vehicles are parked illegally.

*Flooding in Saverley Green* – as the area identified where the flooding is occurring is on private property it was felt that there was no action the parish council could take to help with the situation.

*Bus services on Stallington Lane* – the Clerk to forward details of the new timetable to Cllr. Mycock

## **84/12 MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012, having been circulated, be confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

## **85/12 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

County Councillor Parry reported on the following:

*Fencing on A50 sliproad* – temporary repair undertaken by the Highways Agency with a more permanent repair due in the next 2-4 weeks.

*Surface dressings* – weather has caused problems with the recent surface dressings undertaken on some roads with about 50% requiring remedial work.

*Silting of gulleys* – additional problems because of the bad weather and the CC is dealing with them as quickly as possible.

*Traffic survey on Stallington Lane* – a survey to measure speed, volumes and weight is to be undertaken on Stallington Lane.

Issues relating to dropped kerbs and flooding in Blacklake Drive were raised with Cllr. Parry

Borough Councillor Dodson reported on the following:

*Council Tax Support* – consultative document due out from the Borough Council shortly and the Parish Council was encouraged to respond

*Gypsy sites in the Borough* – the Borough Council still do not have a plan in place; however they are currently working with the County Council to identify suitable sites.

*Called in planning applications* – the proposal for a gypsy site on Hilderstone Road and the proposal for a slurry pit in Fulford Dale have both been 'called in'.

*Enforcement* - Enforcement Officers are looking at issues relating to land by Dale View and the use and state of some of the old farm buildings at Fulford Manor Farm.

Cllr Dodson was asked about Stallington Hall. It is understood Cllr. Holmes is working on the issue.

## **86/12 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) Insurance renewal**

#### **RESOLVED**

It was agreed to renew the Council's Insurance with Came & Co.

## **87/12 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:  
12/17625/HOU – 21 Birkholme Drive, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LR – single storey rear extension  
12/17314/FUL – British Telecom, 210 Grindley Lane, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – replace the glazing to six windows with aluminium ventilation louvers.

- 2) That objections be raised to the following application:

12/17342/FUL – Aynsley Special School, Aynsleys Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – proposed development of a wireless antenna. The development is out of character with the surrounding area and provides an ugly external appearance.

### **(b) Decisions**

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

#### **Approved:**

- 12/17254/HOU – 10 Franklin Drive, Stallington Village, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – rear conservatory extension & garage extension  
12/17272/FUL – 53 Adamthwaite Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent – demolition of existing detached double garage. 2-storey side and rear conservatory extension.  
12/17278/HOU – 7 Woodlands Grove, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent – single storey rear extension.  
12/17151/FUL – Aranjuez, Sandon Road, Sharpley Heath – replacement dwelling, detached garage/store, revised access, stables and tack room.  
12/17309/FUL – Barclay, Windmill Hill, Rough Close – replacement of existing 6ft high fence boundary with 8ft fence to improve privacy and security.

- (c) **Other Planning Issues** – The Borough Council’s response to the Parish Council’s letter regarding excess water on the highway from the car wash on Grindley Lane was reported to the meeting. The Borough Council do not consider there to be any breach on the planning consent and therefore have now closed the case.

It was reported that a new gateway had been created off a field onto Fulford Road on the way to Saverley Green and that it was also understood that parts of the field backing onto Tudor Hollow was being offered for sale to residents in order to extend their gardens, however a public footpath runs through this field.

#### **RESOLVED:**

The Clerk was asked to contact the planning department and the County Council regarding the above issues

### **88/12 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

- a) **Proposal for improvements at the end of West View**

Details of the proposal had been circulated to members before the meeting

#### **RESOLVED:**

It was agreed to proceed with the work at a cost of £1,900 including VAT.

**b) Affordable Housing**

Details of the proposals had been circulated before the meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

It was agreed that a special meeting of the council would be convened to discuss the proposed sites in detail..

**c) Grindley Park Inspection Report**

The Clerk reported on a recent annual inspection undertaken by RoSPA and which highlighted a medium risk to the basket swing due to the height and some protruding bolts at the top of the swing. The Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) at the top of the park had not been inspected and this would be undertaken shortly.

**RESOLVED:**

The installers of the equipment to be contacted re: the faults with a view to adjustments being made as quickly as possible.

**89/12 MATTERS FOR REPORT**

Wildflower meadow – it was reported that work would start on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Paths for Communities – the Borough Council were interested in pursuing this and would like to meet with the Parish Council. The Clerk would arrange

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – Digest

Stafford Borough Council – Mayor’s Diamond Ball on 7<sup>th</sup> December

Staffordshire Parish Council Assoc. – AGM details

Boundary Commission – advance notice of further consultation paper

**90/12 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

None

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Parish Council, is to be convened at **Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2012 at 7.15 p.m.**

CHAIRMAN