

Parish Council News

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

At the annual meeting of the parish council held in May, Cllr. Mrs Brayford was elected Chairman for the year 2013/14 with Cllr Mrs Jennings elected as Vice-chairman.

Affordable Housing

As reported in previous editions of the Newsletter, Stafford & Rural Homes in partnership with Housing Plus are currently working with Stafford Borough Council's planning department with a view to putting forward a scheme for affordable housing on the old 'Heather's Nursery' site on Hilderstone Road. Once these discussions have reached a satisfactory conclusion there will then be a public consultation on the plans, probably in the autumn. Full details will be made available as soon as dates are confirmed.

Planning Appeal – Woodview, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath

The date for the public enquiry has been set for Tuesday 17th September at the Civic Offices, Stafford, commencing at 10.00 a.m. Individuals may attend the Hearing and at the Inspector's discretion give their views. Anyone requiring more information should contact Mr. P. Atkins.

Tel. 01785 619000

patkins@staffordbc.gov.uk

This relates to the refused application for the change of use of land for the stationing of three mobile homes inclusive of a

children's play room and play area, additional part access road and area of hardstanding for parking and turning of vehicles ancillary to that use for gypsy family members of the applicant.

Various Highways issues

The Parish Council is continuing to press the County Council to take action in respect of a number of issues of concern to residents including, flooding in several areas across the parish, potholes in our roads and pavements and parking on grass verges.

Vermin

There have been sightings again of rats in the area. Stafford Borough Council Pest Control Officers have been informed and details of their Pest Control Services can be obtained by contacting them on 0845 505 7378(local rate call) or at www.staffordbc.gov/pest. There is a charge for the service.

Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has received a number of complaints recently about the ever increasing problems with dog fouling on the pavements around the parish.

Excrement left on footpaths and playing fields can cover shoes and clothes and at worst can lead to blindness due to an infection called 'Toxocara canis'.

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- If you have a garden encourage the dog to 'go' there. You can then bury the mess or alternatively clean it up and bin it.
- If you walk your dog always carry the means to clear up after your dog. Remember to take a bag or poop scoop like you'd remember a lead.
- Every time your dog fouls, 'bag it and bin it'. Take the poop scoop home and dispose of it there or use one of the litter bins available across the parish. Please do not decorate the hedges and trees with the bags!! Remember rain does not wash the problem away.
- Never let your dog out alone to 'go to the loo'.

It is every dog owner's duty to clean up after their dog.

There are no excuses, fouling is unacceptable.

It is illegal to leave your dog's poo lying in a public area. If the dog is in your care you must clean up any mess it makes. Being unaware that the dog has fouled, or not having anything with which to clean up the mess, is not an excuse. Any person in charge of a dog who does not clean up the mess, will be issued with a £75 Fixed Penalty Notice or face prosecution with a maximum fine of £1,000.

If you have any information about individuals who fail to clean up after their pet or you wish to report areas that require cleaning -

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Blythe Bridge Ward News

Walkabout

The estate walkabout took place in August; any issues raised will be attended to as soon as possible.

Lifeline

Any resident requiring a lifeline can get information on the services by telephoning Stafford and rural Homes (SARH) on 0800 111 4334 where the team will explain the service to you.

Dogs

Please keep dogs on a leash.

Fly Tipping

This has raised its ugly head again. Please try to keep estates tidy. The Parish Council provide 3 skips per area per year; dates for this service are at the back of this magazine. It is a free service.

Door to Door sales people

Please be aware of letting people into your house unless you know them. There are several scams going on in the area at the moment. Please ensure that cars left on drives are securely locked to prevent them from being stolen.

Highway A50

The Parish had asked the Highways Agency to review the speed limit from the Tesco roundabout to the Draycott roundabout reducing the speed to 50 miles per hour to match the speed on the rest of the A50 from the Tesco roundabout to Stoke. The reply from the Highways Agency was 'no' as we do not meet the

criteria for reducing the speed limit. As we have found with the Highways Agency they completely disregard the wishes of the people who live in the area and whose lives are constantly disrupted by the noise and accidents that happen on this stretch of road. The Parish Council will continue to try to resolve this problem.

Portland College

Will be starting the new term with the school building work completed and a new head teacher - best wishes for the future following an excellent Ofsted report.



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Jubilee celebrations

The cherry trees have now been planted outside the flats on Uttoxeter Road in the gap left by the trees that had to be cut down.

Springcroft School.

Another academic year is underway promising to be just as hectic as the last one, but one unique event which occurred last term on July 18th saw the family, friends and colleagues, both past and present, of Mrs Linda Hancock, gather to bid her a fond and emotional farewell.

Mrs Hancock began teaching at Springcroft on 1/9/1981 and during those 32 years she has helped shape the lives of many Blythe Bridge children. Now enjoying her well-

earned retirement, Linda is planning to spend her time gardening, flower arranging as well as painting and decorating her home. We wish her well for the future.

Stallington Lane

Although speeding has been much better of late, concern has been voiced regarding the Duke of Wellington public house in Blythe Bridge being taken over by Tesco and the impact on the congestion that happens at that crossroads. Although not in our parish, it seems likely that we will be inconvenienced by this development.

The proposed mini roundabout at the dangerous corner near Stallington Close awaits the resolution of the funding from the developers.

Fulford Ward News

Fulford Dale

The farmers have cleared the streams for which they are responsible and the Parish Council has been pressing the County Council to clear the road gully under the junction with Fulford Lane which has been the cause of the flooding during heavy rainfall.

The potholes along Fulford Lane to Stallington have been reported some time ago but minor roads seem to be low priority.

Baulk Lane

Car drivers should be aware that this is an "Access Only" road – it has been noted that drivers are using it as a through route, and at inappropriate speeds.

The police should be informed of offending vehicles such that they can take action against identified vehicles.

Saverley Green

A new parish notice board has been provided to replace the old wooden one.

Broadband

BT is currently upgrading the Blythe Bridge exchange with superfast fibre technology and deploying it to areas of Blythe Bridge and Meir Heath, but not to Fulford. Residents in the Fulford Ward have connection speeds which are poor compared to other areas due to their distance from the Blythe Bridge exchange. These areas are "being evaluated as part

of a government funded programme” under the Staffordshire Superfast Broadband project set for completion by 2016:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/business/ICT/BroadbandConsultation/BetterBroadband.aspx

If you wish to monitor the roll out of superfast broadband you may like to use the BT Openreach website, that will be updated periodically as this huge logistical exercise unfolds over the next couple of years: www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/

BKV

Fulford has again achieved “Highly Commended” in the “Best Kept Village” competition thanks to efforts all around the village, including the school with the poster competition. The judges’ detailed comments will be available in October.

A REFUSE LORRY will next be available for the collection of household items between 09.00 – 11.00 on Fulford Village Hall car park on 21 September.

Meir Heath Ward News

Wildflower Meadow on Grindley Park

The Parish Council has had several comments from members of the public relating to the comparison between the area on Meir Park, and our own wildflower area on Grindley Park; Meir Park site being very beautiful.

On asking our naturalist, Bill Waller, who oversees the upkeep of our common and the wildflower area, we received this reply. *“That (Meir Park) is a crop of annuals - very attractive but will only last for one year unless re-ploughed and seeded every year. We are after something a little more natural, but this takes a few years to develop”.*

Bill plans to get school children from Meir Heath and Rough Close to add extra plants in September.

There has been a serious drop in the numbers of birds and insects, particularly on farmland, in recent years, and wildflower areas can enhance the population of insects, including bees and butterflies, and consequently birds, in their vicinity. This is the main reason for planting wildflower areas.

Grindley Park

Progress on providing kiddies play equipment has been rather slow due to the financial issues which are currently being sorted out before we can begin the installation process. Rest assured that we are fully committed to completing this much needed facility as soon as possible.

Rough Close Ward News

The Rough Close ward is pleased to announce that we have a new councillor. We welcome Mr. Gareth Brunt who joined us at the August parish council monthly meeting. Mr. Brunt has lived in Rough Close for over forty years and has a keen interest in all local issues.

SURVEY

The Small Mammal Survey carried out on the common in June was very successful. An extremely pleasant morning was spent in learning that our common is a thriving environment for wildlife. A large percentage of the humane traps set for small mammals over night resulted in catches. Field mice and voles were shown to exist in plentiful numbers. This indicates a healthy habitat as these animals are clearly finding plenty of nourishment on the common and in turn provide food for animals higher up the food chain.

Our thanks go to both Mr. Bill Waller for organising this event and especially to Stafford Small Mammal Group and Staffordshire Wildlife Trust for taking the time to complete this survey and for their expertise in sharing their knowledge with us. Future surveys of this kind will be carried out at regular intervals by the group now that we have a base line to work with. Dates of such events will be published here, in the notice boards and on the website.

IMPROVEMENTS

Most people in the village will by now have noticed that the scrub land on Windmill Hill at the end of West View & Windmill Close

has been cleared and improved by the installation of a boundary fence, planters and a seat. The project is to be completed with planting up of the containers and some reseeding of the grass. It is hoped that this will then provide a much more attractive introduction / exit for our village and a welcome respite from the walk up the hill for some.

VANDALISM

Despite a spring and summer of considerate use and enjoyment by many it is regrettable that it must be reported here that the common has been subjected to vandalism in recent weeks. The sandpit and surrounding rocks have been spray painted with graffiti and, idiotically, fires have been set. It is all but unbelievable that local people may be responsible for such actions. Anyone found to be causing such (or any) damage will be reported to the police immediately and the strongest possible punishment pursued.

The common is a very rare heathland and to many local residents and regional walkers it is treasured as such. Please be on the lookout for people causing damage of any kind and either report it to the police, the Parish Clerk or any local councillor who will be happy to deal with this matter.

FRIENDS OF THE COMMON

The first "Friends of the Common" meeting took place on July 17th at Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall. Residents of Rough Close and Meir Heath attended along with Mr. Bill Waller (Bio-diversity Officer for SBC) and Alison Poole (Health Support Officer for SBC). Also in

attendance were a number of Fulford Parish councillors.

Under discussion was the initial purpose and aims of the group, the need for a constitution and sources of potential funding. As the group is in a very

embryonic stage at the moment all these issues need development.

Please contact either Cllr. Tony Holmes or Cllr. Wendy Jennings if you have any questions with regard to the group.

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Fulford Parish Council has a website which is run and updated by the Newsletter Committee of the Parish Council. Please log on to see and find the latest information!

www.fulford-parish-council.org

Contact via the Clerk

stephen_beck@btconnect.com

Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall

The village hall continues to be very well used, both for private hire at weekends and activities during the week.

However, due to the recent relocation of a children's dance class, the VH committee is able to offer Tuesdays, up to 7.00pm, for anyone wishing to hire the premises on a weekly basis.

If interested, the contact numbers are 01782 396037 / 394922.

FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL			
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS 2012/2013			
RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
Precept	50000.00	Clerk's salary (inc. PAYE)	11190.83
Concurrent Monies	4445.00	Administration	5865.88
HM Customs & Excise (2012/13VAT)	2054.05	Parish Newsletter	3615.04
Staffs C.C. Community Footpaths	300.00	Open Spaces/Grindley Park	9616.58
Newsletter Advertising	1310.00		
Broxap (refund on goal nets)	95.35	Parish Maintenance	18180.60
Bank Interest	32.68	Section 137 Donations	868.50
SCC (Local Community Fund)	199.26	Section 137 Other	nil
Staffordshire CC (grass cutting)	5370.20	VAT	2159.19
Ground rent (MH&RC Village Hall)	10.00	Loan repayments	6429.88
TOTAL RECEIPTS	63816.54	TOTAL PAYMENTS	67926.50
SUMMARY			
Balance brought forward	59910.35		
Receipts 2012/13	63816.54		
TOTAL	123726.89		
Payments 2012/13	67926.50		
Balance carried forward	55800.39		

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Townswomen's Guild

Meets at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2.00pm. There is a speaker each month followed by tea and biscuits. The group would welcome new members or visitors.

For further information contact 01782 393846.

Members of the Council:

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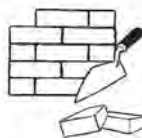
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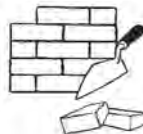
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Dates for 2013 Parish Council Meetings

Thursday 10th October

Location:

Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall

Thursday 14th November

Location: Fulford Village Hall

Thursday 12th December

Location:

Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall

Note: All meetings start at 7.15pm with an opportunity for any local government elector from the Parish to ask questions of the Parish Council relating to any Parish issue. At the formal meeting, which follows at 7.30 p.m., these matters will then be considered; the public may also attend but are not usually invited to join the debate. Alternatively, write to the Clerk such that the matter can be raised.

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STREETscene

ONE phone call, one solution – The special hotline means that a wide range of environmental issues, such as littering, graffiti, dog mess, sharps, fly tipping and problems with children's play areas, can all be reported with just one phone call. You can contact the Streetscene team in the following ways:

Phone the contact centre on
01785 619000

Text in with your problem on
07781 471023

Email contactcentre@staffordbc.gov.uk