

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT FULFORD VILLAGE HALL**

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. K Brayford (Chairman), Baggaley, Mrs Bennett, Colclough, Holmes, Lovatt, Mrs Malvern, Moore, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw, Taylor and Mrs Wheat.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors Harp & Roycroft, S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Bevan, Brayford, Goodfellow, Mrs Holmes and Borough Councillor Oldfield

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there was a rumour that the 10.30 am bus via Stallington Lane to Stone was likely to be taken off (Further information obtained since the meeting would indicate that this rumour is unfounded). Concerns were also expressed that double decker buses were using Common Lane, Rough Close.

76/08 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th October 2008, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

77/08 Cllr B Goodfellow

It was reported that Cllr. Goodfellow was still not in a position to attend meetings of the Council because of continuing pressures at work and he was unable, at this time, to give a clear indication when the situation might ease.

RESOLVED

As there was no clear indication as to when Cllr. Goodfellow might be able to resume his role as a Councillor, the council felt unable to approve the absence and therefore because he has not been able to attend any meetings of the Council for the previous 6 months he ceases to be a member of the council in line with LGA 1972 s85.

78/08 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Harp reported that responses to the Strategic Land Availability Assessment should have now been sent and in particular it needs to be stressed to the Borough Council that several of the potential sites identified as possible housing sites have previously been earmarked for green space. (The response from the Parish Council had made this point). 54 Birkholme Drive was still an issue and a report from the Borough's Enforcement Officer is still awaited. It was also reported that the Borough were proposing to take action against the owner of Littlefields, Cross Gate for failing to seek the appropriate planning consents. Cllr. Roycroft stressed the need to respond to the Core Minerals Strategy.

79/08 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) Draft 2009/10 Budget

The draft budget and precept recommendation was presented to the Council having been agreed by the F&GP sub-committee (copy of draft budget and minutes of the F&GP meeting had previously been circulated).

RESOLVED:-

That the budget be brought forward to the December meeting for agreement and that the entry covering 'surplus' on the Receipts page to be changed to say 'surplus including contingency'

(c) Alteration to Para 3.4 of the Financial Regulations

RESOLVED:-

It was agreed that the limit by which the Clerk could incur expenditure on behalf of the Council where repair, replacement or other work is of such emergency that it must be done at once be raised to £1000.

(d) Occupational Licence

RESOLVED:-

The Council agreed that, following a recommendation from the F&GP sub-committee, the Occupational Licence be agreed and implemented as from 1st April 2008.

(e) Open Space Annual Subscription

RESOLVED

The annual subscription of £30 be paid.

(f) VAT response from HM Revenue and Customs

RESOLVED

The response from HM Revenue and Customs regarding the recovery of VAT by Parish Councils was noted and that subsequently the two Village Hall Management Committees be requested to pay to the Parish Council the amount that had been assumed would be VAT recoverable.

80/08 PLANNING

(a) Applications

RESOLVED: -

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

08/10912/FUL new dwelling in grounds adjacent to – Ivy House Farm, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent.

08/11021/FUL bedroom extension and conversion of garage forming lounge plus utility –54 Highview road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QQ.

08/11054/FUL replacement garage and 2-storey pitched roof extension – 53 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7NU.
08/11152/FUL 2-storey side extension, single storey rear extension & detached garage – Eastlyn, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7NY.
08/11191/FUL proposed new detached garage – 29 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7PB.
08/11204/FUL porch extension & internal alterations – 30A Highview Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QQ.

(b) Decisions

1) It was reported that the following applications had been approved:-

08/10075/FUL – winter housing for livestock and storage of feedstuff – Birchfields, Moss Lane, Moss Gate, Hilderstone ST15 8RJ
08/10657/FUL – single storey extension to provide new garage, kitchen extension and utility room – 1 Fernlea Grove, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7JH
08/10698/FUL – single storey extension – 3 Cherry Close, Fulford, S-o-T ST11 9RY
08/10788/FUL – alteration and extension – 28 Tudor Hollow, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9NP
08/10876/FUL – agricultural storage building – Stallington Hall Farm, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QJ
08/10908/FUL – agricultural building for housing cattle – The Hollies Farm, Hilderstone, Stone, ST15 8SL

2) It was reported that the following application had been refused:-

08/10819/FUL – retirement bungalow to the rear of 74 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9JG

(c) Other planning issues

It was reported that the Borough Council was proposing to take action against the owners of Littlefields, Cross Gate for failure to seek the appropriate planning consents. This action was supported by the Council.

81/08 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:-

- Footpath and Grass cutting on Stallington estate.
- Planters for Rough Close
- Provision of Byelaws
- Youth provision in the Parish

RESOLVED:-

- (1) The provision of any additional footpaths was the responsibility of the County Council and it was recommended that residents approach the Highways dept. It was also understood that grass cutting on the estate was still the responsibility of the developers, as the estate had not yet been handed over to the Borough Council.

- (2) Two planters to be provided at Rough Close, subject to agreement from the County Highways department regarding siting.
- (3) It was agreed to pursue an application through the Playbuilder programme for a play park for 8-13 year olds on Grindley Park

(b) Highways

RESOLVED

The report from the Highways working group was noted.

(c) Consultations

RESOLVED

Councillors to pass any comments relating to the Waste Core Strategy and the Making and Enforcing of Byelaws to the Clerk no later than 21st November.

82/08 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 30th October – the minutes had been circulated with the agenda

Response to SHLAA – circulated at the meeting and available on the website

BT proposal to remove payphones – details of objections collated by the Borough Council to be sent to BT

Parish Newsletter – all articles to Cllr. Oxby no later than Monday 17th November

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford Borough Council – notification of consultation process on Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategies (closing date 31/12/08)

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digests

CPRE – Autumn magazine

Open Space – Autumn 2008

West Midlands Regional Assembly – News magazine, November edition

SPCA – Training programme

Staffordshire County Council – Watchdog conference on 24th November

Stafford Borough Council – Details of Mayor's Christmas Charity Ball on 5th December

NWB Consultancy Ltd – questionnaire

CPRE – Stop the Drop, Parish Council Toolkit

Standards Board – Issue no 3 newsletter

Community Council of Staffordshire – Best Kept Village Competition

83/08 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Adamthwaite Drive – letter from Stafford BC

54 Birkholme Drive

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is to be convened at Fulford Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd December 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN