

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON THURSDAY, 9th OCTOBER 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor Parry, Borough Councillors Harp & Roycroft, Ms M Woodhead (Blythe Bridge Community and Learning Partnership Co-ordinator) S Beck (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Mrs Holmes, Mrs. Malvern,

OTHER NON-ATTENDEES: Councillor Goodfellow.

It was noted that Cllr. Goodfellow was again a non-attender and although an explanation had been given by Cllr. Goodfellow at the 8th November 07 meeting the situation does not appear to have improved.

RESOLVED:

The Clerk to advise Cllr Goodfellow that at the next meeting of the Council his non-attendance will be debated.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public raised an issue concerning signs that had appeared on the old car park of the Bird in Hand public house stating that it was planned to run car boot sales. Concerns were expressed at the inappropriateness of such a venture, particularly relating to lack of parking facilities and the road safety issues at a notorious accident blackspot. Borough Cllr. Harp reported that he had already raised the issue with the Borough Council, but unfortunately it is possible to run a number of events without the need for planning permission.

Margi Woodhead, Blythe Bridge Community and Learning Partnership Co-ordinator gave a presentation to the Parish Council on the work of the Partnership. (A copy of the presentation is available at the Parish Office).

PC Ryan presented a 3-monthly report to the Council and reported the following statistics (covering the previous 3 months):

- Burglary (homes) – nil
- Burglary (businesses) – 2
- Theft of motors – 1
- Theft from motors – 6
- Criminal damage – 19
- Anti-social behaviour – 76

A new police officer will be joining the team, WPC Kate Scott. He also reported that there had been a big reduction in problems associated with Adamthwaite Drive over the past month

RESOLVED:-

- 1) It was agreed that the Parish Council would receive a quarterly update on the work of the Community and Learning Partnership.
- 2) WPC Scott to be invited to attend a future meeting.

69/08 MINUTES

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 11th September 2008, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

70/08 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Parry reported that the Minerals Core Strategy consultation had now started and he felt it important that the Parish Council respond. He also reported that the County Council had made money available to help fund an additional 38 extra PCSOs and detached youth workers. He was unsure how this might breakdown to Borough and Parish level. An integrated youth service was planned. If the Parish felt there was a need for a detached youth worker then a case will need to be built. In answer to a question from the Council, Cllr. Parry stated that the County Council Newsletter sent to every household cost £300,000.

Cllr Harp reported that the Strategic Land Availability Assessment was also out for consultation. He stressed that there were no changes proposed for the green belt and many of the proposals in the Assessment were very much speculation.

54 Birkholme Drive was still an issue and Cllr. Harp was awaiting a report from the Borough's Enforcement Officer. In response to a question from the Parish Council, Cllr. Harp reported that a report was awaited from the Borough's legal department in respect of the Gypsy camp at Spot Acre.

71/08 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) 6-monthly finance report

A 6 months financial summary report was presented to the Council (a copy is appended to the minutes).

RESOLVED:-

That the report be accepted.

(c) NatWest Corporate Bond

A decision on the re-investment of this bond as from 16th October was required. The interest on maturity of the bond is £938.77.

RESOLVED:-

It was agreed, with 1 objection, that the capital and interest be re-invested for a further 1 year fixed term.

(d) Additional costs for D Wheat

(Councillor Mrs Wheat declared an interest and left the meeting for this item)

Additional work in putting the 2 large planters in place outside of Blythe Lodge had been undertaken by Mr Wheat, which he considered was over and above his contract.

RESOLVED:-

The Council agreed that in this instance the additional costs were justified, but that this should not be seen as a precedent and it was for this particular piece of work only.

(e) Remembrance Day Wreath

RESOLVED:-

That a donation of £75 be made to the British Legion Appeal, which would include the purchase of a wreath.

(f) Appeals for Donation

Further information had been submitted from Sustainable Staffordshire in support of their request for a donation and Age Concern Stone and District were also seeking a donation.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the request from Sustainable Staffordshire could not be supported.
- (2) That a donation of £50 be made to Age Concern Stone and District

72/08 PLANNING

(a) Applications

RESOLVED: -

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

07/08560/OUT (further amendment –revC) erection of fishing lodge and ancillary store – former car park of the Bird in Hand, Cresswell Road, Hilderstone

08/10788/FUL alteration and extension to existing building – 28 Tudor Hollow, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9NP.

08/10865/FUL conservatory and new porch – 29 Golborn Avenue, Meir Heath Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7JQ.

08/10876/FUL agricultural storage building for grain – Stallington Hall Farm, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9RY.

08/10886/FUL 2-storey extension – 49 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LN.

08/10908/FUL new agricultural building for housing cattle – The Hollies Farm, Hilderstone, Stone ST15 8SL.

08/10948/FUL demolition of existing outrigger and redevelopment with new single storey extension – 139 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9PB.

08/10949/FUL demolition of existing outrigger and redevelopment with new single storey extension – 141 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9PB.

08/10969/COU retention of use of car park for motorcycle training purposes & provision of cabin & storage container – Old hospital car park, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QJ.

08/10978/FUL demolition of existing garage & outbuildings & construction of single storey extension – 190 Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9RH.

08/11015/FUL 2-storey extension to side of dwelling – 14 Field Close, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9LD.

08/11021/FUL extension & conversion of garage to form lounge, utility room & new garage – 54 Highview Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QQ.

2) That objections be raised to the following application for the reasons stated at the meeting:-
08/10909/FUL construction of single storey dwelling at the rear of 6 Sycamore Close, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LD.

(b) Decisions

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

08/10336/FUL – rear extension & conversion of adjoining building - The Cottage, Hartwell Lane, Rough Close, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7NG.

08/10478/FUL & 10479 demolition of existing bungalow & construction of 2 houses – 25 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath Stoke -on-Trent ST3 7PB.

08/10488/FUL extension – 12 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9HY.

08/10582/FUL extension – 15 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7LN

08/10596/FUL garage extension – Thekli, Aynsley Drive, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9HJ.

08/10709/FUL conservatory – 5 York Avenue, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9SB.

08/10729/FUL extension – 101 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9JT.

08/10748/FUL extension – 6 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9JU.

08/10822/FUL extension – 50 Highview Road, Fulford, Stoke-on-Trent ST11 9QQ.

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

08/10660/FUL conservatory – Black Lake Lodge Residential Home, Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath, Stoke-on-Trent ST3 7NS.

(c) Other planning issues

73/08 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:-

- Ø Resolutions for the SPCA AGM.
- Ø Youth provision across the Parish
- Ø St Matthews car parking
- Ø Tribute to the late Cllr. Bedson

RESOLVED:-

- (1) The Council had no resolutions it wished to submit to the SPCA AGM.
- (2) This item would be carried forward to the next meeting following the Playbuilder Roadshows being run by the County Council.
- (3) The Parish Council recognises the problems of car park with parents dropping off and picking up children, however it is difficult to see any practical solution. The Clerk was asked to write to the head teacher offering support in trying to get action taken.

- (4) Following the decision made at the previous Council meeting to provide a tree in memory of the late Cllr. Bedson it was agreed that a sum of up to £100 be allocated and that the tree be bought locally.

(b) Litter Poster Competition

It is understood that Meir Heath and Springcroft are definitely participating, however there is some uncertainty regarding Rough Close and Fulford.

RESOLVED

Parish Council school governors to follow up as appropriate.

(c) Highways

Following the meeting of the Highways working group (notes appended to the minutes) the County Council (C.C.) had responded. The C. C. were also asking the Parish to consider proposals for grass cutting and minor works. Cllr. Taylor had had further discussions with the C.C. as regards a possible school crossing patrol on Hilderstone Road.

RESOLVED

The response from the C.C. and their request to be considered by the Highways working group and reported back to the next meeting.

(d) Date of December meeting

RESOLVED

It was agreed to change the date of the December meeting from the 11th December to Tuesday 2nd December at Fulford Village Hall

74/08 MATTERS FOR REPORT

BT proposals to remove BT phone kiosks – the process is starting again for the 3rd time as BT have not followed the correct procedure.

Footpath leading from the new bus shelter on Stallington Road – Cllr. Colclough reported that a resident had suggested that an additional footpath be installed in the opposite direction to the one already in place.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Stafford and Rural Homes – invitation to an Open Event on 6th November
South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust – draft NHS Constitution
Staffordshire Playing Fields Assoc. – notification of AGM & Annual Report
NALC – information on consultations re: Improving Local Accountability and Time Off Entitlements
The Community Council of Staffordshire – Annual Report
Stafford Borough Council – Parish Forum minutes
Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest

75/08 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Footpath and grass cutting on Stallington estate
Planters for Rough Close
Provision of Byelaws

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Council is to be convened at Fulford Village Hall on Thursday 13th November 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN