

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008 AT 7.30 P.M.  
AT MEIR HEATH & ROUGH CLOSE VILLAGE HALL**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Mrs. K Brayford (Chairman), Brayford, Colclough, Mrs. Malvern, Moore, Mycock, Oxby, Shaw and Taylor.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Beck (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Baggeley, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Holmes, A Holmes, Lovatt, Mrs Wheat and Borough Councillors Harp and Oldfield

**OTHER NON-ATTENDEES:** Councillors Bevan, Goodfellow .

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public attended to make representation concerning the inadequacy of the drainage system to deal with the water flowing down Balaam's Lane, Moss Gate following the torrential rain over Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**RESOLVED:-**

The Clerk to write to the Highways Department asking them to contact the householder and/or Councillor Colclough concerning the issue.

**62/08 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:-**

That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2008, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**63/08 COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

In the absence of Borough Councillors and County Councillor there was no report.

**64/08 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) Office furniture**

Details for the purchase of a table and 6 chairs for the Parish office were presented.

**RESOLVED:-**

That a table and 6 chairs be purchased at a total cost of £473.89 (*since the meeting it has been possible to negotiate a discount on the items- new price £245.58*).

**(c) Occupational Licence for the Parish Office**

**RESOLVED:-**

It was agreed that the Finance and General Purposes Committee would consider this item and bring a recommendation back to the full Council.

**(d) Seat on Stallington Road**

*(Councillor Taylor declared an interest and took no part in the discussion)*

Three quotations were presented to the Council for consideration.

**RESOLVED:-**

That Artistic Engineering be asked to provide the seat as they are able to provide an exact match to the existing seats within the parish. The cost will be £575 plus £50 for a plaque.

**(e) Other financial matters**

A further resident of the parish had been identified as reaching 100 and it was suggested that a bouquet of flowers from the Parish Council be presented to her.

**RESOLVED:-**

The Chairman to present a bouquet, on behalf of the Parish Council.

**65/08 PLANNING**

**(a) Applications**

**RESOLVED: -**

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

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

08/10075/FUL winter housing for livestock – Birchfields, Moss Gate.

08/10479/FUL demolition of existing bungalow and construction of a new house – 25 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath.

08/10657/FUL extension – 1 Fernlea Grove, Meir Heath.

08/10698/FUL extension – 3 Cherry Close, Fulford.

08/10709/FUL extension – 5 York Avenue, Fulford.

08/10822/FUL extension – 50 Highview Road, Fulford.

2) That objections be raised to the following applications for the reasons stated at the meeting:-

08/10819/FUL Proposed retirement bungalow to the rear of 74 Uttoxeter Road, Blythe Bridge.

**(b) Decisions**

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

08/10328/COU – The Rowans, Ridgeway Drive, Blythe Bridge.

08/10424/FUL extension – 107 Sutherland Crescent, Blythe Bridge.

08/10528/FUL garage conversion 4 Diamond Close, Meir Heath.

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

08/10151/FUL extension – 53 Hilderstone Road, Meir Heath

(c) **Other planning issues**

It was reported that the Planning Inspector had allowed and granted planning permission in respect of 34 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath.

**66/08 CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING A DECISION BY THE COUNCIL**

(a) **Item 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:-

- **Youth provision in the Parish** – This item covered two areas of activity a) support for young people particularly in the Fulford village area so they can link with the activities taking place at Blythe Bridge High School, as well as the possible provision of a shelter in the village and b) possible funding through a Playbuilder programme being run by Staffordshire County Council to provide playground facilities for 8-13 year olds.
- **Grindley Park & MH&RC Village Hall signage** – Details of the signs including costs were presented to the Council.
- **Review of policy for gifts and/or donations under “free resource”** – The Council debated its policy in relation to presenting a gift to those parishioners reaching particular ‘landmark’ birthdays.
- **Consideration of a tribute to the late Cllr. Bedson** – Possible tributes to the late Cllr. Bedson were discussed.

**RESOLVED:-**

- i) It was agreed that the Council will work with the Blythe Bridge Community and Learning Partnership to help facilitate access to opportunities for young people in Fulford. It was also agreed in principle to consider the siting of a shelter in the village (Cllr Oxby and other ward councillors to consider where this might best be placed); it was further agreed that the Council will pursue a possible application for funding from the Playbuilders programme for Grindley Park.
- ii) It was agreed to move forward with the erection of signs on Grindley Park and at MH&RC village hall on the basis of the prices submitted to the meeting.
- iii) It was agreed that the policy of giving a bouquet to all Parish residents reaching their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday be continued.
- iv) It was agreed by a majority of the Councillors present to provide a tree(s) in memory of the late Cllr. Bedson within the grounds of MH&RC village hall, subject to prices being agreed. The Clerk was asked to obtain costs.

**67/08 MATTERS OF REPORT AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**BT proposals to remove BT phone kiosks** – the process is starting again as BT have not followed the correct procedure. It was also reported that it is possible to retain the

kiosks by the Parish Council either ‘sponsoring a kiosk’ or ‘adopting a kiosk’. However neither option was considered appropriate.

***Speed indication device on Grindley Lane*** – statistics covering the trial period are available at the Parish Office.

***A50 response from Highways Agency*** – it was reported that the Highways Agency had responded to the Council’s concerns over the number of accidents on the A50 roundabout. They are expecting to help deal with this issue with a scheme to improve the path of vehicles through the roundabout by altering the road layout for eastbound traffic. This work is scheduled for 2009/10 subject to the availability of funding.

***Parish Forum*** – Cllr. Oxby reported on the annual Parish Forum held at Stafford BC. The main topics covered were the LDF process, including Principles for settlement development, LEADER and election expenses.

***Request for school patrol on Hilderstone Road*** – It was reported that the County Council were unable to support the Parish’s request for a school crossing patrol as the survey undertaken did not show the criteria set for such a facility had been met. The Council agreed to continue to pursue this with the County.

***SPCA*** – it was agreed to invite the Stafford branch of the SPCA to meet in Fulford Parish in the near future.

Receipt of the following correspondence/reports was noted:-

Staffordshire County Council – confirmation that the horse awareness signs are to be erected on Stallington Road

South Staffordshire Primary Care Trust – notification of AGM

SPCA – notification of AGM and request for resolutions for debate

NALC – information relating to moving the date of local government elections

Central Borders – Local Housing Needs Survey

SPCA – newsletter

Community Transport Assoc. – notification of national conference

CPRE – newsletter

Letter of thanks from 2 pupils who were sponsored to attend the Staffordshire Twinning Camp.

Stafford Borough Council – Members Digest

#### **68/08 ITEM(S) FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Youth provision, particularly links to the Blythe Bridge Community and Learning Partnership (Margy Woodhead to attend for this item).

Resolutions for debate at the SPCA AGM

#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Council is to be convened at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at 7.15 p.m.

CHAIRMAN