



MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council Full Council Meeting

Thursday 8th February 2024

Fulford Village Hall

Present:

Cllr A Meredith
Cllr P Wilkinson
Cllr J Crossley
Cllr A Lovatt
Cllr P White
Cllr J White
Cllr G Brunt
Cllr C Baskin
Cllr K Deeth (arrived at 1920hrs)

SBC Cllr A Sandiford
SCC Cllr I Parry (arrived at 1922hrs)

In attendance:
Mrs G Keiher-Knapper (Clerk/RFO)

One Member of Public

Meeting started at 1915hrs

175/24 Public Participation.

There was one member of public in attendance who wished to raise concerns about Rough Close Common with regards to the high number of self-setting trees some of which are now mature as the area should be a heath land. The member of public also raised the question to if the cattle were causing this issue and could they be doing more harm than good.

Cllr A Sandiford informed the member of public that he had met with Cllr Waller recently at the Common and he agreed that there should not be any trees and that funding was a big problem but Staffordshire wildlife was coming on board.

The member of public informed the meeting that there would be a lot of residents and businesses happy to volunteer to remove the trees providing they could keep the wood.

Cllr A Sandiford agreed to discuss this with SBC and meet with the Clerk to form a volunteers working group if SBC agreed.

The member of public left the meeting.

176/24 **Apologies** for Absence.

Apologies were received for Cllr J Whitham, Cllr T Elder, Cllr A Noblett, Cllr A Gilbert and SBC Cllr Dodson

177/24 **Declarations of interest and dispensation** (from agenda).

None were received.

178/24 To following minutes were approved:

- a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 11th January 2024.
- b) Solar Farm Working Group Thursday 11th January 2024.
- c) Public Consultation Working Group Thursday 11th January 2024.

179/24 To receive a **Report** from the Police

The Police attended and had nothing formal to report. The Police informed the meeting that they had been working with the Clerk to hopefully have SPACE sessions running in the Parish over Summer, also to arranged dates for Summer Drop-in Clinics to go in the next Parish Newsletter.

180/24 To receive **Report** from:

- a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr Sandiford informed the meeting that he had been working on:

- A funding application for Rough Close Common and Staffordshire Wildlife partnership.
- Attended Parishes Together with Cllr Marlow to work together with neighbouring SMDC Parishes.
- Possible new allotment site with Homes Plus.
- Antisocial Behaviour Team in SBC to help with problems in the Parish.
- Homes Plus should decide by the end of the month with regards to all the garages
- Dealing with complaints about speeding through the Parish.
- Complaints about different sorts of care homes applications in the Parish.

- b) County Councillor

Cllr Parry informed the meeting that he had been working on:

- Meir Heath Crossroads which work is due to commence 12th February including improved signage at the top of Windmill Hill for HGVs.
- Speed Limit change from St Mathews Primary School to the Swynnerton Arms.
- Adamwaite Drive due to be surface repaired and then surface dressed.

Cllr Parry informed the meeting that the County Council knows that the roads are in a state, but this is because 2023 was the third wettest year on record. The County Council is investing in pothole pro machines but they would not be useful in rural Fulford because the road is required to be flat and straight.

The County Councils budget was agreed today, and most of the spend is on people, now have a five year balanced budget with healthy reserves. This year's investment will be in libraries and Chase water.

181/24 To receive **Reports** from Council Committee's/Working Groups and accept any **recommendations** made.

None have met.

182/24 **Clerks Report**

The Clerk's report was distributed to all members. The following key points were raised:

- Cllr J White to arrange COVID plaque in Remembrance Garden.
- Shared Wardens jobs lists for February.
- Updated the Parish Council on Speed Indicator Displays.
- Submitted Local Council Award.
- Updates from Village Hall Reps received.
- Clerk informed Council of all correspondence received.
- The Parish Council agreed to fund trial Community Bus to Stone.
- Reminder to Councillors to take up training opportunities.
- Clerk Annual Leave Thursday 15th February and WC 29th July 24.

183/24 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:

- a) Fulford Parish Council approved Jan/Feb payments list.
- b) Fulford Parish Council approved January 24 Bank Reconciliation.

184/24 To consider **Planning Applications** received.

No comments.

185/24 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.

The Chair informed the Parish Council that he has been unwell and is now recovering and as a result will be stepping down as Chairman at the May meeting.

186/24 **Health and Safety**

No reports.

187/24 **Climate Change Project Bee Metre Squared**

The Clerk has contacted the schools within the Parish, and they would all like to get involved in the Bee Meter Squared project.

Cllr Lovatt has sourced all materials for the project to go ahead and the Clerk will put the packs together.

Dates will be confirmed for assembly presentations from Councillors for March then judging the competitions in June.

188/24 **Newsletter**

The content for the next Newsletter was agreed and requested to be submitted to the Clerk by the 14th March:

- Climate Change article about the Parish Project – Cllr Lovatt
- Free Defib training poster – Cllr Gilbert
- How to report Highways Defects including streetlights article – Clerk
- Public Consultation Survey about Land off Grindley Park – Clerk
- Produce Show Advert – Cllr Meredith
- Solar Farm Petition – Cllr Marlow
- Cresswell Development applications – Working Group
- Group Litter Pick – Cllr J White

- Common Volunteers – Cllr Sandiford

Confidential Items to be discussed at the end of the meeting if Public and Press are present.

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| Brilliant Bamboo to use Cockieshall Lane in Fulford |
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| For: 3 | Against: 6 | Abstentions: 0 |
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190/24 **Budget for the Fulford Funday and agree a Working Group Meeting**

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| A budget of £1250 for Fulford Funday |
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| Proposed: Cllr J White | Seconded: Cllr P Wilkinson |
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| For: 9 | Against: 0 | Abstentions: 0 |
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191/24 **Windmill**

Fulford Parish Council all agreed to nominate the Windmill and Windmill public House as assets of community value.

192/24 Items for **next Agendas.**

193/24 To **confirm Date**, Time and Location of next meeting.

Thursday 14th March 2024 at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall at 1915hrs

Meeting Closed at 2105 hrs

[Signed](#)

[Date](#)

[Position](#)