



MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council Full Council Meeting

Thursday 11th January 2024

Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Janet Crossley
Cllr Angela Noblett
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Teri Elder
Cllr P White
Cllr G Brunt
Cllr C Marlow
Cllr C Baskin
Cllr A Gilbert

SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford
SBC Cllr Mike Dodson

In attendance:

Mrs Gemma Keiher-Knapper (Clerk/RFO)

Meeting started at 1915hrs

155/24 Public Participation.

There was one member of public in attendance.

156/24 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received for Cllr J Whitham, Cllr K Deeth and Cllr J White.

157/24 Declarations of interest and dispensation (from agenda).

None were received.

158/24 To following minutes were approved:

- a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 14th December 2023.

159/24 To receive a **Report** from the Police
Did not attend.

160/24 To receive **Report** from:

- a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr Sandiford informed the meeting that it had been Christmas annual leave period at Stafford Borough Council so most officers have been on annual leave so Cllr Sandiford has used the time to catch up on case work along with pot holes, litter bins and street lighting.

The allotments off Ridgeway could potentially be signed over to Fulford Parish Council from Housing Plus.

The Cherry Trees that were removed from Uttoxeter have now had replacement trees re planted.

Cllr Dodson informed the meeting that Stafford Borough Council have had a change in auditor which caused some issues that have now been resolved and now a much more solid budget has been presented with large reserves so are looking in a good position financially.

Stafford Borough Council is looking to expand its Green and Finance Department.

The County Council has huge expenditure on Schools, Social Services and Highways as a result money has got tighter.

- b) County Councillor
Did not attend.

161/24 To receive **Reports** from Council Committee's/Working Groups and accept any **recommendations** made.

Public Consultation Working Group

Met Thursday 11th January at 1800hrs and proposed that the Public Consultation go live to establish if the opportunity arose would the residents of Fulford want Fulford Parish Council to purchase the land next to Grindley Park. The Parish Council voted and the majority vote in favour.

Solar Farm Working Group

Met Thursday 11th January at 1830hrs and proposed that once the full planning application is received that a public meeting is to be arranged and a petition begun. The Parish Council voted in favour.

162/24 Clerks Report

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

- **SID** update battery one trying to repair and new solar one to be erected soon.
- **Local Council Award** update to be submitted to NALC as no response from SPCA.
- **Correspondence** discussed and individual request for funding declined.
- **Wards Highways** Meetings to begin.
- **Stafford Bus** to investigate this further and possibly to Stone to begin with.
- **Councillor Training** Clerk requested that Cllrs look to book in and refresh.
- **St Georges Day Celebration** Cllr Marlow to draft a plan for next year.

- **Civic Amenity** dates are now published.
- Annual Leave and Working Hours are agreed and displayed on Office door.
- **Funday** was agreed by a majority vote to take over from the Fulford Volunteers running the Fun Day but one year to be held in Fulford Ward and the following year the Meir Heath Ward.

163/24 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:

- a) Fulford Parish Council approved Dec/Jan payments list.
- b) Fulford Parish Council approved December 23 Bank Reconciliation.

164/24 To consider **Planning Applications** received.

App No 23/38500/HOU No comments

Footpath SJ95313838 to SJ96573889 Comments to be approved with Chair of Planning Committee and submitted.

165/24 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.

The Chair informed the Parish Council that Fulford Village Hall now has a new bookings secretary.

166/24 Fulford Parish Council reviewed and approved the following **Policies:**

- a) Training and Development Policy next review December 2026
- b) Privacy Policy next review next review December 2026
- c) Child Protection Policy next review December 2026 amend POC to Cllr Noblett

167/24 **Health and Safety**

- a) Street Lights – Cllr Brunt reported a number of street lights not working. The Clerk advised him to report it online as they get repaired very quickly or to send the clerk photographs and locations to report them. Cllr Brunt also advised for instructions on how to make these reports to go in the next Parish Council newsletter, the clerk will check that the links are on the Parish Council website

168/24 **Climate Change Project Bee Metre Squared**

Fulford Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the bee metre squared Climate Change project in the Primary schools in the Parish. A budget was set for £300 for Cllr Lovatt to source the seeds and envelopes. The Clerk will source the prizes one for each school and contact the schools.

169/24 **Leadendale Parking** Cllr Lovatt informed the Parish Council about the ongoing problem. The Parish Council agreed for Cllr Lovatt to list all possible solutions and to document the residents opinions on each solution and report back to the Parish Council with his findings.

The member of public left the meeting.

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

170/24 **Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall new agreement**

The Clerk read the solicitors questions to the Parish Council and the Parish Council agreed answers together for each question. The same has been requested of the Village Hall Committee meeting in February. Then the two Chairs can meet to compare and discuss

their answers to come to an agreement for the solicitors questions so that a new agreement can be drafted.

171/24 **Bins for Grindley Park** it was agreed for two replacement bins to be purchased to replace the old concrete style ones as they fill up with water making it difficult to empty them.

172/24 **Whats app group** it was agreed to trial a Councillor What's app group.

173/24 Items for **next Agendas**.

174/24 To **confirm Date**, Time and Location of next meeting.
Thursday 8th February 2024 at Fulford Village Hall at 1915hrs

Meeting Closed at 2110 hrs

Signed

Date

Position