



MINUTES

FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 9th March 2023

Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Present:

Cllr Martin Oxby
Cllr Angela Noblett
Cllr Carol Baskin
Cllr Gareth Brunt
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson left the meeting at 1950hrs
Cllr Karen Deeth
Cllr Jane White arrived at 1923hrs
Cllr Paul White arrived at 1923hrs
Cllr Allen Gilbert arrived at 1920hrs
Cllr Andrew Lovatt

SBC Cllr Michael Dodson

In attendance:

Mrs Gemma Keiher-Knapper (Clerk/RFO)

Meeting starts at 1915hrs

The Chairman informed the Parish Council of the sad news that Cllr Johnson of Blythe Bridge Ward has sadly passed away.

227/23 Public Participation.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

228/23 Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Sarah Hamilton
Cllr David Wheat
PCSOs

229/23 Declarations of interest and dispensation.

None.

230/23 To consider minutes for accuracy and approve minutes.

Full council approved the minutes of:

- a) Full Council Meeting Thursday 9th February 2023.
- b) Grindley Park Working Group Minutes Monday 6th March 2023

231/23 To receive a Report from the Police (if available).

The PCSOs were unable to attend.

232/23 To receive Report from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors (if available).

Cllr M Dodson updated the Parish Council with regards to SBC being busy with the up-and-coming elections and year end.

Cllr M Dodson informed the Parish Council that Cannock and Stafford now each have a Deputy Chief Executive in place. Also, both sites are still struggling to fully recruit and return all staff to work in the offices and not from home.

Leisure which includes the Castle and Theatre has required further support from SBC.

Planning and Regeneration have been doing lots of work to enhance the whole of the Borough.

Community and Health have also been very busy.

Cllr A Noblett and Cllr P Wilkinson requested further support from Cllr M Dodson with regards to the condition and dangerous marking of the mini islands at Meir Heath.

b) County Councillor (if available).

Did not attend.

233/23 Reports from Council Committee's/Working Groups:

To be reported under confidential items.

234/23 Clerks Report

Already distributed.

- a) The Parish Council agreed to move the Annual Meeting of the Council and The Annual Parish Meeting from the 11th May because of the Elections.
- b) The Parish Council agreed to go forward with a new reduced cost Printer Lease package with the existing company.

The Clerk updated the Parish Council with regards to the following:

- The laptops re sale value.
- Grindley Park complaints and actions.
- During the Easter Holidays the Parish Office will only be open in the mornings on Thursdays.
- SBC Elections meeting for the Clerk Wednesday 15th March 2023.
- Kind donation of 60t of topsoil from Mowdens at Blythe Fields and S J Walchesters.
- Rooted Christmas Trees continues with the Highways Dept.
- Bin Stickers have been delivered for the top on Grindley Lane and Hilderstone Rd and now ordered more bin stickers for the bottom of Grindley Lane by Springcroft Primary School.
- Cllr P White and Cllr A Gilbert will familiarise themselves with the instructions for the Speed Indicator Display.
- Newsletter preparation to begin ready for summer.

235/23 Accounts/Finance: to consider/approve.

- a) Fulford Parish Council approved **Februarys Accounts/Payments.**
- b) Fulford Parish Council approved **Februarys Bank Reconciliation.**
- c) Fulford Parish Council approved **Clerks incremental rise.**
- d) Fulford Parish Council approved the updated **Asset Register.**
- e) Fulford Parish Council approved the final **Budget Virements.**

The Chair Cllr Peter Wilkinson left the meeting

236/23 To consider Planning Applications received.

App No 22/36747/FUL	Fulford Hall Farmhouse	No comments.
App No 23/37122/FUL	203 Grindley Lane	No comments.

237/23 Report from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.

No report from the Chairman.

238/23 Council approved the following policies:

None

239/23 Health and Safety

The Clerk informed the Parish Council about the electricity in the Parish Office had been condemned because the live and earth were the wrong way round. As a result, it was established that the meter that the VHC had fitted to charge the Parish Council for electricity does not only measure the electricity that the Parish Office uses as the VHC had informed it also measures the two radiators in the meeting room and the lights in the upstairs storage room therefore a reimbursement is owed. The live and earth is now rectified and as a result an independent electrician is booked to conduct electrical checks of the Parish Office which should be conducted every 3-5 years.

Cllr Jane White informed the Parish Council that she is working towards a pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Grindley Lane on Uttoxeter Road and a reduction in the speed limit.

240/23 Christmas Tree Updates

Highways Dept cancelled the meeting on the 1st March awaiting a rescheduled date.

241/23 Coffee Morning Update

Defer to next month.

242/23 Allotment Risk Assessment

The Parish Council approved the Allotment Risk Assessment.

243/23 Fulford Church Yard Cutting

Fulford Church Yard is not owned by Fulford Parish Council and therefore has no authority to cut the grass. It was identified during setting the budget in November when the Parish Council were making cuts where possible to reduce the Parish Councils outgoings to ensure an unnecessary rise in precept was not passed on to the residents. The Clerk approached the Diocese to request a contribution towards the cutting which was recently refused.

To stop cutting the grass at Fulford Church Yard
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Proposed: Cllr J White	Seconded: Cllr C Baskin
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For: 7	Against: 3	Abstentions: 0
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The Clerk to inform the Contractor and the Diocese and Cllr A Meredith to inform the residents.

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

244/23 To consider the Kings Coronation mug quotes

After some discussion the Council agreed go forward with Edwards and Lockets for the supply of Kings Coronation mugs for the Primary Schools within the Parish.

245/23 Grindley Park Quotes

Cllr A Noblett as Chair of the Grindley Park working group made recommendations to the Parish with regards to Streetscape to conduct the resurfacing under the zip wire and basket swing and Play bark to conduct the remedial works on the slide the Parish Council agreed to have the works done as all areas had previously been reported in the ROSPA report.

246/23 Items for the next agenda

Cllr J White – Santa’s Sleigh

247/23 To confirm date, time and location of the next meeting.

Thursday 13th April at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall.

Meeting Closed at 2030hrs

GEMMA KEIHER-KNAPPER (Clerk/ Proper Officer)

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Signed

Date

Position