MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 12th October 2023

Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Karen Deeth
Cllr Jean Whitham
Cllr Janet Crossley
Cllr Connor Marlow
Cllr Angela Noblett
Cllr Gareth Brunt

SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford
SBC Cllr Mike Dodson

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

Meeting started at 1915hrs

092/23 **Public Participation**.
No members of public were in attendance.

093/23 **Apologies** for Absence.
Cllr P White, Cllr J White, Cllr Baskin, Cllr Elder, Cllr Lovatt and Cllr Gilbert.

094/23 **Declarations of interest and dispensation** (from agenda).
None.

095/23 To consider **minutes** for accuracy and approve minutes.
Full Council approved the minutes of:

a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 14th September 2023.
b) Planning Committee Meeting Thursday 14th September 2023.
c) Extra Ordinary Meeting Minutes Monday 2nd October 2023.

096/23 To receive a **Report** from the Police
Did not attend.

097/23 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr M Dodson informed the meeting that he has been investigating the Solar Farm proposal and meeting with the planning officer once a week. Cllr M Dodson has been invited a site visit for a different solar farm. Still awaiting a decision to if an Environmental Impact Assessment is required especially considering 51 hedgerows will be removed and two footpaths. There are also 9 listed buildings within 1km of the proposed site. Aswell as 60m of Fulford conservation area.
Cllr M Dodson also informed the meeting that it was a most enjoyable evening attending the licencing of the new Parish Vicar.

Cllr A Sandiford informed the meeting that not a lot has been happening at SBC other than training courses. The situation with the land off Grange Road is not any different from when the council last met. Cllr A Sandiford informed the meeting that he is currently dealing with lots of complaints and case work with regards to Stallington residents and private charges and Homes Plus complaints in Meir Heath and Blythe Bridge.

b) County Councillor

Did not attend.

098/23 To receive **Reports** from Council Committee's/Working Groups and accept any **recommendations** made.
Not met due to extra ordinary meeting.

Appoint working group for Public Consultation and Solar Farm Planning Application.
Public Consultation Working Group
Cllr Deeth, Cllr Brunt, Cllr Crossley and SBC Cllr Sandiford.
Solar Farm Working Group
Cllr Marloe, Cllr Deeth, Cllr Crossley, Cllr Wilkinson and SBC Cllr Dadson.

099/23 **Clerks Report**
The Clerk's report was distributed to all members. The following key points were raised:
-Natwest Mandate is now complete and submitted awaiting confirmation.
-Christmas Closure Friday 22nd December until Wednesday 3rd January 2024.
-Shared attendants monthly jobs lists.
-Cllr Elders Tea and Toast is thriving and is well established as a Warmer Space for in the Parish.
-Grindley Park complaints and compliments.
-Midyear Audit complete.
-Allotments Association held a meeting in the Parish Office.

100/23 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:
a) Sept/Oct payments list.
b) September Bank Reconciliation
c) 2323/24 Budget Plans
Produce Show
Bench requested on Grindley Park Football Pitch
Possible Fun Day
Planter at Meir Heath carwash

101/23 To consider **Planning Applications** received.
No comments.

102/23 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.
The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr Gilbert is taking a three month leave of absence.

The Chairman also informed the meeting that he had attended the Fulford Village Hall meeting that morning and as always, its doing well.

103/23 Fulford Parish Council approved the following **Polices**:

a) Disciplinary Policy.
b) Grievance Policy.

104/23 **Health and Safety**
Cllr Noblett informed the meeting that she had instructed the Fulford attendant to cut back the trees blocking vision at the junction of Westview because Highways still have not actioned the report. The Clerk reminded the meeting that all works requests for the attendants should come to the Clerk first as he is only eight hours a week.

The Clerk informed the meeting about a letter received with regards to potholes causing walkers injuries within the Parish. The Clerk forward it to Cllr Parry and the Highways Officer for the Parish.

105/23 **Highways**
Cllr Sandiford updated the meeting that he is in the first phase of section 56 with regards to the Highways not addressing the ongoing terrible condition of the roads in the Fulford Parish.

The Ward meetings to collate all Highways report will start in the New Year.

106/23 **Christmas Newsletter**
Not all the articles have been received for the Christmas Edition.

It was approved to remain with the current distribution and pay the rise in costs.

107/23 **Produce Show**
It was approved for Cllr Noblett, Cllr Meredith and Cllr Deeth to form a working group and an advertisement to go in the Christmas Newsletter

108/23 **Assets of Community Value in Fulford Parish**
The Parish Council discussed if there are any other assets of community value within the Parish that a nomination should be submitted for.

Cllr Brunt raised the Windmill and Cllr Sandiford advised that one had already been submitted.

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

109/23 **Defibrillator Cabinet**
The Defibrillator outside Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall cabinet lock has broken. The Village Hall Committee have given permission to put a replacement on the gate allowing 24/7 access. The Parish Council approved purchase of a replacement insulated external defibrillator cabinet.

110/23 **Planter** for outside the Meir Heath Car Wash
The planter quote was rejected by Fulford Parish Council as it was agreed that the location required a larger and grander planter as it is the highest point and most past point of the Parish.

111/23 **Grindley Park Footpath Repairs**
Fulford Parish Council approved the quote to repair the footpath on Grindley Park removing the timber edges and replacing with concrete curbing.

112/23 **Christmas Trees**
Deferred until November meets in Cllr Lovett's absence.

113/23 Items for **next Agendas.**
Christmas figures

114/23 To **confirm Date**, Time and Location of next meeting.
Thursday 9th November 2023 at Fulford Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 2015hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**