MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 13th July 2023

Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Carol Baskin
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Karen Deeth
Cllr Allen Gilbert
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Jean Whitham
Cllr Paul White
Cllr Jane White
Cllr Janet Crossley
Cllr Connor Marlow (Co opted during the meeting)

SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford arrived 1935hrs

In attendance:
Mrs Gemma Keiher-Knapper (Clerk/RFO)
4 members of public
1 press officer
PCSO

Meeting started at 1915hrs

049/23 **Public Participation**.
Guest Speaker for Brilliant Bamboo explained that it is at the beginning of its journey with the support of Imagine Bamboo in Coventry. The guest speaker explained all the positives of bamboo and all the local projects and local businesses involved.

Two Guest Speakers for Be Yourself and Love It explained that before COVID they ran a performing arts group for 60+ students. Post COVID they have found that young people are struggling with anxiety and confidence issues which they would like to help with because agencies waiting lists are too long. They work with children aged 7 to 16 in Audley to help build self-confidence. 1:8 ratio they can't diagnose but do sign post.

050/23 **Apologies** for Absence.
Cllr Brunt, Cllr Noblett and Cllr Elder.

051/23 **Declarations of interest and dispensation** (from agenda).
None.

052/23

Co Option of Connor Marlow onto Fulford Parish Council for Blythe Bridge Ward.

Proposed: Cllr A Gilbert	**Seconded: Cllr J Crossley**

For: 9	**Against: 0**	**Abstentions: 1**

053/23 To consider **minutes** for accuracy and approve minutes.
Full Council approved the minutes of:

a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 8th June 2023.
b) Highways Working Group Wednesday 21st June 2023.

054/23 To receive a **Report** from the Police
The PCSO would like to stress that residents must call in to report issues because otherwise PCSO are being drafted to different locations.

The police have recently made an arrest with regards to the burglary at Blythe Golf Club and for an arrest for growing cannabis in Blythe.

055/23 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr A Sandiford updated the Parish Council that a lot of time and energy has been spent on the former university site with regards to the planning being denied and serco appealing.

Locally lots of training on auditing, planning, structure and case work.

b) County Councillor

Did not attend.

056/23 To receive **Reports** from Council Committee's/Working Groups and accept any **recommendations** made.

a) Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall representatives.

Updated Fulford Parish Council that there were only six people in attendance including Cllr Whitham and Cllr P White. A radiator is to be replaced in the main hall.
The biggest issue was still a post box requested by the Parish Council which has now been agreed to be a brick construction.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the solicitors are now underway with updating the agreements.

b) Highways Working Group

The minutes of the working group have been approved.
The Clerk requested monthly Ward Highways Working Groups to consolidate all the Highways issues in the Parish.

057/23 **Clerks Report**
The Clerk's report was distributed to all members. The following key points were raised:
-Still chasing NatWest mandate forms.
-Annual Leave and Parish Office Closed 27th Jul-16th August.
-Grindley Park remembrance garden to begin works 19th July.
-Rooted Christmas Trees ongoing.
-Newsletter now being distributed.
-Wardens job list for July and August.
-Complaints about Hollies Drive overgrown bushes.
-Tea and Toast update.
-Agreed to have Speed Watch signs installed.
-Agreed to apply for Local Council Foundation Award.
-Renewed BT for a cheaper deal
-Letter to resident about SID.
-Lighting Inventory approved

058/23 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:
a) June/July Accounts/Payments.
b) June Bank Reconciliation.

059/23 To consider **Planning Applications** received.
No comments.

060/23 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.
Fulford Village Group fun day on Saturday was very successful and very well attended.

061/23 Fulford Parish Council reviewed and approved the following **Risk Assessments**:
a) Grindley Park Playground Risk Assessment.
b) Grindley Park Playing Fields Risk Assessment.
c) Grindley Park Muga and Pitch Risk Assessment.

062/23 **Health and Safety**
Cllr Gilbert reported ditches in footpath between Hilderstone Rd and Hollies Drive.
Cllr Gilbert also reported bin overflowing on Grindley Park and the requirement for closed bins.

063/23 **Highways**
Previously covered.

064/23 **Newsletter**
The newsletter is currently being delivered.

065/23 **A50 Closure**
The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the work should be complete in two weeks. Also, any businesses can apply to Cadence for loss of income.

066/23 **Renewable Energy Systems Ltd.**
Fulford Parish Council agreed that the Clerk is to request a public presentation as lots of questions could not be answered and many residents could not attend because it was short notice or because they did not receive the literature (Saverely Green).

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

067/23 **Lamppost Poppies**
The majority of Fulford Parish Council agreed for Cllr Brunt to purchase lamppost poppies to the value of £500 for be divided between the Parish Wards.

068/23 **Consider proposal for Cookieshall Lane**
The Parish Council agreed for Cllr Lovatt to work with Brilliant Bamboo to find out more information and feedback to the Council in September for a decision.

069/70 **Consider funding Be Yourself and Love it**
Fulford Parish Council agreed for the group to submit a Parish Council Grant application for a workshop in February 24.

070/23 Items for **next Agendas.**
Review budget
Discuss neighbourhood plan
Communications
Grass Verges – Cllr Baskin

071/23 To **confirm Date**, Time and Location of next meeting.
Thursday 14th September at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 2050hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**