MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 14th September 2023

Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Karen Deeth
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Jean Whitham
Cllr Paul White
Cllr Jane White
Cllr Janet Crossley
Cllr Connor Marlow
Cllr Angela Noblett

SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford
SBC Cllr Mike Dodson

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

Meeting started at 1915hrs

072/23 **Public Participation**.
No members of public were in attendance.

073/23 **Apologies** for Absence.
Cllr Brunt, Cllr Baskin and Cllr Gilbert.

074/23 **Declarations of interest and dispensation** (from agenda).
None.

075/23 To consider **minutes** for accuracy and approve minutes.
Full Council approved the minutes of:

a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 14th July 2023.
b) Governance Committee Meeting Monday 4th September 2023.
c) Extra Ordinary Meeting Minutes Monday 4th September 2023.

076/23 To receive a **Report** from the Police
The PCSO informed the meeting that an additional PCSO is starting and that will also be responsible for Fulford Parish and should attend future meetings.

The Clerk informed the PCSO that the on line non-emergency reporting system is not fit for purpose and the PCSO informed the Council that this would be reported up the Chain of Command.

Cllr Noblett informed the PCSO that residents have complained about a new transporter company being used to deliver vehicles to the car sales depot in Meir Heath being parked dangerously for long periods of time.

077/23 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr M Dodson informed the meeting that himself and Cllr A Sandiford are splitting Parish issues between them, and that Cllr M Dodson has been working on the proposed Solar Farm planning application. Cllr M Dodson thinks that the Parish Councillors may need to support him with getting as much resident support in the form of a petition as this application is requesting to use 270 acres of green belt land backing 50-100m away from the Parishes four communities, cutting off two footpaths and impinging on two more.

Cllr A Sandiford informed the meeting that he has been working on the Community Asset Application for the land off Grange Road. Aswell as liaising with Stoke on Trent City Council and Save Grindley Heath Group. The nomination is awaiting a decision by SBC.

b) County Councillor

Did not attend.

078/23 To receive **Reports** from Council Committee's/Working Groups and accept any **recommendations** made.

a) Governance Committee

Cllr J White informed the meeting that everything is back on track and that she has audited all the invoices ready for the interim internal auditor.

Cllr J White passed on thanks to the signatories for being very thorough.

b) Planning Committee

Cllr P White informed the meeting that the Planning Committee had met earlier and would like to request delegated authority to submit Fulford Parish Councils objections for Leaford Solar Farm and Draycott Solar Farm. The Parish Council agreed to the request providing the Council Chair and Vice Chair also approve the comments before submission.

Finally, the Planning Committee are hoping to start a Neighbourhood Plan in the near future.

079/23 **Clerks Report**
The Clerk's report was distributed to all members. The following key points were raised:
-Natwest Mandate is now complete.
-Annual Leave 27th and 28th September Parish Office will be closed.
-Shared attendants monthly jobs lists.
-Letter approved to be sent to residents with over grown bushes obstructing footpaths.
-Cllr Elders Tea and Toast is thriving and is well established as a Warmer Space for in the Parish.
-Speed Watch Signs are being installed on Friday.
-Local Council Foundation Award submitted.
-Parish Council social media is now up and running.

-Cllr J White updated the meeting reference Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall Committee meeting and that they have approved moving the defib to the main gate.

080/23 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:
a) July/Augusts payments list.
b) August/Septembers payments list.
c) Julys Bank Reconciliation.
d) August Bank Reconciliation.
e) Fulford Parish Council noted the Budget Review.
f) Fulford Parish Council noted the completed AGAR 2022-23.
g) Fulford Parish Council approved Cllr P White, Cllr C Baskin and Cllr A Meredith to become signatories.

081/23 To consider **Planning Applications** received.
No comments.

082/23 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.
The Chair discussed meeting with Mr Brereton MP and it was decided to invite him to Fulford Parish Councils Extra Ordinary Meeting in October.

The Chair informed the meeting that SBC has not notified the Parish Council about Leaford Solar Farm Planning application being submitted and apparently this was because it is an ESS application.

083/23 Fulford Parish Council approved the following **Polices**:
a) Social Media Policy.

084/23 **Health and Safety**
The Clerk informed the meeting that rabbit holes on Grindley Park are getting excessive so the Grindley Park attendant has been tasked with filling them this month.

085/23 **Highways**
The Clerk asked Wards to continue to report their Highways defects and meeting to collate them will take place as soon as possible as the clerks priority currently is the Solar Farm and the Land off Grange Road.

Cllr A Sandiford informed the meeting that he has finally managed to get three pot hols off Adamthwaite Drive attended to and is awaiting an FOI.

086/23 **Christmas Newsletter**
Articles are required before the next full council meeting.
Remembrance Garden article – Cllr Noblett
Highways article – Cllr Deeth
Hills Helicopters article – Cllr P White
Leaford Solar Farm article – Cllr P White
Christmas Recipe – Cllr Noblett
Tea and Toast – Cllr Elder
Harvest Festival – Cllr Meredith
Speed Watch article
First Responder article – Cllr J White
District Councillors articles.

087/23 **Neighbourhood Plan**
The Clerk requested Councillors to read up to perhaps look at starting in the New Year.

088/23 **Five Year plan – Projects**
The Clerk to gather quotes for a replacement planter at Meir Heath Car Wash.
Councillors requested to bring suggestions to Octobers meeting.

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

089/23 **Bamboo**
Cllr Lovatt updated the Parish Council and the Parish Council requested more information in the form of a plan before making any decisions.

090/23 Items for **next Agendas.**
Five-year plan/Projects
Newsletter
Christmas

091/23 To **confirm Date**, Time and Location of next meeting.
Thursday 12th October at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 2045hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**