MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 8th June 2023

Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Angela Noblett
Cllr Carol Baskin
Cllr Gareth Brunt
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Karen Deeth
Cllr Allen Gilbert
Cllr Teri Elder
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Jean Whitham
Cllr Paul White arrived 1920hrs.
Cllr Jane White arrived 1920hrs.
Cllr Janey Crossley Co opted during the meeting.

SCC Cllr Ian Parry
SBC Cllr Michael Dodson
SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford

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

Meeting started at 1915hrs

027/23 **Public Participation**.
No member of the public in attendance.

028/23 **Apologies** for Absence.
None.

029/23 **Declarations of interest and dispensation** (from agenda).
None.

030/23 To consider **minutes** for accuracy and approve minutes.
Full Council approved the minutes of:

a) Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 18th May 2023
b) Annual Meeting of the Council Thursday 18th May 2023

031/23

Co Option of Janet Crossley onto Fulford Parish Council for Blythe Bridge Ward.

Proposed: Cllr P Wilkinson	**Seconded: Cllr P White**

For: 11	**Against: 0**	**Abstentions: 0**

032/23 To receive a **Report** from the Police
The PCSOs did not attend.

033/23 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr A Sandiford updated the Parish Council that anti-social behaviour is being tackled with CCTV on Ridgeway Drive and PC Hughes has said that it may extend to areas of Meir Heath.

Cllr A Sandiford also informed the Parish Council that he is in current communication with Housing Plus with regards to lots on ongoing unacceptable issues in Blythe Bridge and Meir Heath.

Finally, Cllr A Sandiford informed the Parish Council that he has received a week of telephone calls with regards to highways issues and that residents feel that areas are being favoured over Fulford Parish and this is leaving them isolated at home as roads and pavements are not safe to be used.

Cllr M Dodson informed Fulford Parish Council that the Borough is very busy currently forming under a new Labour Coalition however Conservative are still the largest single party. Committees are now set up and are holding meetings over the next week along with lots of training. As soon as things have settled progress can start to be made again.

b) County Councillor

Cllr I Parry started by updating the Parish Council with regards to reducing the Speed Limit by St Matthews Primary School and that the process is well underway.

Cllr I Parry informed the meeting that Meir Heath roundabouts are now higher priority in the programme of works and will hopefully see work being this summer. Along with an HGV Safety assessment.

Cllr I Parry stressed that everything should be reported otherwise the defects will not be fixed. An extra 20 million has been given to Highways repairs on top of the 80 million it already receives. The Clerk made Cllr I Parry aware that the telephone number for Highways does not go anywhere and reports can only be made online, and this eliminates lots of our residents from making highways reports. Cllr I Parry said that he will look into this and stressed that is a defect has been outstanding for a while and has been reported then through the Clerk please contact Cllr I Parry and it can be chased.

The County Council spends 70-80% is on people, mostly children in care. Lots of investment on early intervention with families. Also, a growing number of children with additional needs requiring transport to and from school.

Cllr J White asked about road works being coordinated between authorities as currently A50 closures when Uttoxeter road has only just re opened after months of being closed and having only just being re surfaced which will now be ruined. Also, Meir Park has a road closed at the same time for three weeks of re surfacing. Cllr P White added residents don't have access to up-to-date Highways information because there is Highways England, Staffordshire Highways etc. Cllr Parry said that some Authorities liaise and communicate better than others.

034/23 To receive **Reports** from Council Committee's/Working Groups and accept any **recommendations** made.
No Committees or Working Groups have met.

Reminder Highways Working Group Meeting Wednesday 21st June at 1300hrs.
Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall meeting Wednesday 14th June which Cllr Jane White is unable to attend so Cllr Paul White will attend in her absence with Cllr Jean Whitham.

035/23 **Clerks Report**
The Clerk's report was distributed to all members. The following key points were raised:
-Still awaiting NatWest mandate forms.
-Annual Leave and Parish Office Closed 27th Jul-16th August.
-Election Expenses returned.
-Rooted Christmas Trees ongoing.
-Newsletter preps ongoing.
-Wardens job list for June.
- Community Transport to try to re start Cllr Jean Whitham.

Cllr Noblett would like to thank the Fulford Attendant for his good work.

036/23 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:
a) May/Junes Accounts/Payments.
b) May Bank Reconciliation.

037/23 To consider **Planning Applications** received.
No comments.

038/23 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.
Nothing to report.

039/23 Fulford Parish Council reviewed and approved the following **policies**:
a) Complaints Policy.
b) Data Protection Policy.
c) Data Audit.
d) Publication Scheme.

040/23 Fulford Parish Council to adopted **General Power of Competence**.

Acknowledge and resolve that the criteria has been met and Fulford Parish Council adopt General Power of Competence

Proposed: Cllr P Wilkinson	**Seconded: Cllr A Noblett**

For: 11	**Against: 0**	**Abstentions: 0**

041/23 **Health and Safety**
Cllr Noblett informed the Parish Council that trees are over hanging the Common onto Lightwood Road.

042/23 **Planters**
Cllr G Brunt informed the Parish Council that the residents of West View would like to adopt the planters at Rough Close.
Cllr A Noblett informed the Parish Council that she has looked after the planters with other residents help for the last 10 years and would like to continue.

Cllr A Noblett continues to upkeep Rough Close Planters

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

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

Fulford Parish Council agreed to Saverley Green residents moving their planter if SBC have granted permission.

043/23 **Newsletter**
The newsletter was approved to go to print.

044/23 **A50 Closure**
Fulford Parish Council discussed this, and Blythe Bridge Councillors agreed to report through the Clerk any issues so it could be passed directly to Cadent.

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

045/23 **Lamppost Poppies**
The Clerk and Cllr Brunt obtained lamppost poppy quotes at £5 each. It was agreed that Ward Councillors would discuss how many they need for their Ward and report back for next month's Parish Council meeting.

046/23 **Grindley Park Remembrance Garden**
Having been let down by the previous contractor a new quote was approved by Fulford Parish Council with one Councillor against.

047/23 Items for **next Agendas.**

048/23 To **confirm Date**, Time and Location of next meeting.
Thursday 13th July at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 2100hrs

Signed	Date	Position