MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 9th November 2023

Fulford Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Jean Whitham
Cllr Janet Crossley
Cllr Angela Noblett
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Teri Elder
Cllr P White

SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford
SBC Cllr Mike Dodson

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

Meeting started at 1915hrs

115/23 **Public Participation**.
No members of public were in attendance.

116/23 **Apologies** for Absence.
Cllr J White, Cllr G Brunt, Cllr C Baskin, Cllr Gilbert and Cllr K Deeth.

117/23 **Declarations of interest and dispensation** (from agenda).
None.

118/23 To consider **minutes** for accuracy and approve minutes.
Full Council approved the minutes of:

a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 12th October 2023.
b) Public Consultation Working Group Monday 2nd October 2023.
c) Solar Farm Planning Working Group Monday 2nd October 2023.

119/23 To receive a **Report** from the Police
Did not attend.

120/23 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr M Dodson informed the meeting that he had met with Jack Brereton who is very active and interested and he also lives in the area.

The District Council is getting into a routine now, the scrutiny meeting went ahead, and the balance sheet is looking healthy.

Cllr Dodson also informed the meeting that he has spoken with the case officer for the Solar Farm planning application, and it is not looking likely to have an Environmental Impact Assessment because it is not a sensitive area like a National Park or SSSI. Despite it being in a 2km radius of 16 listed buildings and in Green Belt Land. Full planning application is expected to be submitted soon.

Cllr Sandiford informed the meeting that he has recently met with Homes Plus Head of Resources and Development reference their assets in Blythe Bridge and Meir Heath not being looked after and complaints not being dealt with. As a result, the garages are going to be tidied up a litter pick and a possible allotment site with a connection to men's mental health.

Street Scene have installed a new bin on Grindley Lane, Uttoxeter Road and have committed to new ones in Hilderstone, Meir Heath, Stallington, Ridgeway Drive and possibly Fulford.

Still ongoing issues with the lighting in Green Close which requires all agencies including the Parish Council to come together to resolve.

Finally fencing repaired on the lower Common.

b) County Councillor

Did not attend.

121/23 To receive **Reports** from Council Committee's/Working Groups and accept any **recommendations** made.

Public Consultation Working Group

Cllr Sandiford has created a public survey to be approved by the Parish Council to gauge the Parish resident's opinion with regards to purchasing the land next to Grindley Park if the opportunity arouse. The link is to go out in the Parish magazine and be publicised in the New Year.

Solar Farm Working Group

Cllr Marlow has created a petition to be approved by the Parish Council to firstly inform the residents of the planning application and to sign the petition if they are against the development on Parish Green Belt Land.

0/23 **Clerks Report**
The Clerk's report was distributed to all members. The following key points were raised:

- Natwest Mandate has now been processed.
- Grindley Park ROSPA report received and actioned.
- Wardens monthly job lists.
- SID installed on Hilderstone as soon as possible. Requested funding from Cllr Parry and Grant application to Rural Prosperity.
- Parish Council agreed for Clerk to attend Levelling Up Course.
- Parish Council agreed for £150 to Fulford Volunteers to repair Christmas display.
- Parish Council agreed dog poo bag dispenser for Saverley Green
- Parish Council agreed to adopted Fords Planters.

123/23 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:
a) Oct/Nov payments list.
b) October 23 Bank Reconciliation
c) 2024/25 Budget
d) NALC Pay Increase

124/23 To consider **Planning Applications** received.
No comments.

125/23 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.
The Chairman informed the meeting that he attend Fulford Village Hall meeting and everything is running fine.

The Chairman also reported that Cllr Parry had the results in from a speed assessment on Fulford Road and that the average speed recorded was 37mph as a result it will now be an approved location for the police speed van.

126/23 Fulford Parish Council approved the following **Polices**:

a) Risk Assessment

127/23 **Health and Safety**
Cllr Noblett informed the meeting that the tree at the end of West View is a health and Safety concern blocking the view of the road at the junction and blocking the footpath for pedestrians.
Cllr Whitham informed the Council that she is continuing to receive complaints about footpaths being clocked by residents' bushes and parked cars on Hollies Drive.

128/23 To review and approve the **Public Consultation**
Fulford Parish Council were all in favour for publishing the Public Consultation with regards to the purchase of the land off Grindley Park should the opportunity arise.

129/23 To review and approve the **Solar Farm Petition**
Fulford Parish Council were all in favour for publishing the Solar Farm Petition.

130/23 To review and approve the Christmas **Newsletter**
Fulford Parish Council were all in favour of the draft Christmas Newsletter to go to print.

131/23 **Assets of Community Value in Fulford Parish**
The Parish Council discussed if there are any other assets of community value within the Parish but decided against a possible location off Grindley Lane.

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

132/23 To consider DE Caversmill **Grant Application**
Fulford Parish Council agreed a £500 grant.

133/23 To discuss and approved a budget for **Christmas trees**
Fulford Parish Council agreed and approved £200 per Ward

Cllr Whitham left the meeting at 2050hrs

134/23 Items for **next Agendas.**
Setting the Precept
Bamboo
2024 Action Plan

135/23 To **confirm Date**, Time and Location of next meeting.
Thursday 14th December 2023 at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 2055hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**