MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 14th November 2024
Fulford Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Carol Baskin
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Stephen Green
Cllr P White
Cllr J White (Chair)
Cllr Janet Crossley
Cllr Gareth Brunt
Cllr Connor Marlow

SBC Cllr Mike Dodson
SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford

In attendance:
Mrs Gemma Keiher-Knapper (Clerk/RFO)
2 Members of Public

Meeting started at 1915hrs

104/24 **Public Participation**.
Two members of the public attended Fulford Parish Council meeting to raise concerns about planning application 24/39689/HOU. The members of the public listed their concerns handed a copy to the Clerk and requested SBC Cllr Dodson to call the application in.

The members of the public left the meeting at 1930hrs

105/24 **Apologies**
Apologies were received for Cllr A Noblett, Cllr K Deeth, Cllr Wilkinson, Cllr A Gilbert and Cllr T Elder.

106/24 **Declarations of interest and dispensation**
None received.

107/24 **Register of interest**
Members were reminded to update their registers of interest.

108/24 The following **minutes** were approved:

a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 10th October 2024.

109/24 To receive a **Report** from the Police
The Police were not in attendance.
The Clerk read a report provided by the PCSOs in their absence.

110/24 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr Sandiford informed the meeting that he had been catching up.
The jobs list for Blythe Bridge from Homes Plus will be shared with the Clerk.
A new bin was installed on Fulford Lane.
Dealing with enforcement matters.
Discussing a couple of issues with SpringCroft Primary in reference to a TPO and security fence issue.
Helped another resident with a section 21.
Working on s S106 agreement from 2003 at Stallington Hall.
Dates for helpers on the Common to be shared with the Clerk.

Cllr Dodson informed the Parish Council of SBC financial position about unbudgeted expenses in planning spent on planning consultants.
The redevelopment of the Town Centre is taking place.
The SBC Council Offices have just been purchased.
Severe traffic congestion around Stafford.

b) County Councillor

Did not attend.

111/24 Clerks Report

- Wardens' work requests are shared and swopped over hours.
- Parish Council confirmed to carry out DBS checks on Parish Wardens.
- Re-submit the Windmill Community asset application.
- Working relationship with the Village Hall Committee Minutes already shared with Parish Councillors.
- Two bus shelter repairs were carried out.
- Councillors confirmed about office redecorating.
- Councillors keen to investigate Citizens Advice Clinics in the Parish.
- Need a plan to update street lights over the coming years.
- Need a plan to update the defibrillators over the coming years.
- Planters require a certificate of lawfulness.
- Received a Freedom of Information request.

112/24 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:

a) October 2024 Bank Reconciliation.
b) October/November 2024 Payments Lists.
c) Noted NALC Pay Award and Clerks Back Pay.
d) 2025/26 Budget.
e) 0.7% increase to remain the same precept amount as 2024-25.

113/24 **Planning Applications**
Fulford Parish Council discussed the following applications and has no comments: 24/396040/HOU, 24/39704/TWT and 24/39822/HOU.

Fulford Parish Council objected to the following planning applications: 24/39654/FUL, 24/39689/HOU, 24/39725/FUL and SMD/2022/0267 and delegated authority to the Clerk and Chairman of the Planning Committee to submit all the reasons for objections that were discussed.

114/24 **Report**
The Chairman began by thanking all Councillors involved in Remembrance, whether tommies or poppies, attending local parades and laying wreaths. The Chair also thanked all Councillors contributing to this winter's newsletter.

115/24 The following policies were reviewed and approved:
a) Risk Assessment
b) Publication Scheme- Deferred until December

Meir Heath and Rough Close **Village Hall Report**:
-Request for Parish Office keys.
-Christmas Fayre Saturday 30th November.
-18th December the next Committee meeting.
-DE Caversmill Panto tickets for the PC.

116/24 Meir Heath and Rough Close **Parish Fun Day**
Parish Council date selections 7th June, 17th May, 10th May or 3rd May.
It was agreed that a working group is required before progressing.

117/24 The Christmas Newsletter was approved.

118/24 **Christmas Celebrations**
Cllr Brunt and Cllr Baskin are to order x4 Christmas Trees and arrange payment via the Clerk. Ward Councillors to then arrange convenient drop-off dates and times to coordinate with set up.

119/24 **Village Volunteers Equipment Handover**
Fulford Village Volunteers agreed to hand over all of their equipment to Fulford Parish Council with an inventory.

120/24 **Sakura Cherry Tree Project**
Cllr Lovatt will carry out further investigation and report back to the Parish Council.

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

121/24 **Replacement Goal Posts – Defer**

122/24 **Neighbourhood Consultation**
Fulford Parish Council approved the quotation to go ahead with Urban Vision Enterprise to provide consultation to produce a Fulford Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan.

123/24 **Plastic Tommie's**
Fulford Parish Council approved purchasing x6 plastic tommies to replace rotting wooden ones.

124/24 **Grant Application**
Fulford Parish Council approved a grant application from SpringCroft Primary School to help secure the rear of the school land.

125/24 **Items for the next Agenda**
Enforcement – Cllr Baskin
ASB – Cllr Brunt

126/24 To **confirm Date, Time and Location** of the next meeting
Thursday 12th December 2024 Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 2115 hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**