# MINUTES

## Fulford Parish Council
## Full Council Meeting

## Thursday 11th July 2024
## Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

**Present:**
Cllr Carol Baskin
Cllr Gareth Brunt (Chair)
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Connor Marlow (left 1945hrs)
Cllr Angela Noblett
Cllr Allen Gilbert
Cllr Stephen Green
Cllr Janet Crossley

SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford
SBC Cllr Mike Dodson

SCC Cllr Ian Parry (arrived at 1930hrs and left 1945hrs)

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

**Meeting started at 1925hrs**

043/24 **Public Participation**.
No members of public attended.

044/24 **Apologies** for Absence.
Apologises were received for Cllr T Elder and Cllr K Deeth.

045/24 **Declarations of interest and dispensation** (from agenda).
None received.

046/24 **Register of interest.**
Members were reminded to update their registers of interest.

047/24 To following **minutes** were approved:

a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 13th June 2024.
b) Fun Day Working Group Meeting Thursday 13th June 2024.

048/24 To receive a **Report** from the Police
The Police passed apologises onto the Clerk.

049/24 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr Dodson nothing to report.

Cllr Sandiford informed the meeting that he had been working on:

- The new allotment site in the Parish with Homes Plus.
- Two new bins on Grindley Lane in the laybys are working really well.
- Achieved planning permission from SBC for Saverely Green to have a bench.

b) County Councillor

Cllr Parry informed the meeting of the following:

- Meir Heath mini islands resurface and remarking has moved from June 24 to Oct 24.
- Traffic survey carried out on Grindley Lane according to findings it does not warrant a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Parry suggested a possible residents petition.
- Approved funding for x2 SID poles in the Parish.
- Advertise the need for a crossing patrol office at Spring Croft Primary School.

Cllr Wilkinson thanked Cllr Parry for his support with Chase Lane.

Cllr Baskin expressed her concern that once again Meir Heath Mini Islands re surfacing and re marking has been delayed again.

The Clerk asked if Highways can publish their planned works at Meir Heath to reduce the number of complaints that the Parish Council receive daily and to be able to held to account. As the condition is by far the worst in Staffordshire for such a major road.

050/24 **Clerks Report**
The Clerk's report was distributed to all members. The following key points were raised:

- Shared Warden monthly jobs lists.
- Community Bus second trip was a great success with 9 passengers.
- Annual Leave dates confirmed.
- Defibrillator Training 19th June at Meir Heath VH only had 2 residents attend and 9th July at Fulford VH had 12 residents. It was agreed to provide this training annually.
- Wild Flower Awards at Spring Croft Primary School 26th June was a great success and Meir Heath Primary School have not had a very good uptake unfortunatly.
- Still require a list of activities carried out at the Windmill 2023 and 2024 to resubmit a Community Interest application.
- Approved Principles of internal Audit course request.
- Wednesday 25th September 12-1315 Neighbourhood Plan training.
- Leadendale re surface work complete.
- £250 was agreed to cut pack perimeter of Cockieshall Lane.
- Apply for Climate Funding for Community Orchards at Fulford, and both allotment sites.

051/24 **Recommendations** from Council Committees/Working Groups:

a) **Solar Farm Working Group**

Recommended that:

- Moving forward the Solar Farm should meet under the Planning Committee.
- Public meetings presenting to the residents the reasons why the PC are objecting.
- Door to door by Ward Councillors ensuring that all residents are awareof the application.
- Offer support to residents who struggle to use the planning portal to make comments.
- To appoint Urvan Vison to consult and act of behalf of Fulford Parish Council.

Fulford Parish Council approved all of the recommendations made by the Solar Farm Working Group.

b) **Staffing Committee**

Informed the meeting that they held Grindley Park Warden interviews and both candidates were exceptional but the recommendation is to appoint Mark Knapper as he has previous PC experience.

Fulford Parish Council approved the Staffing Committees recommendation.

052/24 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:
a) June 24 Bank Reconciliation
b) June/July 24 Payments list.
c) Noted 2024-25 Budget Review.
d) Noted NatWest Fees Update and agreed to monitor

053/24 **Planning Applications**
Fulford Parish Council discussed the following applications and have no comments:
App No 24/39154/COU
App No 24/392249/TWT
App No 24/38719/FUL
App No 24/39278/NHPD
App No 24/39282/HOU

App No 24/39284/FUL Fulford Parish Council delegated authority to Cllr Brunt and Cllr Lovatt to further research the application and submit any comments via the Clerk.

054/24 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.
Cllr Brunt informed the meeting of concerns about trees being cut back around the Common Pond and it affected the wildlife. This has been reported to Cllr Waller at SBC.

055/24 Fulford Parish Council approved the following:

a) Vexatious Complaints Policy

056/24 Fulford Parish Council approved the Clerk to gather quotes and apply for grants to install a access path around Grindley Park.

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

057/24 Fulford Parish reviewed the Fun Day Budget and requested more volunteers.

058/24 Items for **next Agendas.**

059/24 To **confirm Date**, Time and Location of next meeting.
Thursday 12th September 2024

**Meeting Closed at 2030 hrs**

**Signed** **Date** **Position**