MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 12th December 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 Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Angela Noblett
Cllr Karen Deeth

SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford
SCC Cllr Ian Parry

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

Meeting started at 1915hrs

127/24 **Public Participation**.
No members of the public were in attendance.

128/24 **Apologies**
Apologies were received for Cllr C Marlow, Cllr A Gilbert and Cllr T Elder.

129/24 **Declarations of interest and dispensation**
None received.

130/24 **Register of interest**
Members were reminded to update their registers of interest.

131/24 The following **minutes** were approved:
a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 14th November 2024.

132/24 To receive a **Report** from the Police
The Police were not in attendance.

133/24 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

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

- New bins in Fulford and Stallington.
- Assisting an ASB issue in Blythe Bridge.
- Homes Plus with regards to the removal of the garages.
- Travellers site.

b) County Councillor

Cllr Parry began by passing thanks to Cllr Sandiford for responding so well supporting the residents of Stallington and ensuring SBC acted quickly. This identified again that resources are not available and officers working from home are disabling services along with the lack of a local plan.

Cllr Parry went on to inform the meeting that the Highways issues experienced are not going to go away therefore investment continues to be made by the County Council as recent extra investment has paid off.

Grindley Lane has 7 or 8 gas leaks to mains pipes, traffic is not allowed alongside because a 3m clearance is required. Cllr Parry has requested more signage to make diversions clearer and better roadblocks to stop Meir Heath Primary Schools road from being used as a rat run. Cllr Parry agreed to research if the shop can apply for loss of earnings.

134/24 Clerks Report

- Wardens' work requests shared.
- Councillors agreed for the Parish warden to redecorate the Parish Office.
- Councillors agreed to purchase new batteries for Parish Council tools.
- Re-submit the Windmill Community asset application.
- Planters require a certificate of lawfulness.
- Neighbourhood Plan grant submitted.
- Agreed to write to Parliament in support of Farmers and Leek Hospital.
- Clerks Annual Leave dates confirmed.

2000hrs Cllr Parry left the meeting

135/24 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:

a) November 2024 Bank Reconciliation.
b) November/December 2024 Payments Lists.
c) Opening a CCLA Account to deposit the Parish Councils Reserve Funds.

136/24 **Planning Applications**
Fulford Parish Council discussed the following applications and has no comments: 24/39798/ADV, 24/39898/TWT. 24/39916/TWT, 24/39935/LDCPP and Appeal 24/39502/HOU.

137/24 **Chairman Report**

- Received good feedback from the newsletter.
- Attended this week's residents meeting and will attend next weeks.
- Requests for Meir Heath & Rough Close Village Hall Committee to go through Cllr J White as the Parish Council Representative.
- Researching the possibility of a camera inside the Parish office.

a) Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee has requested keys to the Parish Office. As the landlords, they have informed the Parish Council that the keys are required for insurance purposes, fire alarm checks, and in the event of an emergency and will only ever enter with prior arrangements made.

Issue Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall with keys to the Parish Office.

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

For: 5	**Against: 6**	**Abstentions: 0**

A further discussion was held, and the Chair called a second vote which resulted in the same results.

Councillors reasons for voting against were:

- Cllr J White holds keys to the Parish Office as the VH representative.
- The Village Hall Committee have not held a key for at least 5 years.
- The Village Hall Committee have insured the building for the last 5 years without holding a key.

Cllr P White incorrectly called for a third vote but named vote.

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For: 5 Cllr J White Cllr P White Cllr P Wilkinson Cllr K Deeth Cllr A Noblett	**Against: 6** Cllr G Brunt Cllr C Baskin Cllr S Green Cllr A Meredith Cllr A Lovatt Cllr J Crossley	**Abstentions: 0**

The Chairman Cllr J White informed the meeting that she wanted to step down from being the Parish Council representative of Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall Committee.

138/24 The following policies were reviewed and approved:

a) Equal Opportunities Policy
b) Health and Safety Policy
c) Lone Working Policy

139/24 Meir Heath and Rough Close **Parish Fun Day**
It was agreed to not host a fun day in 2025 because developing a Neighbourhood Plan needs to be 2025's main priority. It was agreed to use the money budgeted for a Fun Day to support activities for all age groups in the Parish.

140/24 **Christmas Tree Removals**
Parish Councillors are to remove all Christmas tree decorations on Saturday 4th January and the Warden will collect all Christmas trees on Sunday 5th January 2025.

141/24 **ASB**
Cllr Brunt informed the meeting that an ongoing stone-throwing situation causing damage to vehicles in Rough Close is now being investigated by the police.

142/24 **Enforcement**
Cllr Baskin informed the meeting that a possible planning enforcementissue on Windmill Hill is being investigated.

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

143/24 **Replacement Goal Posts – Defer**

144/24 **Defibrillator**
Fulford Parish Council approved the quotation to go ahead with AED Donate IPAD NFK200.

145/24 **Speed Indicator Display**
Fulford Parish Council approved the purchasing of an Elan City Solar SID.

Cllr P White informed the meeting that he had fixed the battery SID and would contact ELAN with regards to adding a solar panel.

146/24 **Items for the Next Agenda**
Devolution
Meir Heath and Rough Close Parish Council Representative
Travellers Site.

147/24 To **confirm Date, Time and Location** of the next meeting
Thursday 9th January 2025 Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall.
Reminder Neighbourhood Plan meeting at 1800hrs.

Meeting Closed at 2100 hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**