MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 12th September 2024
Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Carol Baskin
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Stephen Green
Cllr P White
Cllr J White (Chair)
Cllr T Elder
Cllr Janet Crossley (Co-opted)

SBC Cllr Alec Sandiford
SBC Cllr Mike Dodson

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

3 Members of Public

Meeting started at 1915hrs

060/24 **Public Participation**.
BT Open Reach Broadband explained an Open Reach Scheme effecting approximately 90 premises in Fulford Parish changing copper to full fibre which has already started in Blythe Bridge.

BT open reach showed the meeting the equipment and requested the Parish Councils support with the scheme by helping to advertise it. If enough residents say that they are interested then the Government will provide financial support to BT Open Reach Scheme to improve rural broadband. The Parish Council agreed to help advertise the BT Open Reach Broadband Scheme.

1930hrs the 3 members of the public left the meeting.

061/24 **Apologies**
Apologises were received for Cllr A Noblett, Cllr K Deeth, Cllr C Marlow, Cllr G Brunt and Cllr A Gilbert.

062/24 **Declarations of interest and dispensation**
None received.

063/24 **Register of interest**
Members were reminded to update their registers of interest.

064/24

Co Option of Janet Crossley onto Fulford Parish Council for Meir Heath Ward.

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

For: 8	**Against: 0**	**Abstentions: 0**

065/24 To following **minutes** were approved:
a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 11th July 2024.
b) Fulford Parish Council Solar Working Group Thursday 11th July 2024.
c) Produce Show Working Group Wednesday 24th July 2024 there are no minutes because it was decided to cancel the produce show because of the lack of helpers and a poor growing year.

066/24 To receive a **Report** from the Police
The Police were not in attendance.

067/24 To receive **Report** from:
a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr Sandiford informed the meeting that he had been working on:
- The new allotment site in the Parish with Homes Plus.
- New Blythe Bridge sign on Uttoxeter Road.
- Installation of Saverley Green to have a bench with thanks.
- Several enforcement issues.
- Garages should hopefully be removed soon.
- Six weekly walks around with Homes Plus is very beneficial.

Cllr Dodson informed the meeting that most of his time has been spent on the solar farm planning application. The impact on the local community will be too high as it will affect four communities in Fulford Parish. The closest substation is Boundary which means pylons will be required to cross at least 5km of more green belt in SMDC and the need to cross the river Blythe a railway and the A50

b) Cllr Parry did not attend.

068/24 Clerks Report

- Play Equipment Course was approved for Grindley Park Attendant.
- Community Bus is still going well.
- Staffordshire Wildlife and Football coaching were very well attended over summer.
- Quest for Devolution Course to be carried out in Fulford time.
- 18th Sept Neighbourhood Plan meeting with SBC.
- 25th Sept Neighbourhood Plan training with WPC.
- Ongoing issues
  - Windmill Hill 2 water leaks.
  - SpringCroft crossing Patrol recruitment.
  - SpringCroft pedestrian guard repair.
  - Grindley Lane overgrown footpath.
  - Tudor Hollow fallen tree in the verge.
  - Meir Heath desperate need of re surfacing.
- New allotment works agreed and meeting 23rd Sept.
- Footpaths Working Group approved.

069/24 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:

a) July 24 Bank Reconciliation.
b) August 24 Bank Reconciliation.
c) Jul/August and Septembers Payments List.

070/24 **Planning Applications**
Fulford Parish Council discussed the following applications and have no comments:
24/3284/FUL
24/39463/NHPD
24/39483/LDC
24/39502/HOU
24/39537/LDCPP

a) Fulford Parish Council approved the Planning Consultants objections for submission for 24/38719/FUL Stallington Sprink Solar Farm.
b) Fulford Parish Council approved a further objection letter to be submitted against 24/38719/FUL Stallington Sprink Solar Farm.

Fulford Parish Council also approved a public information evening at Fulford Village Hall with a planning portal drop-in clinic for residents struggling to use SBC Planning Portal to leave comments on the Solar Farm application.

Fulford Parish Council also approved the Chair to write to the Local MP requesting support against this planning application.

071/24 **Report** from Fulford Parish Council Chairman.
Nothing to report.

072/24 **Fun Days**
2024 Fun Day was a learning curve with lots of lessons learnt and a lot more helpers required.
2025 A decision with regards to if Fulford Parish Council hold a Fun Day at Meir Heath Village Hall in 2025 was deferred until the October meeting as several councillors were absent.

073/24 **Produce Show**
2025 Produce Show decision was deferred to the October meeting as several councillors were absent.

074/24 **2024 Remembrance**
Fulford Parish Council approved to fly a Remembrance Flag at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall, purchase 3 wreaths and additional lamppost poppies.

Councillors to inform Clerk of any help he needs with Tommys.
Cllr P White to erect Blythe Bridge
Cllr G Brunt to erect Meir Heath and Rough Close
Cllr A Meredith and Cllr S Green to erect Fulford Wards.

075/24 **Christmas Newsletter**
The Clerk to advertise articles for Councillors to sign up to write.

076/24 **2024 Christmas Celebrations**
Fulford Parish Council approved a Christmas tree in each Ward again and Cllr Baskin agreed to source prices for the Christmas trees and delivery to each Ward and bring the information to the October Council meeting.

077/24 **Cockieshall Lane**
Fulford Parish Council agreed to apply for the grant because time was running out and return it if an orchard was not a possible on Cockieshall Lane.

Fulford Parish Council agreed to extend Standing Orders by 15 minutes is required to complete the agenda items.

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

078/24 **Picnic Bench** at Saverley Green was approved.

079/24 **Dog Mess Single Bag Dispensers** for Fulford and Grindley Park were approved.

080/24 **Signage Quotations** were approved for both allotments and Fords Planters the Chair is to have the discussion with Fords. The Chair agreed to discuss the signage with Fords.

081/24 **Insurance Renewal** was noted as second year of a three-year fixed deal.

082/24 **Items for the next Agenda**
Fun Day
Produce Show
Newsletter
Remembrance Plaque

083/24 To **confirm Date, Time and Location** of next meeting
Thursday 10th October 2024 Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Meeting Closed at 2118 hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**