MINUTES

Fulford Parish Council
Full Council Meeting

Thursday 13th March 2025
Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall

Present:
Cllr Carol Baskin
Cllr Anthony Meredith
Cllr Andrew Lovatt
Cllr Stephen Green
Cllr Paul White
Cllr Janet Crossley
Cllr Gareth Brunt (Chair)
Cllr Peter Wilkinson
Cllr Angela Noblett
Cllr Karen Deeth
Cllr Teri Elder

In attendance:
Mrs Gemma Keiher-Knapper (Clerk)

The meeting started at 1920hrs

193/25 **Public Participation**.
There were no members of the public in attendance.

194/25 **Apologies**
Apologies were received for Cllrs J White and SBC Cllrs M Dodson.

195/25 **Declarations of interest and dispensation**
None received.

196/25 **Register of interest**
Members were reminded to update their registers of interest.

197/25 The following **minutes** were approved:
a) Fulford Parish Council Meeting Thursday 13th February 2025.

198/25 To consider candidates for **Co-option** and make a decision
Deferred until April's meeting.

199/25 To receive a **report** from the police:
Unable to attend and nothing to report.

200/25 To receive **Report** from:

a) Stafford Borough Councillors

Cllr A Sandiford updated the Parish Council on the following:

- Enforcement matters at the traveller's site.
- Submitted retrospective planning application for the traveller's site.
- Other Enforcement matters around the Parish include a case on Hilderstone Level and Uttoxeter Road.
- Police Community Engagement van should be seen around the Parish and dates will be shared with the Clerk to help advertise.
- SpringCroft gate and fencing are ongoing.
- Road sweepers are booked for Meir Heath following complaints from residents.
- Grass Verges by SpringCroft Primary School.
- Severn Trent blocked manholes.
- Local Government reorganisation

b) County Councillor

Was not in attendance

201/25 **Clerks Report** was distributed and time allowed for questions.
The main areas were:

- LCC Mediation Service agreed to go ahead.
- The Parish Council agreed for the Clerk to obtain quotes to clear Grindley Lane footpath after at least 5 years of requesting the work to be carried out by the County Council.
- Awaiting Cllr P White's availability to arrange a Village Hall working group to review the draft agreement from the solicitors.
- Update the backlog of the replacement Defib for Fulford Village Hall.
- The Parish Council agreed on a budget of £750 to scrap off the new allotment site at Blythe Bridge.
- The Parish Council agreed to fund 50% of Staff's Wildlife SPACE activities over the summer and 50% of Football coaching activities over the summer.
- The Clerk requested Councillor volunteers to head litter picks in their Ward.
- The Clerk requested a notice board outside the Parish Office that could be shared with the Village Hall. The Parish Council agreed – Cllr P White agreed to consult with the VH Committee and get back to the Clerk.

202/25 **Accounts/Finance:** Fulford Parish Council approved:

a) February 2025 Bank Reconciliation.
b) Feb 25/March 25 Payments Lists.

203/25 **Planning Applications**
Fulford Parish Council discussed the following applications and has no comments:
25/40269/PAR.

Fulford Parish Council delegated authority to the Clerk to submit Fulford Parish Council objections for:
24/40073/FUL
24/38719/FUL

204/25 **Chairman Report**
The Chairman was not in attendance.

205/25 **Neighbourhood Plan.**

a) **Survey**

The first survey is due to end on Sunday 16th March. The responses will be used as a starting point to give the Parish Council the common themes required for the next household survey to go to every home in the Parish with a pre-paid self-addressed envelope to encourage residents to complete and return.

b) **Next Meeting**

Wednesday 19th March at 1830hrs at Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall.

c) **Fulford Business meeting.**

Cllr Elder agreed to work with the Clerk to hold a Fulford Parish registered business meeting to encourage businesses to have input into the Neighbourhood Plan.

206/25 **Travellers Site Update**.

The Enforcement Order is still in place. A retrospective planning application has been submitted 24/40073/FUL. Fulford Parish Council has appointed a Planning Consultant to object on behalf of the Parish Council and delegated authority to the Clerk to submit the objection in time for the deadline.

207/25 **Health and Safety**

Cllr A Noblett informed the meeting:

- The tree surveys are due this year and the Clerk is currently requesting quotations to bring to Parish Council.
- Racist graffiti has been removed from Grindley Park again.
- Cannabis grinders have been found on Grindley Park.
- Research CCTV costings.

208//25 **Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall agreements**

Cllr P White agreed to share with the Clerk and the Parish Council the possible new documents that he had received from the Village Hall Committee about the lease.

Cllr P White also agreed to share his availability dates with the Clerk to be able to organise a working group meeting to review the possible new information and the updated drafts provided by the solicitors.

209/25 **Parish Newsletter**

a) The Parish Council agreed to fund two **Defibrillator Training** sessions again to be advertised in the Parish Newsletter.
b) Cllr T Elder agreed to write an article about tea and toast for the Newsletter.

210/25 **Christmas Events**

Cllr P Wilkinson to pass Rotary contact details on to the Clerk

Possible ideas of a pensioner Christmas lunch at the village halls were discussed and a possible Santa grotto at St Francis Church.

211/25 **Councillor Updates**

Covered under agenda items.

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

212/25 **Street Light Upgrade**
Fulford Parish Council approved the quotation to have the Parish Council-owned street lights upgraded to LED.

213/25 **VE Day Afternoon Tea and Invitation List**
Fulford Parish Council approved Catering for all occasions to provide Afternoon Tea.

Councillors added invitees to the invitation list starting with residents that have given to the community around the age of 80 years old.

214/25 **Items for the Next Agenda**
Co Options

192/25 To **confirm Date, Time and Location** of the next meeting
Thursday 10th April 2025 Meir Heath and Rough Close Village Hall.
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Meeting Closed at 2040 hrs

Signed **Date** **Position**