

**MILWICH with FRADSWELL PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**Milwich Village Hall Commencing 7.30pm**  
Public Participation Session from 7.30pm to 7.40pm

Present

Councillor	Dr M Calhaem	
Councillor	A Elkin	
Councillor	R Hocknell	
Councillor	M Ingram	Chairman
Councillor	S Nicholls	
Councillor	T Stevens	
Councillor	H Walters	

District Councillor A Harp

Parishioners Mr P Ritson

Clerk B A Boughey

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**1. Apologies**

Councillor	G Walker	<i>Work</i>
Absent	None	

1.1 County Councillor I Parry

**2. Minutes**

COUNCIL RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 be signed by the meeting Chairman.

2.1 Chairman's Announcements

2.1.1 Resignation of Councillor R Devall received.

2.1.2 Clerk's Report

Casual Vacancy Notice posted. Dated 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011. Borough Council notified

2.2 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest. *None at this stage.*

**3. Outstanding Matters**

3.1 Milwich Road Signs

3.1.1 Clerk's Report.

Parish Council recommendations passed on to Stafford Borough Council for approval.

**4. Stafford Borough Council**

4.1 Correspondence

4.1.1 Parish Planning Forum. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. Minutes circulated to Member Councillors

4.1.2 Quotation for refurbishing the two seats sited in Allways Close. "Streetscene" quote £250.00.

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The meeting was adjourned to receive the following report and reconvened thereafter.

- 4.2 Report from Councillor Harp. The report included the following issues.
  - 4.2.1 No increase proposed in Council Tax - Budget for the current year being maintained.
  - 4.2.2 LDF going forward. Lack of Building Design Statements within the Plan, meeting on the subject forthcoming.  
Waiting for Central Government to finalise their directives on planning issues.
  - 4.2.3 Comment by Councillor Stevens relating to the proposed arrival of an army battalion in Stafford and the subsequent housing and transport infrastructure issues.  
Councillor Harp considered that road infrastructure and other facilities associated with this additional housing plus other proposed housing and commercial development is a real problem that has to be addressed.
  - 4.2.4 Milwich Playground. Discussion. Councillor Harp to ascertain the current Borough Council proposals for the playground.

## **5. Staffordshire County Council**

- 5.1 New Highway Matters
  - 5.1.1 Councillor Ingram. Not a direct Parish issue but one that affects those who travel into Stafford at normal work times - the junction of the Sandon Road at Beaconside.
    - 5.1.1.1 There was a half hour discussion on this matter. It is a problem that can only get worse. Any opportunity to lobby the County and Borough Councils' should be taken.
- 5.2 Correspondence
  - 5.2.1 Mike Maryon email relating to this Winter's gritting arrangements - for information.

The meeting was adjourned to receive the following report and reconvened thereafter.

- 5.3 Report from Councillor Parry. Not present. No report presented.

## **6. Brick Kiln Pits**

- 6.1 Clerk's Report. Damaged gate still to be repaired.
  - 6.1.1 The Milwich Footpath Group offered to look into repairing the gate.

## **7. Finance**

- 7.1 Financial Statement and Bank Account Reconciliation presented by the Clerk.
- 7.2 Bank Mandate. Requirement to update the mandate.  
Councillor Walters information completed, other Councillors to complete vetting process.
- 7.3 Grant received from the County Council's Community Paths Initiative scheme for £632.00.  
The application was completed by Milwich Action Committee for the funding of a Parish Walks guide. It was necessary for the County Council to make out the cheque payable to the Parish Council for onward payment to MAC.
- 7.4 2012 / 2013 Precept Budget. Draft proposals presented by the Clerk.
- 7.5 Invoice paid by Councillor Calhaem. Instaprint Invoice for four Neighbourhood Watch signs. £35.80 + £7.16 VAT Total £42.96.  
RESOLVED to reimburse Councillor Calhaem. LGA 1972 s137.

## 8. Planning

8.1 Applications returned to Stafford Borough Council - Reply Awaited

- 8.1.1 09/11859/FUL Land at Stone Heath Replacement dwelling at Stone Heath Farm.
- 8.1.2 11/15384/FUL Yew Tree Farm Wheatlow Brooks Erection of Three Poly Tunnels.
- 8.1.3 11/15787/HOU Dolls Cottage, Wheatlow Brooks. Two storey ext. including garage. Amended Plan received for consultation. No comment necessary.
- 8.1.4 11/15973/OHL Woodhouse Farm Fradswell. Electricity Supply, Line Upgrade.

8.2 Application Decisions by Stafford Borough Council

- 8.2.1 11/15857/FUL Castle Farm Manure Store & Underground Effluent Tank
- 8.2.2 11/16044/FUL Grove Farm Milwich Heath Slurry Lagoon

8.3 Applications received by the Parish Council for Consultation *None*

8.4 Planning Appeals

- 8.4.1 10/14709/FUL Basket Weave Cottage Garshall Green. Landscape Contracting - storage  
Appeal Allowed.
- 8.4.2 11/15003/FUL Withysitch Lane Farm Stable / Barn  
Appeal against refusal - written representation. Parish Council recommended approval.

8.5 Planning Queries *None*

## 9. Correspondence

9.1 Community Council of Staffordshire

9.2 Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association

9.2.1 Weekly Updates by email. Forwarded for information to Member Councillors.

9.3 Boundary Commission for England. 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.  
For recommendations go to [www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk)

## 10 Parish Plan Action

- 10.1 Report from Mr Paul Ritson during the Public Participation session prior to the meeting.  
There were currently twelve volunteers in the Footpath Group.  
The Community Paths Initiative Grant had been awarded for producing an area Walks booklet.  
The cheque had to pass through the Parish Council account. Refer to 7.3 above.  
There followed queries regarding land ownership in Fradswell and the state of stile at the start of Footpath 21/22 off Potmans Lane in Milwich.

11 **Date of Next Meeting** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2011 at Green Lea School

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

Date \_\_\_\_\_