



# FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council  
held at 6.45pm on Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre

Present: F Beardsmore, R Tucker, M Perks, V Lockley, T Smitheman and J Brindle

Also Present: R Cope  
PCSO Nicholls  
One Member of the Public  
R Young, Clerk to the Council

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## 1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

## 2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

R Cope mentioned the following:-

- Not many meetings due to Election.
- Meeting regarding Climate Change – Renewable Energy.
- Complaints received concerning noise from Quad Bikes on New Road.
- Problem of Car Cruising.

## 3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Member of the Public raised the following:-
  - Confirmation of next Play Equipment Meeting.
  - Requested copy of Veolia Grant Application.
  - Update regarding M Davidson Memorial Tree.
  - Brinsford Park Update.
- Donation Request – Toddler Group.

## 4) POLICE MATTERS

PCSO Nicholls gave details of the Police Report for the period 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 until 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 as follows:-

- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Report Staffordshire Police for the period 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### Statistics

**Burglary (residential):** None.

**A full set of minutes are available for inspection at the Community Centre**  
**Telephone: 07855 050424** [www.featherstoneandbrinsfordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.featherstoneandbrinsfordparishcouncil.gov.uk)

**Burglary (business):** 13/02/2023 – Red, White and Blue Pub, Cannock Road  
Pub broken into and someone seen on roof. A male and female were arrested.

**Vehicle Crime:** 18/02/2023 – Dark Lane  
IP ran out of fuel and left their car parking up on Dark Lane (VW Polo). On return the vehicle had gone. Stolen marker added. No lines of enquiry.

**Anti-Social Behaviour:** 22/02/2023 – Woodcock Gardens  
Young children banging on windows and front door. Children were identified and spoken to in front of parents.

25/02/2023 – Park on Baneberry Drive  
Verbal altercation between two adult males. Patrols attended but males had moved on. Area search negative.

**You said – we did:**

Youths causing issues in the village. PCSOs have spoken to parents and issued CPWs to those youths identified. Parish Councillors, residents and staff in the shops have been updated. Police still need to hear from the public if the issues continue. Call 101 or complete the online form on the Staffordshire Police website by clicking on the 'REPORT' button.

**Policing operations of note:**

Further operations to go ahead in the village to alleviate and stop the ASB from escalating. An 'hi-viz' operation went ahead on 27<sup>th</sup> February, concentrating on The Avenue and around the Community Centre.

PCSO 16814 Julia Wells  
Email: [Julia.wells@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:Julia.wells@staffordshire.police.uk)  
PCSO 8861 Teresa Nicholls  
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**Helpful Links**

Volunteers requested for community speed watch, further information found at: <http://www.staffsaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch>

Keep in touch with regular Smart Alerts for your area:  
<http://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/>

**Social media:**



**@Staffordshire Police & @South Staffordshire Police**

- Confirmed Coronation Event on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- J Brindle reported again the Drug Delivery details including Day of Week and Time.
- M Perks requested a Police presence by the School.

5) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from D Betts, J Beardsmore and B Clayton.

6) **MINUTES**

It was proposed (T Smitheman), seconded (J Brindle) and agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

**Resolved: That the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.**

7) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillors R Tucker, T Smitheman, M Perks and J Brindle declared an interest in relation to all matters relating to Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre.

8) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Fly Tipping – Brookhouse Lane**

- R Cope reported he had again raised the issue of Fly Tipping on Brookhouse Lane at the District Council.

b) **Overgrown Hedges near to Red, White and Blue**

- The Clerk reported he had requested the Housing Association to review hedges on their land in the area. The Chairman to raise this matter at Meeting with Director of Housing Association arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

c) **Brinsford Lodge Development**

- The Clerk to request assistance of Gavin Williamson M.P. regarding the installation of Pavement on site.

9) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- The following matters raised with County Councillor B Williams:-
  - Old Lane – Could funds in the new year (2023/2024) to allocated to further clear Old Lane.
  - Update regarding white lining of New Road.
  - Vehicle count on Featherstone Lane.
- The Clerk to write to Gavin Williamson M.P. regarding poor condition of road surface around A460/M54 traffic island.
- The Clerk to write to County Councillor David Williams regarding repairs to A460 approach to A460/M54 traffic island.



**10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- Replacement Carpet to be fitted 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- Clerk to contact First Responders regarding clearance of the room they use prior to the carpet installation.
- Two Cameras now operational.
- Warm Wednesday well attended.
- Bar doing well.

**11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS**

- No details reported.

**12) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

- Meeting arranged with Kerry Bolister, Director of Development – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023 at 3.00pm to discuss Garages and Hedges.

**13) PLANNING**

**a) Planning Application Received**

- 23/00159/TTREE  
Tree Crown Lift  
Electricity Sub-Station 73m from 2 White House Cottages, Moseley Road, Featherstone

**b) Enforcement Cases Received**

- 6 New Road, Featherstone  
Alleged unauthorised extension to Garage.
- 1 Jackson Close, Feathertone  
Alleged unauthorised development – erection of fence.

**14) CORRESPONDENCE**

- SPCA Bulletin.
- Community Insurance Renewals.
- South Staffordshire Parish Summit – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- Andrew Aston (SSDC) – Allotments – Wood Chippings.
- Matt Powis (SSDC) – Election Nominations.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- Rhiannon Cartwright – Code of Conduct Complaint.
- Matt Powis (SSDC) – 2023 Parish Election Estimates.
- Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
- J Rhodes – Public Notice – Hackney Carriage Fares.
- SSDC – Street Scene.
- The Circuit – Defibrillator Pads.
- SCC – Temporary Prohibition of Traffic – Shareshill.
- Matt Powis (SSDC) – Digital Identification.

- Lorraine Fowkes – Mandatory Training for Section 106 requests and spend.
- SCC – Major Resurfacing Schemes.
- The Electoral Commission – Voter I.D. Resources.

**15) PARISH MAINTENANCE**

- Blue Lane Hedge needs cutting back.
- Bollard leaning over – South Crescent – Clerk to report.
- Brinsford Park – V Lockley reported fence around Park is now completely down. The Clerk to enquire with the Housing Association regarding ownership of Play Area Land. Agreed quotes to be obtained for replacement fencing.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Parish Handyman should work five hours per week at Brinsford and five hours per week at Featherstone.

**Resolved: That the Parish Handyman works 5 hours per week at Brinsford and 5 hours per week at Featherstone.**

Chairman, F Beardsmore, to speak to Parish Handyman.

**16) NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT**

- The Clerk reported the National Lottery had confirmed a full Grant Application may now be submitted to the second stage.
- Play Equipment Group Meeting arranged for Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**17) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Football Club Committee (J Brindle – January 2023) – Deferred.
- Parish Newsletter (T Smitheman – February 2023) – Deferred.

**18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

**19) FINANCE**

**a) Cheque Payments**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to issue the following cheques:

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
09/03/2023	003745	Parish Handyman	346.73
09/03/2023	003746	Litter Picker	411.67
09/03/2023	003747	Litter Picker	405.07
09/03/2023	003748	Litter Picker	411.67
09/03/2023	003749	Parish Clerk	1,060.00
09/03/2023	003750	Cancelled	0.00
16/03/2023	003751	Jones Skips	355.20

16/03/2023	003752	Kennedys (VAT)	200.00
16/03/2023	003753	HCI Data	102.00
16/03/2023	003754	Com Centre Recorder	80.00
16/03/2023	003755	Parish Clerk – Expenses	16.20
		<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£3,388.54</b>

**Resolved: To issue the above cheques.**