



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 12th January 2017 at 7.00pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

Present: F Beardsmore, T Smitheman, J Beardsmore, J Brindle, R Tucker, A Roche and D Betts

Also Present: District Councillor R Cope
S Moyse
R Young – Clerk to the Council

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from I Harvey, S Graham, M Lawrence, J Griffiths and H Lobuczek.

2) MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th December 2016 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved:

- **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th December 2016.**

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors J Brindle, J Beardsmore and R Tucker declared an interest in relation to all matters concerning Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre.

4) POLICE MATTERS

Scott Moyse reported the following:-

- Quiet over the Christmas period and nothing major occurred.
- SSHA seeking possession of property in Brookhouse Close.
- Gave resume of detail regarding mobile cameras. Mobile camera will cost £3,250. Also said Parish Council should consider purchasing a mobile camera.

5) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

- No matters were reported.

6) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

District Councillor R Cope mentioned the following:-

Housing

Housing numbers being proposed (5 year supply of houses) as Birmingham can only provide 50,000 houses instead of 80,000, resulting in the outer areas need to take 30,000.

- Resume of houses requirement for Essington.
- Received report from the District Council regarding the replacement of fixed cameras with mobile CCTV cameras. F Beardsmore commented two cameras in Featherstone will be switched off and asked if the columns could be used.
- The Clerk reported that Helen Marshall (SSDC) had confirmed the existing CCTV cameras will all be decommissioned and the data links terminated. The Parish Council can have the camera purchased back. The Clerk to enquire whether the Parish Council can purchase a mobile camera.

7) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Prison Crime Statistics**

The Clerk to enquire with Gavin Williamson M.P. as to whether he had received an update regarding extracting prison incidents from crime statistics.

b) **Village Green – Brinsford**

It was agreed to defer this matter to the February 2017 Parish Council Meeting.

c) **Prison Governors Meeting**

The Clerk to obtain confirmation of date to meet Prison Governors.

d) **Sit-on Mower**

The Clerk to arrange a meeting with suppliers.

e) **Neighbourhood Plan**

The Clerk to provide A Roche with a copy of "Quick Guide to Neighbourhood Plans".

8) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

a) Meeting with M Lawrence and M Keeling

F Beardsmore gave an update as follows:-

- Brookhouse Lane Ponding – Mentioned installing another drain.
- Cat and Kitten Lane needed a Top Dressing.
- Will inspect drain at South Close again.
- M54/A460 Traffic Island – Not enough lines taken out. Agreed to change road markings within two weeks.
- In process of removing weeds from A460.

b) SCC Highways Meeting regarding new routes 13th January 2017

Meeting will outline route options with interest from Parish Councils, Wolverhampton and Centro. Preferred route A449. Councillors invited to attend.

c) Fixed Cameras – A460

Melanie Langdown said to be considered for operation high priority is that a fatal or serious collision has occurred. Slight injury collisions are considered and reviewed every six months.

9) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

J Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Activity at Centre quiet.
- Roof repaired.
- Received good enquiries.
- Anti-vandal paint applied.
- It was agreed a Sub-Committee of F Beardsmore, D Betts, R Tucker, T Smitheman and J Beardsmore to review matters relating to replacement roof.

10) REPORT – WHITGREAVE SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

J Brindle reported the following:-

- Finance meeting held on 11th January 2017.
- Mentioned identification of children at risk.
- I Harvey had confirmed still waiting for OFSTED visit.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

Reported 22 responses were attended during the last month.

12) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

Housing Association Amalgamation

- D Pattison (SSDC) reported the amalgamation of SSHA with Severnside Housing Association was notified to the District Council and details were sent to tenants. There is no requirement to consult Parish Councils.
- Janet Goode advised the amalgamation with Severnside Housing Association took place on 1st October 2016 and South Staffordshire Council were consulted. At present, looking for new Central Headquarters in the Telford area.

Featherstone Miners Memorial

- Email from Tony Price suggesting an alternative location due to problems concerning ownership of the land for the original site.

13) PLANNING

a) Planning Decisions

- 16/00936/FUL
F W Bickford & Sons
Proposed Change of Use of Approved Hardstanding to allow for Temporary Parking of Vehicles.
Application Refused
- 16/00986/FUL
22 Cannock Road, Featherstone
First Floor Side Extension over an existing Ground Floor Kitchen.
Approved subject to conditions
- 16/01003/FUL
22 South Crescent, Featherstone
Single Storey Extension
Approved subject to conditions

b) Site Allocations

- K Harris (SSDC) had supplied the Parish Council with a copy of this publication.
- Selected Brinsford site for 69 homes.
- Consultation Days at SSDC Codsall to be held on 2nd & 21st February 2017 at 2.00pm – 7.00pm.
- F Beardsmore gave details of Core Housing figures for Featherstone.
- R Cope gave a review of options including safeguarding land.
- Councillors reviewed housing numbers proposed.

c) Royal Ordnance Factory Site

- R Cope gave a detailed review of area of land to be used, safeguarded land, natural tree location, height of warehouses and factories. Also gave details of area for forestry.
- F Beardsmore said the District Council are progressing to a site of 36 hectares which will result in a high volume of traffic. Councillors considered the possible volume of HGV's.

14) CORRESPONDENCE

- Western Power Distribution – Business Plan Commitments – Summary Report 2015/16.
- Staffordshire County Council Pothole Updates – (Repair reported on Brookhouse Lane, Featherstone).
- The Pensions Regulator.
- Tesco Bags Fund.
- SCC – Trading Standards Newsletter.
- SSDC – Invitation to Chairman to attend Civic Dinner – Friday, 17th March 2017.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- H Lobuczek – Planning Masterclass – 15th February 2017.
- Rebecca Potter – Confirmation BT Telephone Box on the Cannock Road to be retained.

- Gavin Williamson M.P. Poster.

15) PARISH MAINTENANCE

➤ **Litter Warden**

- The Clerk to amend the Litter Warden Vacancy Notice.

➤ **Village Green - Brinsford**

- T Smitheman asked if the land at Brinsford was needed.
- R Tucker said this project needs to be reviewed regarding the cost implications and also identify as to what use the land will be put to.
- J Brindle commented would need to consider installation of a soil barrier to restrict access.
- Cost to be considered are grass cutting and ground maintenance plus the potential cost of removing travellers and clearance costs plus adequate parking for events.
- It was agreed an action plan was needed as to how the land is to be used.

➤ **Featherstone Play Equipment**

- Children's Rocker broken – Spring snapped. The Clerk to notify Playdale.
- The Clerk to review options regarding the damaged Saucer Swing.

16) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Proposed Use of Brinsford Village Green.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

➤ **Identity Cards**

J Brindle reported his daughter would produce the identity cards.

➤ **Community Funding**

The Clerk reported the 'Awards for All' application for Brinsford Play Equipment had been submitted.

18) FINANCE

a) Parish Precept Requirement 2017/18

The Clerk circulated to Councillors a Receipts and Payments Schedule to the 31st December 2016 with a Forecast to the 31st March 2017.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to request a Precept for 2017/18 with a 2½ % increase on the 2016/17 Precept.

Resolved:

- **To request a Precept of £80,821 for 2017/18.**

b) Cheque Payments

It was proposed (J Brindle), and seconded (R Tucker) and agreed to issue the following cheques:-

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
08/12/16	002800	C Lloyd	50.40
31/12/16	002801	R Young – Mileage	25.60
31/12/16	002802	Entrust Fee	100.00
12/01/17	002803	SCC Legal	188.40
12/01/17	002804	Khoo Systems	24.00
12/01/17	002805	Comm Council Staffs	200.00
12/01/17	002806	Veolia	804.56
12/01/17	002807	Scorpio Welding	636.00
12/01/17	002808	SSDC (GM)	1,893.80
12/01/17	002809	R Edmunds	232.34
12/01/17	002810	C Hill	290.34
12/01/17	002811	R Young	949.60
12/01/17	002812	HMRC (PAYE)	204.18
12/01/17	002813	FHCC	30.00
12/01/17	002814	R Young	85.00
12/01/17	002815	C Lloyd (7 x 7.20)	50.40
		TOTAL	£5,764.62

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 9th February 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman