



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 9th March 2017 at 7.30pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

Present: F Beardsmore, J Griffiths, S Graham, J Beardsmore, J Brindle, R Tucker, D Betts and I Harvey

Also Present: County Councillor M Lawrence
District Councillor R Cope
R Young – Clerk to the Council

Prior to the start of the Parish Council Meeting, Helen Marshall (SSDC) gave a detailed presentation regarding the provision of mobile CCTV cameras.

- Existing cameras in need of repair and costs £70k to monitor plus BT costs of £50k.
- Cameras fitted to suitable columns (lamppost).
- Proposed system already used in Sheffield.
- Mobile cameras could be used on a need basis.
- Old system will not be operational from April 2017.
- Each new camera costs £3,600.
- Criteria for using cameras reviewed.
- Parish Councils can decide where cameras are located.
- R Tucker commented CCTV gives reassurance to Parishioners.
- J Griffiths said CCTV is a deterrent.
- District Council have twelve cameras for 27 parishes.
- F Beardsmore thanked H Marshall for attending and asked if she would come back to show film from the new mobile cameras.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No matters were raised.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from T Smitheman.

2) MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved:

- **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2017.**

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors J Brindle, J Beardsmore R Tucker and F Beardsmore declared an interest in relation to all matters concerning Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre. J. Griffiths and S. Graham declared an interest regarding Brinsford Residents Association.

4) POLICE MATTERS

- J Griffiths commented Scott Moyse not seen for some time. No cover when PCSO is on holiday or rest day.
- I Harvey gave details of an incident of abuse when Police ignored incident.
- R Cope said need to bring up details of incidents including drugs at the next Locality Meeting but will anything happen.
- F Beardsmore said if the District Council have twelve mobile cameras we will be lucky to have use of them.
- D Betts mentioned that offenders do not seem to be prosecuted with CCTV evidence.
- R Tucker gave details of graffiti on Brookhouse Lane and Baneberry Drive. Sprayed Virgin Communications Boxes.

5) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor M Lawrence mentioned the following:-

- Election in May 2017 which is the end of a four year cycle.
- Social Care costs have increased. Cost of £1,000 per week for children in care.
- Reviewed total Highway costs for a year.
- Current financial year if a developer needs a new road then that developer has to fund the new road.
- Agreed roads are in poor condition.
- F Beardsmore asked regarding the cost per Senior Citizen now as against four years ago.
- M Lawrence said Foster Care is the cheapest option for children in care who present High Risk children in care who need constant supervision.

6) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor R Cope mentioned the following:-

- Update regarding appeal concerning Crematorium.
- Response by Paul Turner to District Council regarding ROF and Site Allocations very good.
- Called in ROF proposal as traffic volumes would be a problem. Requested Highways England to attend as development proposal can be refused if considered adverse impact on traffic.
- Need to form a Freight Forum including M Deaville.
- Called in traffic impact on A460.
- Will enquire with Lucy MacDonald (SSDC) regarding alleged Puppy Farm on Caravan Site.

7) MATTERS ARISING

a) Prison Crime Statistics

The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Gavin Williamson MP to discuss and raise concerns regarding the prisons in the Parish.

b) **Sit-on Mower**

The Chairman, F Beardsmore gave details of the Sit-on Mower demonstrated at the Community Centre covering cost of purchase, operating cost, storage options and need for volunteers to operate. No action at present.

c) **Neighbourhood Plan**

This item to be included on the Agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting.

d) **Speeding Vehicles – New Road, Brinsford**

M Lawrence to discuss with Mark Keeling the possibility of installing an appropriate sign.

e) **Transporter, Tractor with Lighting Gear on the highway at Brinsford**

M Lawrence agreed to investigate.

f) **Resident of St James Park Complaint of Verbal Abuse**

J Griffiths and S Graham reported they had identified the person responsible and visited a resident of St James Park.

8) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- The Clerk to report ponding on A460 opposite the Red, White and Blue Public House (Tree side).
- The Clerk to request Highways England to organise a Litter Pick on M54 near to M54/A46 traffic island.
- M Lawrence commented repairs to 'A' roads should be undertaken within seven days of report.
- Brookhouse Lane Ponding – Informed additional drain to be installed. M Lawrence to enquire.
- Cat and Kitten Lane needs a Top Dressing – Clerk to request update.
- M54/A460 Traffic Island – F Beardsmore confirmed road markings not changed. Mike Lawrence commented waiting to see impact of changes to date. Mike Lawrence agreed to enquire on this matter.
- J Brindle reported drains not cleared on A460. The Clerk to enquire with M Keeling again and also mention drain in Dark Lane in worse condition.
- Large pothole on A460/New Road Traffic Lights – Should be category one repair.
- J Griffiths reported when a lot of rain, water runs off fields, East Road/Malayan Way. M Lawrence commented he had not received any complaints. The Clerk to write to Alan Price requesting he clears ditches to assist drainage.

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

- The Clerk to contact Scorpio Welding regarding a repair to the Sports Cage.

- Accounts circulated.
- J Griffiths asked the following:-
 - What Public Relations and Marketing undertaken?
 - What Publicity for events and groups?
 - What is offered for the youth in the Parish?
- J Beardsmore commented Bar Receipts keep the Community Centre afloat.
- R Cope commented the District Council are responsible for many activities.
- Youth Group ended at School.
- John Brindle said the Centre is well used.
- I Harvey said there is that much “red tape” now it is not worth progressing a Youth Club.
- F Beardsmore commented the Parish Council funded activities and planned to alter the Community Centre to accommodate a Youth Room.
- J Beardsmore said a new waste bin was required – Clerk to contact Veolia.
- British Gas attending 10th March 2017 and Schneider Electric on the 13th March 2017.
- Replacement Play Equipment to be installed 5-7 weeks.
- Thanked D Betts for cutting up tree brought down by recent storm.
- Roofing Contractor needs roof plans.
- J Beardsmore said the Centre needed repaying of £3,000 held by the Parish Council.

10) REPORT – WHITGREAVE SCHOOL GOVERNOR’S REPORT

- I Harvey reported two children from each class to form a School Council.
- I Harvey also mentioned the following:-
 - Outline of Parking problems and details of Banner/Parking Sign.
 - G Williamson MP visited school – discussed parking and dog fouling. Half term project to send to G Williamson.
 - School Council Awards.
 - Review of funding.
 - Update regarding Governor’s Meeting.
 - Ofsted update.
 - J Brindle appointed R.E. Governor.
 - At Governor’s Meeting problem of Brinsford concerns and admission numbers. May have two classes in each year to take additional children.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- Training sessions just completed.

12) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- Clerk to report:-

- Drains at New Garages at Blue Lane.
 - Enquire regarding update concerning work ethic of Heating Contractors.
- The Clerk to report tree overhanging Old Hall Road alleyway – 41 North Crescent.

13) **PLANNING**

a) **Site Allocation and Other Planning Matters**

- Matters relating to the Brinsford College Site being dealt with by Rueben Smith.
- Community Facilities plus Planters at the shops need to be included for any development scheme in the Parish.
- R Cope sent Representations concerning the Local Plan to SSDC on the 20th February 2017.
- S Graham commented that the site on New Road appears to be rented out for storage.
- R Cope commented that should the Bickfords application go to appeal, need Councillors to attend.
- Copies of the Report produced by Paul Turner were circulated to Councillors.

b) **Planning Decisions**

- i) 16/01038/OUT
9 East Road, Brinsford
Proposed Detached Bungalow
Application Refused
- ii) 16/01042/FUL
32 Larkspur Drive, Featherstone
Single Storey Extension
Approved Subject to conditions

c) **Enforcement Cases**

- i) 17/00063/BOC
Far Larches Farm, New Road, Featherstone
Alleged breach of Condition 2 of 16/00935/VAR and Condition 2 of 16/01097/FUL.

14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- SCC – Pothole Updates.
- SCC – Chantelle Denham requesting copy invoices relating to the grant received from County Councillor M Lawrence.
- South Staffordshire Community Voluntary Action – 17th February 2017.
- Playdale – Information relating to repairs to Featherstone Play Equipment.
- SPCA – News Bulletin.
- SPCA – Business/Trading Standards News.

15) PARISH MAINTENANCE

➤ **Miners Memorial**

- I Harvey reported on site meeting with SSHA as could not understand why SCC Highways would be involved. Option for Parking Bays in Hilton Road to be considered. Discussion to be arranged between SSHA and SCC Highways.

16) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Brinsford Village Green

- J Griffiths commented she understood proposals could be put to this meeting regarding the Village Green.
- F Beardsmore said that when a resolution is passed it should stand for six months and he had asked the Clerk to check Standing Orders.
- J Brindle said that Standing Orders could only be changed at the Annual Meeting which would be held in May 2017; otherwise a resolution stands for six months.
- J Griffiths and S Graham said the work they had prepared regarding this project had been wasted. R Tucker commented the work they had done had not been wasted.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Playdale Play Equipment – Brinsford – The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Playdale Representative.
- Litter Pickers – Two Applicants for Litter Picker Vacancy – Meeting with applicants on the 15th March 2017. It was agreed that in future the Litter Pickers should complete a time keeping schedule.
- J Griffiths reported that Ragwort had been found on East Road, Brinsford – Clerk to notify the Environmental Department at SSDC.
- The Clerk gave an update regarding the Awards for All Funding Application.
- The Clerk confirmed that he was following the procedure specified by Biffa Awards to progress the Biffa Funding to replace the Community Centre Roof.

18) ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

- Neighbourhood Plan.
- Siting of Salt/Grit Bin.

19) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
09/03/17	002821	Paul Turner	600.00
09/03/17	002834	Severn Trent Water	608.88

09/03/17	002835	Veolia	368.38
09/03/17	002836	R Young	85.00
09/03/17	002837	Sage	216.00
09/03/17	002838	Khoo Systems	24.00
09/03/17	002839	HCI Data	83.88
09/03/17	002840	C Lloyd	50.40
09/03/17	002841	R Edmund	232.14
09/03/17	002842	C Hill	290.34
09/03/17	002843	R Young	949.60
09/03/17	002844	HMRC (PAYE)	204.38
09/03/17	002845	FHCC	30.00
09/03/17	002846	Glendining Signs	273.67
		TOTAL	£4,016.67

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

20) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 13th April 2017.

The meeting closed at 10.35pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman