



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 13th April 2017 at 7.30pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

Present: F Beardsmore, A Roche, J Griffiths, S Graham, J Brindle, R Tucker and
T Smitheman

Also Present: District Councillor R Cope
District Councillor H Lobuczek
One Member of the Public

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Helen Morris raised concerns concerning the proposed build of 60 houses in the Parish and the impact on roads and traffic volumes. F Beardsmore commented the Parish Council preferred a Featherstone site and not the Old College location. R Tucker gave details of paths proposed.

F Beardsmore said we need to clarify the situation regarding Featherstone Lane.

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from I Harvey, D Betts and J Beardsmore.

2) MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved:

- **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March 2017.**

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors J Brindle, R Tucker, T Smitheman 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

- T Smitheman said the changeover from PCSO Scott Moyse to PCSO J Blizzard would take place during May 2017.
- R Tucker said he had seen Police Officers in Codsall but none in Featherstone for three months.

5) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

6) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

a) District Councillor H Lobuczek

- Apologised for absence from meetings which was due to health problems.
- No matters to report regarding the Parish or District.

b) District Councillor R Cope

- "Called in" the issue of the A460 congestion – SCC Highways and Highways England need to comment.
- Need to form a Highways/Freight Forum like Parish Councils in East Staffordshire.
- Puppy Farm – No need for a licence as only family matter.
- Gave update and details regarding District Council Asset Loan Funding.

7) MATTERS ARISING

a) Gavin Williamson M.P.

- Meeting with G Williamson. R Tucker commented as follows:-
 - G Williamson thought Oakwood Prison doing well.
 - G Williamson to arrange meetings with Governors. Mentioned to G Williamson that problems still ongoing and need addressing. Clerk to write requesting update on meetings.
 - J Brindle said Crime Statistics, including Prison incidents, impact on insurance costs.

b) Speeding Vehicles – New Road, Brinsford

- The Clerk to enquire regarding use of Speed Indicator and Speed Signage on New Road.

8) HIGHWAY MATTERS

- Ponding on A460 opposite the Red, White and Blue Public House (Tree side) reported reference 4078428.
- Brookhouse Lane Ponding – Informed by M Lawrence additional drain to be installed. Clerk to enquire.
- M54/A460 Traffic Island – Road Markings – Clerk to obtain update.
- Drain blocked on A460 – Clerk to enquire for update – Reference 4078428.
- Large pothole on A460/New Road Traffic Lights – Should be Category One – Clerk to request update.
- Rainwater running off fields along East Road/Malayan Way – J Brindle to text address to Clerk of land owner.
- The Clerk to request details from M Deaville as to County Council proposals to reduce potholes in the Parish.
- J Brindle reported there were still numerous vehicle collisions at bottom of exit slope (Junction One from West) at M54/A460 island. The Clerk to request update.

- Cat and Kitten Lane Re-surfacing – M Keeling confirmed the work undertaken in 2016 was preventative maintenance/surface dressing. Materials used bond the surface. This location was identified for treatment following various surface surveys. In comparison to Brookhouse Lane, aware of problems but road structure in Brookhouse Lane is sound.
- H Lobuczek had confirmed that to date the vehicles located and parked on Oaks Drive are taxed and the lay-by is part of the highway which limits action that can be taken. Owner has promised to move vehicles in near future.

9) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Accounts for financial year to be prepared.
- Roof replacement started – Couple of incidents of youths on scaffolding.
- Part of Grant received.
- Considering Public Works Loan.
- May have to temporarily use part of Parish Council's £50k reserve.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE SCHOOL GOVERNOR'S REPORT

J Brindle commented as follows:-

- Open Day Arranged.
- Details of Decoration.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- No matters reported.

12) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The Clerk to request an update regarding the following:-

- Drains at New Garages at Blue Lane.
- Work ethic of Heating Contractors.
- Tree Overhanging Old Hall Road Alleyway – 41 North Crescent.

13) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- 17/00244/FUL
Proposed Demolition of Bungalow (Fair View) and replaced by 2 No. three bed roomed semi-detached bungalows and associated parking.
Fair View, Hilton Road, Featherstone
R Cope to review with regard to parking and proposal.

b) Site Allocation

- R Cope mentioned the following:-
 - Update regarding site allocations and timescale.
 - Meeting arranged with Kelly Harris (SSDC). Will enquire regarding view of District Council concerning Neighbourhood Plans.

- The Clerk reported the following comments by Reuben Smith (College site):-
 - Representing owners of land.
 - Had been waiting for site allocation.
 - Aware of Section 106 inclusions such as Football Pitch etc.
 - Mention the Development Option would be sold to the highest bidder. The Clerk to check with K Harris at SSDC that the inclusion of Section 106 benefits will be included whoever develops the site.

14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- SCC – Pothole Updates.
- SPCA – Bulletins.
- SCC – Community Paths Initiative – Bids 2017/2018.
- SSDC – Good Life Weather Watch.
- Waterplus.
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Subscription.
- South Staffordshire Community Voluntary Action.
- Vast E-Bulletin.
- SCC – Trading Standards Newsletter.

15) **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

- Andrew Aston (SSDC) – Ground Maintenance 2017-2018.
- Brinsford Play Equipment
- The Clerk gave details of the revised quotation as follows:-

Playdale Equipment	£ 8,810.35 + VAT
AMG Installation and Surface	<u>£12,000.00 + VAT</u>
	£20,810.35 + VAT
- It was proposed (R Tucker), seconded (J Griffiths) to accept the quotation of £20,810.35 excluding VAT.

Resolved:

To accept the total quotation of £20,810.35 from Playdale Limited.

- Fly Tipping and Dog Fouling - R Cope reported he could not identify five locations. J Griffiths gave details of material left on Malayan Way plus the Spinney adjacent to Malayan Way. South Staffordshire District Council to be informed by H Lobucek and R Cope.
- H Lobuczek commented the Noticeboard outside the Community Centre needs attention.
- Litter Picker Vacancy – F Beardsmore reported two applicants interviewed. Both applicants were excellent and decided on a scoring points basis. Employment to be on a 10 hours each week basis.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed to appoint Kerry Parkes.

Resolved:

To appoint Kerry Parkes as Litter Picker for the Parish.

The Clerk to enquire with John Littleton as to the procedure for Litter Pickers to deal with needles (sharps).

- Email from Lee Fisher reporting the Bench by Featherstone Post Office was in need of repair. John Brindle to inspect and repair.
- Also reported the Street Light between Teasel Grove and Turnstone Drive needs attention. The Clerk to report.

16) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Neighbourhood Plan

- The Clerk to obtain details of funding available and possible planning advisors.

b) Salt/Grit Bin Location

- To be agreed.

17) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Oak Tree by New Pathway (Featherstone Farm) leaning over at 45°. Clerk to request inspection.
- Clerk's Salary and Performance to be reviewed.
- The Clerk to obtain criteria to change yellow lines (parking) to red lines.
- Email from C Edwards regarding Dog Fouling on recreation/play area adjacent to the Community Centre. Councillors reviewed options.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed to display Signs adjacent to the Community Centre.

Resolved: To obtain suitable Dog Fouling Signs.

- J Griffiths requested H Lobuczek to remove the two Dog Fouling Signs installed at Brinsford.

18) ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA

- Parish Clerk's Remuneration.

19) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
13/04/17	002847	R Young – Mileage	67.50
13/04/17	002848	Veolia	459.48
13/04/17	002849	CCS – Subscription	40.00

13/04/17	002850	A M Elliott	300.00
13/04/17	002851	SPCA – Subscription	505.00
13/04/17	002852	Sage	216.00
13/04/17	002853	CCS (Grant)	400.00
13/04/17	002854	R Edmunds	232.34
13/04/17	002855	C Hill	290.34
13/04/17	002856	C Lloyd	50.40
13/04/17	002857	R Young	836.00
13/04/17	002858	HMRC – PAYE	317.78
13/04/17	002859	Khoo Systems	24.00
13/04/17	002860	R Young	85.00
13/04/17	002861	J Brindle (Expenses)	85.44
13/04/17	002862	FHCC (Loan Hire)	30.00
13/04/17	002863	Direct Security	60.00
13/04/17	002864	Schnieden Electric	295.20
13/04/17	002865	Scorpio (Repairs)	504.00
13/04/17	002866	Kerry Parkes	300.00
13/04/17	002867	R Young (Laptop)	100.00
		TOTAL	£5,198.48

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

20) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 18th May 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman