



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
resumed at 7.00pm on Thursday, 28th September 2017
after the original meeting was suspended on the 14th September 2017

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

Also Present: Two Members of the Public
R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) RECORDING OF MEETINGS

- J Griffiths confirmed she had notified the Clerk she was recording this meeting.
- The Clerk mentioned the following:-
 - The Chairman or Clerk should be notified of the intention to record a meeting at the start of that meeting.
 - The Public Section (Public Participation) should not be recorded. This aspect involves the contravention of the Data Protection Act.
 - The Private and Confidential section of the meeting also should not be recorded.
- SPCA confirmed the following:-
 - Where the Public are excluded from a meeting of a relevant local government body under sub section (2), the body may also prevent any person from reporting on the meeting using methods:-
 - a) Which can be used without that person's presence at the meeting and;
 - b) "Which enables persons not present at the meeting to see or hear the proceedings at the meeting as it takes place or later".

This can be cited as the legal authority for preventing a member of the Council recording proceeding, from a part of the meeting from which the Public has been excluded for reasons of confidentiality.
- D Pattison at SSDC confirmed the following:-
 - If part of the meeting which the public are excluded from, we do not allow the public to attend or record.
 - S Graham said that she had obtained information on this matter from the internet and L Fowkes at SSDC.
 - J Brindle asked if the Private and Confidential section of the last meeting had been recorded.
 - J Griffiths confirmed the Private and Confidential had been recorded.

- R Tucker said he thought the Chairman was being challenged.
- I Harvey said the first section of the last meeting was Private and Confidential.
- Jane Griffiths commented the meeting can be recorded. The Clerk added the above conditions apply.
- The Chairman or Clerk to confirm to the Public when a meeting is being recorded.

2) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Nigel Craddock

Mentioned the following:-

- Constant dog fouling mentioning Honeysuckle Drive/Baneberry Drive. Need checks between 6.45am – 8.00am.
- Opposite garage on A460 – Drains will not take water by the Mile Wall. The Chairman confirmed a meeting was to be held with Highways tomorrow.

Monica Lockley

Mentioned the following:-

- Turnstone Drive – both ends become covered in ice due to accumulation of water.
- Gave the Clerk a copy of the Media Policy used by Burnley Borough Council and Great and Little Preston Parish Council. Isla Harvey reviewed conditions of a Media Policy and said this member of the public had been recorded at the last meeting of the Parish Council.

The Chairman suspended the meeting at 8.39pm as some exchanges between Councillors had become heated. The meeting re-started at 8.44pm. The Chairman, F Beardsmore, said we must work together as a Parish Council team and move forward. J Griffiths apologised to M Lockley for the recording.

3) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

County Councillor Bernard Williams reported the following:-

- Homecare Contracts awarded to various providers.
- Previously different providers visiting people in the same street. Four thousand adults entitled to support.
- 439,100 in employment in Staffordshire.
- Update regarding the Library Service.
- R Tucker commented there should be a significant reduction in Council Tax.

4) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from J Beardsmore and H Lobuczek.

5) **MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th July 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th July 2017.

6) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

7) **POLICE MATTERS**

- J Buzzard requested colleague PCSO (Teresa) to attend our meeting on the 12th October 2017 and if unable to attend, then forward a report for Councillors.
- Councillors commented there was not a Police presence in the Parish.
- The Clerk circulated crime statistics provided by J Buzzard.

8) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Councillor H Lobuczek submitted a report mentioning the following:-

- Fly Tipping and Dog Fouling.
- Pathways.
- M54 – M6 / M6 Toll Road Link.

9) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- The Chairman, F Beardsmore, reported a meeting had been arranged with Mark Keeling on the 29th September 2017 at the Community Centre to discuss Highway issues.
- Amey Staffordshire confirmation dated 27th September 2017 enquiry regarding New Road will be reviewed.
- Amey Staffordshire confirmation dated 27th September 2017 enquiry regarding East Road will be reviewed.
- Amey Staffordshire confirmation dated 27th September 2017 regarding South Crescent that repairs will be carried out.
- Highways England – M54 Parish Council Update.
- Amey – M54 / M6 Link Road Improvement Scheme – Additional Consultation Events.
- M54 to M6 / M6 Toll Link Road Options.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed to confirm that Option C West is the Parish Council's preferred option.

Resolved:

To confirm route C West is the preferred option.

10) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Helen Marshall – Mobile CCTV**

H Marshall confirmed a Mobile CCTV unit had been installed on Baneberry Drive.

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (R Tucker) to enquire as to why this location had been selected.

Resolved:

The Clerk to enquire as to why this location had been selected.

b) Lay-by – A460

F Beardsmore gave a resume of the meeting attended by G Williamson, M.P., Staffordshire Police, Helen Marshall, Parish, District and County Councillors.

M Perks commented this issue seems to go around and around with no result. M Perks also gave details of persons visiting the lay-by.

H Marshall (SSDC) confirmed in her email dated the 28th September 2017 that Highways do own the land adjacent to the lay-by.
The Clerk to obtain an update.

The Clerk gave details of the following:-

- Dawn Randell – Blue Bell Information.
- F Beardsmore – Woodland.
- R Cope – Woods between Hilton and Shareshill.

c) Speed of Bus Service No. 67 at Brinsford

D Mills (SCC) confirmed he had recently carried out two checks on this service and did not consider the speed to be high.

d) Bus Service on Baneberry Drive

D Mills (SCC) to review this route.

e) Brinsford – Residents Association

B Pickering confirmed in an email dated the 7th September 2017 a unanimous vote at an Association Meeting not to provide copies of the Association minutes to the Parish Council. Parish Councillors have an open invitation to attend Association Meetings. J Griffiths said copies of Brinsford Residents Association Minutes are not displayed in the Brinsford notice boards. J. Griffiths said F. Beardsmore does trust her.

f) Road Sweeping in the Parish

Bob Taylor (SSDC) confirmed road sweeping is a continual task so when they finish they start again No further information is available.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Accounts for the period April 2017 – August 2017 were circulated.
- The Clerk reported that the advice regarding the number of Disabled Car Parking places is 6% of the total space.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR'S REPORT

- No details were reported.

13) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

The following details regarding responses have been received:-

January 2017	19
February 2017	25
March 2017	35
April 2017	21
May 2017	6
June 2017	28
July 2017	13
August 2017	18

14) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The Clerk to report the following:-

- Olde Hall Road / Cannock Road – removal of fence and left in alley.
- Olde Hall Road by the flats – Trees overgrown.
- Brookhouse Close – Fly Tipping on Car Park by the brook.

15) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) 10 Monument Drive, Featherstone
Single storey side and rear extension.
- ii) 11 Sorrel Close, Featherstone
First floor bedroom and en-suite.
- iii) HMP Featherstone
Installation of replacement LED fittings to lighting.
- iv) 4 Honeysuckle Drive, Featherstone
Extension

b) Other Planning Matters

17/00814/CO4 – Full planning consent required to operate the property as a residential children’s home housing four children 7-18 years of age. The Home cannot be operational without being registered under Ofsted. In order to be registered with Ofsted, Planning Permission is required.
Manor House, Paradise Lane, Slade Heath.

- Aspire, New Road, Featherstone – Kelly Harris has confirmed the Local Plan is allocating a site for a minimum of 60 units at Brinsford Lodge. Any planning application in the Village would be over and above the allocation, and not alter the proposed site allocations.
- Kelly Harris – Email dated the 28th September 2017 entitled: “Call for Sites – South Staffordshire Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA).
- A Johnson (SSDC) – South Staffordshire Local Plan – Submission of Site Allocations Document (SAD).
- F W Bickford & Sons – Appeal Hearing held at South Staffordshire Council on Tuesday, 12th September 2017.

- Lucy MacDonald (SSDC) – Details of new Planning Enforcement Complaint Form.

16) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- SPCA – Bulletin.
- The Pensions Regulator.
- Featherstone Senior Citizens Club – Thank you letter for £250.00 donation.
- Sovereign Play.
- Creative First – Quotation for Website Improvements.
- N Taylor (SSDC) – Tourism Association – Afternoon Tea and Cakes – 17th October 2017.
- South Staffordshire Council – Tour of Chillington Hall – 4th October 2017.
- County Councillor Mike Davies – “People Helping People”.

17) **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

- D Betts reported the lane adjacent to the Community Centre (from Baneberry Drive to Doctor’s Surgery) overgrown with vegetation plus dog fouling very bad. D Betts reported he had cut back the vegetation on the lane. F Beardsmore reported that D Betts had also attended to a tree in The Avenue. Councillors thanked D Betts for the work undertaken on behalf of the Parish.

18) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) **Neighbourhood Plan**

- Deferred until the next meeting.

b) **Facebook Page**

M Perks and I Harvey mentioned the following:-

- Gave details of options included. Improvements are ongoing.
- J Griffiths said assertively the Facebook page should be a Public Page where you do not have to join a group. J Griffiths questioned the criteria used. M Perks replied the Facebook page was developing as planned.

19) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr & Mrs Bowker – Miners Memorial

- It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Clerk should purchase flowers and chocolates as a thank you for the work they had completed to install the Miners Memorial.

Resolved:

The Clerk to purchase flowers and chocolates to be presented to Mr & Mrs Bowker.

- J Brindle gave details of a Circus that could be sited next to the Community Centre. J Brindle declared an interest. It was agreed the Circus operator should be invited to a future meeting.

- I Harvey reported that dogs have been gaining access to the Children's Park next to the Community Centre – Signage to be agreed to discourage dog owners allowing access.
- The Clerk to report to South Staffordshire Housing Association that the bollards by the school (The Avenue) had been damaged and replacements needed. Health and Safety issue.
- The Avenue/South Crescent – Shop Owner parks van on pavement resulting in pedestrians and wheelchair users having to go into road. The Clerk to report to Enforcement Officers
- I Harvey gave details of a bush over the pavement as you enter Olde Hall Road. I Harvey agreed to contact the owner.
- The Clerk to notify SSHA and Police that the Toyota (LM03 0ZJ) has been left again opposite 33 The Avenue, Featherstone.

20) **FINANCE**

a) **Audit 2016/2017**

The Clerk reported that the audit had been completed for 2016/2017 with no issue raised by the Auditor.

b) **Cash Flow**

The Clerk mentioned that he was in the process of claiming a refund of VAT paid and until that repayment is received, no exceptional expenditure should be agreed.

c) **Cheque Payments**

No cheque payments were issued.

21) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday, 12th October 2017.

22) **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

a) **Meeting with D Pattison**

The Chairman, F Beardsmore, reported a meeting had been arranged with D Pattison on the 13th October 2017 to obtain details of the procedure to separate Featherstone and Brinsford.

b) **Letter dated 26th July 2017 from B Pickering (The Clerk circulated Copies to Councillors)**

- F Beardsmore referred to the first paragraph referring to all Councillors when only certain Councillors have been referred to the Monitoring Officer.
- F Beardsmore reminded Councillors that B Pickering had been a good Councillor and Vice-Chairman and in fact he was the recipient of a Code of Conduct complaint from Brinsford residents.
- F Beardsmore said he was concerned that allegations made against certain Councillors may appear to reflect on the whole Council when reading the first paragraph of B Pickering's letter.

- The Clerk to obtain a legal opinion from D Pattison.
- S Graham and J Griffiths said they had not seen the letter.
- F Beardsmore said Councillors would like to see copies of the Brinsford Residents Minutes. Copies should be sent to the Parish Council.
- S Graham said she resigned as Secretary of Brinsford Residents' Association due to conflict of interest.
- M Perks said he was intrigued as to why B Pickering does not contact Councillors..
- J Brindle said this letter undermines S Graham and J Griffiths as Councillors.
- It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (R Tucker) to seek legal advice from D Pattison.

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Resolved:

To obtain Legal Advice.

c) G Williamson, M.P.

- F Beardsmore said he had received a letter from G Williamson, M.P. requesting a meeting to discuss the decision to cancel the Village Green. The Clerk to request a meeting on a Friday at 4.30pm or same time on a Monday or Tuesday.

d) Twinning

To be included on the Agenda of the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.12pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman