



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: F Beardsmore, T Smitheman, J Brindle, R Tucker, D Betts and I Harvey

Also Present: Two Members of the Public
County Councillor B Williams
R Young – Clerk to the Council

PRESENTATION

Prior to the start of the Meeting a bouquet of flowers were presented to Mr & Mrs Bowker in recognition of work in the Parish in relation to the Miner's Memorial.

1) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Williams

The following matters were mentioned:-

- If the College site is developed will Contractors be informed not to use The Avenue.
- Memorial Bench in memory of J Greenaway.
- It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (I Harvey) that a Bench would be sited by the Miner's Memorial if the family agreed.

Resolved:

A Memorial Bench in memory of J Greenaway to be sited by the Miner's Memorial if the family agree.

The Chairman, F Beardsmore confirmed the Meeting was now being recorded.

2) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from M Perks, J Beardsmore, J Griffiths, S Graham and H Lobuczek.

3) MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting (Part 1) held on the 14th September 2017 be approved as a true and correct record, subject to the following amendment.

Public Participation – Delete "Sold a house in Brookhouse Lane".
Include "Sold a house in Shareshill".

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (Part 1) held on the 14th September 2017, subject to the above amendment.

- It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes (Part 2) of the Meeting continued on the 14th September 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting (Part 2) held on the 14th September 2017.

- It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 28th September 2017 be approved as a true and correct record subject to the inclusion of "Present: T Smitheman (from item 19)".

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th September 2017, subject to the above inclusion.

4) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

5) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor B Williams reported the following:-

- Highways – 20,000 potholes repaired in one year – 78% of Category 3 items repaired in 60 days this year.
- R Tucker asked regarding compensation paid to members of the Public for vehicle damage due to condition of the Highway.
- Details given regarding Mystaffs App.
- Update regarding support for Children in Need.
- F Beardsmore said should review situation concerning potholes after Christmas. Also enquired regarding gritting of roads.

6) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- The Clerk reported he had not received a report from H Lobuczek.

7) POLICE MATTERS

Parish Council Meeting Crime Report – 10th September 2017 to 10th October 2017

Burglary Residential (including Sheds and Other)
Buildings 1 (Two vehicles stolen from Driveways in Shareshill).
Theft of Motor Vehicles – None.
Theft from Motor Vehicles – One (Van broken into and Tools stolen on Hilton Road).
Violence against the person – None.
Drugs – None.
Anti-Social Behaviour – Two (one involving a vehicle in Olde Hall Lane and one ASB personal involving youths).
Criminal Damage (One window damaged in Hilton Road).

- Locality 3 Police Accountability Forum to be held at 5.00pm on Wednesday, 1st November 2017 at Essington Community Centre – J Brindle to attend.

8) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Shareshill Church – Retirement of Vicar**

The Clerk to forward a letter of support to the Diocese to retain a Vicar in the area.

It was also proposed, seconded and agreed a letter should be sent to the Diocese that the house in Featherstone should be kept for the benefit of residents.

Resolved:

To forward a letter to the Diocese requesting the House at Featherstone is kept for the benefit of residents.

b) **Recording of Meetings**

The Clerk was requested to obtain confirmation from S Graham as what information was given by L Fowkes at SSDC.

c) **Helen Marshall – Mobile CCTV**

The Clerk to invite Helen Marshall to a Parish Council Meeting to discuss the Mobile CCTV units.

J Brindle asked if we could have a quote for the Community Centre Cameras to be monitored.

d) **Brinsford – Residents Association**

The Clerk was requested to include on the Agenda of the next Parish Council Meeting Noticeboard at Brinsford referring to Minute 10c of the Minutes dated 28th September 2017.

e) **Bus Service on Baneberry Drive**

This matter was ongoing.

f) **Lane from Baneberry Drive to Health Centre**

The Chairman, F Beardsmore, thanked D Betts for clearing vegetation on this lane.

9) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

a) **Meeting with Mark Keeling**

- M Keeling agreed another lane needs to be removed, and better signage required where two lanes combine on the M54/A460 traffic island.
- M Perks raised matter of narrowing of entrance to South Crescent. M Keeling agreed to review.
- M Keeling to review drainage options to stop ponding on Brookhouse Lane.
- Discussed lay-by on A460.
- Reviewed drainage problems on A460 – M Keeling to review.
- Reviewed County Council funding for Highways and proposal to pass work down to Parish Council.

- Discussed lane from Baneberry Drive to Health Centre.

b) M54 to M6 / M6 Toll Link Road

Councillors reviewed the route options.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to confirm the preferred route was C West.

Resolved:

The Clerk to confirm to Highways England the preferred option is Route C West.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Reports were deferred until the next Parish Council Meeting.
- T Smitheman mentioned there appeared to be a hole in a window.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR'S REPORT

- Letter dated 11th October 2017 from Jo Dunn, Chair of Governors and C Jobling, Headteacher, requesting a donation towards the cost of Health and Safety Training for Staff Development.
- The Clerk to check with SPCA regarding legal aspect regarding a donation. Academy donation to be an Agenda item for the next Parish Council Meeting.
- I Harvey reported new school year with new School Council elected.
- J Brindle reported on the Governor's Meeting held at the Academy on the 11th October 2017.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- The Clerk reported there had been eighteen responses during the last four weeks.
- The Clerk also mentioned that the First Responders needed to carry out repairs to their vehicle totalling £870.00 (Brake Discs, Clutch and Flywheel repairs). R Tucker commented as to whether they have other sources of income.
- The Clerk to write to First Responders enquiring as to whether they had contacted Shareshill, Essington and Hilton Parish Councils for donations.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

The Clerk reported Tracey Griffiths had confirmed an inspection had been requested to review the condition of the concrete bollards located by the school (1-6 The Avenue).

14) PLANNING

- No matters reported.

15) CORRESPONDENCE

- SPCA – Bulletin.

- SSDC – Chairman of South Staffordshire – Tour of Halfpenny Green Vineyard – 6th November 2017. Invitation to attend.
- SSDC – Kelly Harris – Call for sites – South Staffordshire Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment – Site submission deadline 10th November 2017.
- SCC Envirogrant Scheme.

16) **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

Horse – Play Area (Brinsford)

- The Clerk to enquire with S Graham regarding signage and its cost plus confirmation of any advice obtained.

Waste Bin on Lamppost by School

- I Harvey reported the waste bin was now on the ground. The Clerk to request SSDC to install the waste bin back onto the lamppost.

Liquid Salt for Parish

- The Clerk to request supply of four containers of liquid salt from SCC Highways for use in the Parish.

Grit Bins in Parish

- It was agreed Mr Randall to be requested to site the three Grit Bins at present in storage. The Clerk to be notified of locations to arrange grit to be supplied.

Pavement between turning from Whitegreave Avenue and turning for Brookhouse Close requires repair

- The Clerk to report to SCC Highways.

Children's Park next to Community Centre

- The Clerk to order signage with wording as follows:-
 - Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council
 - Children's Play Area
 - No Dogs Allowed

17) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk mentioned the following:-

- Funding available of £9,000.
- Estimated total cost £15,000 - £16,000.
- Considers pollution, traffic, noise levels and planning requirements of Parish.

R Tucker commented pressure for housing in the Shires influenced by demand increasing due to the movement from London to Birmingham with rents being lower in the Midlands than London and the South East.

The Clerk to request opinion of Gavin Williamson M.P. on this matter.

b) Facebook Page

- Councillors reviewed advertising on the Facebook page.

The Clerk commented that Parishioners could interpret a commercial business advertisement as a recommendation from the Parish Council.

18) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Clerk to request S Graham/J Griffiths to obtain photographs of children using the new play equipment at Brinsford.
- Several Councillors reported they had passed the Play Equipment area and not seen it used to date.
- J Brindle gave details of a lady from the Parish who had died today who contributed extensively to the Parish during her life.
- It was proposed (R Tucker), seconded (J Brindle) and agreed a Wreath should be purchased.

Resolved:

To send a Wreath to the Funeral.

- I Harvey confirmed she would obtain a Wreath for Remembrance Day.

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 | £ |
|-------------|------------------|---------------------|----------|
| 08/09/17 | 002931 | Waterplus | 661.73 |
| 08/09/17 | 002932 | R Young (Mileage) | 27.00 |
| 14/09/17 | 002594 | I Harvey | 31.45 |
| 14/09/17 | 002595 | R Young (Mileage) | 9.00 |
| 14/09/17 | 002596 | Auditel | 685.25 |
| 14/09/17 | 002597 | R Edmunds | 260.00 |
| 14/09/17 | 002598 | C Hill | 325.00 |
| 14/09/17 | 002599 | C Lloyd | 50.50 |
| 14/09/17 | 002600 | K Parkes | 325.00 |
| 14/09/17 | 002601 | R Young | 937.60 |
| 14/09/17 | 002602 | HMRC (PAYE) | 369.85 |
| 14/09/17 | 002603 | Maplin (Recorder) | 130.96 |
| 14/09/17 | 002604 | SSDC (GM) | 573.84 |
| 14/09/17 | 002605 | Comm Council Staffs | 425.00 |
| 14/09/17 | 002606 | Veolia | 459.48 |
| 14/09/17 | 002607 | Playdale | 5,286.22 |

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| 14/09/17 | 002608 | FHCC | 35.00 |
| 14/09/17 | 002609 | S Bowker (Miner's Memorial) | 250.00 |
| 12/10/17 | 002610 | R Edmunds | 260.00 |
| 12/10/17 | 002611 | Colin Hill | 325.00 |
| 12/10/17 | 002612 | C Lloyd | 50.50 |
| 12/10/17 | 002613 | K Parkes | 325.00 |
| 12/10/17 | 002614 | R Young | 937.60 |
| 12/10/17 | 002615 | HMRC (PAYE) | 369.85 |
| 12/10/17 | 002616 | R Young (Expenses) | 46.60 |
| 12/10/17 | 002617 | AMG Sport | 14,820.00 |
| 12/10/17 | 002618 | Veolia | 368.38 |
| 12/10/17 | 002619 | SCC Legal | 30.00 |
| 12/10/17 | 002620 | FHCC | 30.00 |
| 12/10/17 | 002621 | T Smitheman (Keys) | 18.00 |
| 12/10/17 | 002622 | R Young (Mileage) | 36.20 |
| | | TOTAL | £28,460.01 |

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

20) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

D Pattison

The Chairman, F Beardsmore, confirmed a meeting had been arranged with D Pattison for the 13th October 2017 to obtain information and details regarding the option to separate Featherstone and Brinsford to individual standalone Parish Councils.

21) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday, 9th November 2017.

The Meeting closed at 9.20pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman