



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Thursday, 11th January 2018 at 7.00pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

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

Also Present: County Councillor B Williams
District Councillor R Cope
District Councillor H Lobuczek
PCSO Teresa Nichols
R Young – Clerk to the Council
Six Members of the Public

1) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Trevor Stanley outlined problems with cleaning at Midland Heart property in South View Close. Meeting to be arranged with Midland Heart.
- Details outlined of concerns regarding continuity of teaching time at Featherstone Academy.
- Dog Fouling – H Lobuczek confirmed he had stencilled Dog Fouling images in the Parish. H Lobuczek to monitor.
- Storm water gathering opposite the Red, White and Blue – The Clerk confirmed this problem had been reported to SCC Highways. County Councillor said he will raise the problem with Mark Keeling and put pressure on Highways.
- J Brindle agreed to install three grit bins.
- Four Seasons promotion to raise funds for the Community Centre by way of a Ladies Night event. Request to Parish Council to donate £250.00 towards total cost of £500.00. Profit of event to be donated to the Community Centre.

2) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from J Griffiths and J Beardsmore.

3) MINUTES

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

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th November 2017.

4) DECLARATIONS 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) POLICE MATTERS

- Crime in Featherstone from 11th December 2017 to 11th January 2018.
 - Burglary Residential – Lead stolen from garage roof in Baneberry Drive.
 - Theft of Motor Vehicle – None.
 - Theft from Motor Vehicles – None.
 - Violence against the person – None.
 - Drug – None.
 - Anti-Social Behaviour – Three.
 - Criminal Damage – One.
- R Cope mentioned lead stolen from three properties in Stapenhill and no Police presence. Also Christmas Lights damaged at Shareshill. PCSO Nichols requested details of suspected offenders.
- Details mentioned of drug incidents on The Avenue and car abandoned on Hilton Road.
- I Harvey gave details of incident with young person at Christmas.
- M Perks gave details of van parked on the pavement.
- PCSO Teresa Nichols can be contacted on 07890 317254.

6) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

B Williams commented as follows:-

- Report all Highway matters to SCC Highways and obtain a registration number. Also reported the Connect Bus Service will be ending during March 2018.

Councillor mentioned the following:-

- M Perks said Highway faults reported, marked on road but no action.
- M Perks registered surface of Brookhouse Lane (4410844) – No response.
- South Crescent entrance – No funds available.
- Lines on A460/M54 traffic island.
- J Brindle commented it is wrong to have one Contractor for the whole county.
- R Cope raised concerns regarding the No. 70 Bus Service plus the i54 Bus Service. F Beardsmore gave a summary of bus services and said if the i54 Service stops, then the No. 70 Service should be increased. It was confirmed Mark Jenkinson (SSDC) to have meeting to discuss the No. 70 Service. B Williams to follow up concerns regarding Bus Service.

7) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

a) **District Councillor R Cope**

District Councillor R Cope mentioned the following:-

- Attended Inspectors Report and reviewed Link Road option. All Developers requesting more houses to provide finance. Option to consider a new settlement.
- Neighbourhood Plan considered for any development.
- F Beardsmore commented that not all additional housing should be allocated to Featherstone.

b) **H Lobuczek**

H Lobuczek mentioned the following:-

- Additional housing development will need the infrastructure.
- Dog Fouling Bins and their location.
- Litter and Fly Tipping.

8) MATTERS ARISING

a) Miner's Memorial

The siting of a Memorial Bench was ongoing.

b) Recording of Meetings

The Clerk to review the emails received from L Fowkes (SSDC).

c) Helen Marshall – Mobile CCTV

Due to Helen Marshall being ill, it was agreed to invite her to a future Parish Council Meeting.

d) Bus Service on Baneberry Drive

The Clerk reported he had requested details from County Councillor B Williams who provided a plan of the bus service. I Harvey marked the bus service details on the map.

9) HIGHWAY MATTERS

- a) The Clerk to report the covered drain blocked/full at 32 The Avenue.
- b) M54/A460 – Mark Keeling said the lines will be renewed/corrected when the Line Machine is not in area.
- c) Damaged sign on South Crescent reported.
- d) Entrance to South Crescent – Clerk reported Mark Keeling advised to take up this item with County Councillor B Williams regarding funding.
- e) Drainage opposite Red, White and Blue require pictures of water accumulation. The Clerk confirmed he had asked Mark Keeling to progress this item.
- f) A460 Layby – F Beardsmore gave an update regarding this matter.
- g) The Clerk confirmed he had reported the incident of the Car Transporter travelling through the Village to the Brindley Honda Depot.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- F Beardsmore gave details of a quotation from SSDC to carry out ground maintenance around the Community Centre. The Clerk to enquire regarding cost and details of waste disposal and how much will vegetation be cut down.
- Accounts to be circulated at the next Parish Council Meeting.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR’S REPORT

I Harvey reported the following:-

- 13% above National Average with Staff.
- September 2018 the School will have been open for 90 years. Committee to be formed to organise celebration.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

The Clerk reported the following:-

- Twenty One incidents attended.
- Member of Team received Commendation from the Ambulance Service.
- Clerk to enquire whether any response from Essington regarding request for donation.
- R Cope reported that Hilton Parish Council and Shareshill Parish Council had or were planning to donate £300.00 each to First Responders.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- The Clerk to obtain contact details of Clare Smallwood to arrange a further meeting.

14) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

- i) 17/01137/FUL
Two storey extension with garage, cloakroom, utility and master bedroom with en-suite.
15 Turnstone Drive, Featherstone

b) Planning Decisions

- i) 17/00814/COU
Manor House, Paradise Lane
Change of Use to a residential children’s home housing 4 No. children 7-18 years of age.
Approved subject to Conditions

- ii) 17/00821/FUL
HMP Featherstone, 1 New Road, Featherstone
Lighting Upgrade
Approved subject to Condition

c) Other Planning Matters

- i) R Cope gave an update regarding the Appeal by F W Bickford & Sons which had been refused. Mr Bickford requesting further discussion.

15) CORRESPONDENCE

- Community Council of Staffordshire – Received General Information regarding the role of Village Agents and Good Life Agents.
- SSDC – “Let’s Work Together Training”.

- SPCA – Bulletin.
- SSDC – Parish Council Service Delivery.
- SSDC – Good Life Parish Champions.
- H Lobuczek – Council News Roundup.
- PSMA News – Update.
- South Staffordshire Community Budget.
- West Midlands Interchange – Stage 2a.
- Notification of External Auditor Appointments for the 2017/2018 Financial Year.
- SSDC – L Fowkes – “Are you ready for GDPR”.
- SCC – Councillor Mike Davies MCIAT – “People Helping People Initiative”.
- SSDC – Parish Clerk’s Elections.
- SCC – Voluntary Group Support.

16) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- Old College Site – Tree Removal – F Beardsmore to review reply from S Dores (SSDC) with Clerk.
- Councillors reported the Waste Bin on the lamppost by the School was on the ground. The Clerk to report to Bob Taylor at SSDC.
- Clerk to enquire with SCC regarding replacement fingerpost.

17) NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- The Clerk reported that funding was available from Locality.
- The Clerk to enquire with Paul Turner as to whether he would be interested in producing a Neighbourhood Plan.

18) TWINNING

The Clerk gave details of Twinning received from Staffordshire Parish Council’s Association. The Clerk to forward link details to I Harvey.

19) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

M Perks commented regarding the following:-

- Need to review options regarding replacement Playground Equipment for Featherstone.
- Use of Speed Gun in the Parish – Need to recruit volunteers.
- Review the Parish Motif.
- Enquiries received to organise a new Scout Group in Featherstone.
- The Clerk to forward letters to retail outlets on The Avenue regarding the need for considerate parking.

20) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Noticeboards at Brinsford (Reference Minute 10c 28th September 2017).

21) FINANCE MATTERS

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a) Precept Requirement 2018/2019

The Clerk circulated a Schedule of Income and Expenditure for the period April-December 2017 plus a Forecast to the 31st March 2018.

It was proposed (R Tucker), seconded (I Harvey) to increase the Precept Requirement for 2018/2019 by 3% to £83,245.00.

Resolved:

To request a Precept of £83,245.00 for 2018/2019.

b) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
11/01/18	003012	R Edmunds	260.00
11/01/18	003013	C Hill	325.00
11/01/18	003014	C Lloyd	50.50
11/01/18	003015	K Parkes	325.00
11/01/18	003016	R Young	937.60
11/01/18	003017	HMRC (PAYE)	369.85
11/01/18	003018	Waterplus	327.60
11/01/18	003019	Khoo Systems	24.00
11/01/18	003020	Playsafety Limited	96.60
11/01/18	003021	Fazeley Signs	51.12
11/01/18	003022	FHCC (Room)	30.00
		TOTAL	£2,797.27

Resolved:

➤ **To issue the above cheques.**

b) Four Seasons

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to donate £150.00 to the Ladies Night event towards the cost.

Resolved:

To donate £150.00 to Four Seasons (Ladies Night event).

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

22) CODE OF CONDUCT

The Clerk circulated to Councillors a copy of the revised Code of Conduct used by South Staffordshire Council.

23) COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The Clerk circulated to Councillors a copy of the Community Governance Reviews by South Staffordshire Council.

24) GAVIN WILLIAMSON M.P.

The Chairman, F Beardsmore, gave details of a letter received from Gavin Williamson M.P. stating: "I am writing to see if it would be possible to have a meeting to discuss the issues around Featherstone and Brinsford as I know there is talk about splitting up the Parish".

F Beardsmore confirmed a reply had been sent to G Williamson M.P. Copies of the letter sent to G Williamson M.P. were circulated to Councillors.

The following points were mentioned:-

- F Beardsmore said there were implications for Private and Confidential.
- R Tucker said it was dangerous to speculate and should wait until a reply is received from G Williamson M.P.
- S Graham said she had not breached the Code of Conduct.
- D Betts also said he had not breached the Code of Conduct.
- R Tucker commented the Parish Council is not operating as it should.
- S Graham said Featherstone and Brinsford have different needs and that is the problem.

The Meeting closed at 10.37pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman