



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Thursday, 8th March 2018 at 7.00pm
at Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

Minutes to be Agreed

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

Also Present: District Councillor R Cope
PCSO Steven
One Member of the Public
R Young – Clerk to the Council

J Griffiths and the Clerk notified the Chairman they were recording the meeting.

1) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

➤ No matters were raised.

2) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from A Roche and H Lobuczek.

3) MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th February 2018 be approved, subject to the following amendments:-

- 15) CORRESPONDENCE (Miner's Memorial) to include:
"and the Parish Council took ownership of the Memorial Land".
This amendment was proposed, seconded and agreed.
- 15) CORRESPONDENCE (Village Green) to include:
"two hundred signatures obtained to support the purchase of the Village Green".
Proposal not seconded or agreed.
- 22) BRINSFORD NOTICEBOARD amended as follows:
Delete – November 2017 were on display.
Include – "October 2017 displayed from November 2017".
This amendment was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th February 2018, subject to the above amendments.

4) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

5) **POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO Steven introduced himself to Parish Councillors and presented the following statistics for the period 8th February 2018 – 8th March 2018:-

- Burglary Residential (including Sheds and other buildings) – 1.
 - Theft of Motor Vehicles – 1.
 - Theft from Motor Vehicles – 2.
 - Violence against the Person – 0.
 - Drugs – 0.
 - Anti-Social Behaviour – 4.
- J Brindle asked J Stevens if he was aware of historical crimes/issues in the Parish.
- I Harvey mentioned problems with some youths, and persons inviting young girls to a flat.
- Alleyway by Red, White and Blue used as route for drugs.
- It was mentioned all incidents should be reported to Police to be included in records.
- Facebook details need to be recorded on 101. S Graham commented there are problems accessing Facebook and need a Residents page.
R Tucker commented some residents had criticised the 101 service.

6) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

The following matters were mentioned by B Williams:-

- Government allocated £5m for pothole repairs next year.
- This week the District Council had meeting to show/give details of new equipment purchased.
- Work such as Grass Cutting to be taken in-house – trial at Bilbrook.
- Review to identify whether some operations/services can be combined.

7) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

a) **District Councillor R Cope**

R Cope reported the following:-

- Details of presentation by J Hearn (Consultants) on the future housing needs of Birmingham and the quantity houses required.
- North and South of Penkridge where there are areas of employment – case for homes.
- Strategic employment area such as i54 brings pressure for homes.
- Neighbourhood Plan would need to integrate with Local Plan. Major developers such as Taylor Wimpey, David Wilson Homes and Persimmon have development land interest.

- District Council enquiring regarding link road.

b) H Lobuczek

H Lobuczek mentioned the following by email:-

- Attached Agenda for “Let’s Work Together – Organised Crime Professional Development Day” – Friday, 23rd March 2018.
- Also commented on Dog Fouling, Potholes/Fly Tipping, Planning, Parish Survey and POCA and PPF Funding.

8) MATTERS ARISING

a) Bus Service

The Clerk to cancel the arranged meeting with Mark Jenkinson (SSDC) and arrange a meeting with Sonia Atkins at Staffordshire County Council.

b) Roadsweeper in Parish

Andy Cousins confirmed the following:-

- Currently working to a four monthly rota, however, to date the programme is not being achieved.
- Roads in the Parish on the work schedule as follows:-
 - A460.
 - The Avenue/Brookhouse Lane.
 - Hilton Road.
 - New Road.
 - Banebury Drive.
 - Turnstone Drive.
- Majority road swept on the 6th and 7th February – Sweeper broke down on 19th February.

c) Miner’s Memorial

- Already reviewed.

d) Recording of Meetings

Councillors J Griffiths and S Graham said they had a right to record Private and Confidential sections of the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed the following detail advised by David Pattison (SSDC).

Under the relevant legislation, the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as amended in 2014 by the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014), there is a legal right for any person (be they a member of the public or a Councillor) to make an audio recording (and other forms of recording/reporting) **when a meeting is in public session.**

There is no such right at any other time – this is entirely clear from the Act, see in particular 1(3A) which states that **any** person is prevented from recording the meeting when the public is excluded.

e) Helen Marshall – Mobile CCTV

- The Clerk confirmed Helen Marshall (SSDC) would attend the April Parish Council Meeting. The April meeting to start at 6.30pm. The Clerk to also enquire with Helen Marshall regarding the keys for the unit at the Top of The Avenue. _

f) Twining

- Details being reviewed by the School at present.

9) HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Meeting with Mark Keeling (SCC) on Wednesday, 7th February 2018

- The Chairman reported the following items were discussed:-
 - South Crescent.
 - Lineage – Agreed not appropriate – Look at changes to entrance plus dropped kerb – Clerk.
 - M54/A460 – Lineage – Waiting for line machine to be in area.
 - Water Accumulation opposite Red, White and Blue – Included on work to be done.
 - Gullies – Cleaned three weeks ago.
 - Marking of potholes – Three categories:-
 - 1) 24 hour attention
 - 2) 7 days
 - 3) In the future – no timescale.

b) Water Accumulation opposite Red, White and Blue

- The Clerk reported he had written to Gavin Williamson M.P. regarding this outstanding item.

c) Malayan Way

- T Smitheman reported Malayan Way to be closed, but signage only one side.

d) Meeting with Mark Deauville

- The Clerk confirmed he had requested a meeting with M Deauville (Cabinet Member – Highways) to discuss potholes, motorway link and additions to the road system near to the Parish.

e) Four Ashes

- J Brindle mentioned the Environmental impact on the area. The Clerk to contact Phil Edge (Environmental) and Hilary Ans9on (Liaison Officer at Veolia) – Request a review of pollution levels.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

J Beardsmore mentioned the following:-

- Need British Gas Service – Clerk to enquire with British Gas.
- Roof very good. No snow or water came in.
- Children's Functions.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR’S REPORT

- I Harvey reported Governor’s Meeting held on 7th March 2018.
- The following matters were also reported:-
 - School Council to review Play Equipment.
 - Need to stop cars being parked on Staff Car Park and by Garages – Stumps by Garages need to be reviewed and repaired. The Clerk to contact the Housing Association.
- John Brindle commented a Health and Safety Report had been received.
- Jane Griffiths enquired regarding Play Equipment Reports and asked for copies. Brinsford Play Equipment to be inspected in August 2018.
- It was agreed to form a Working Party to review options concerning play equipment at Featherstone. Working Party to consist of R Tucker, M Perks, F Beardsmore and I Harvey. J Griffiths asked if the School would contribute funds to play equipment costs.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- The Clerk reported First Responders had attended twenty one incidents. The Clerk to request details of Expenditure and whether received response from Essington.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- Site Meeting to be arranged regarding vehicles at Featherstone.
- Olde Hall Road – Property with fence broken plus rubbish requiring removal.
- The Clerk reported that basic repairs could be undertaken to Garages but no roof repairs.

14) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) None received.

b) Planning Decisions

- i) None received.

c) Enforcement

- i) 18/00121/DOGF
10 Olde Hall Road, Featherstone
Dog Fouling – Alleyway, Hilton Road
- ii) 18/00108/BOC
Oak Tree Caravan Site, New Road, Featherstone
Breach of Condition 09/00692/COU
- iii) 18/00141/UDEV
12 Thistledown Drive, Featherstone
Alleged erection of Outbuilding possibly as accommodation and impacting on surrounding properties.
- iv) 18/00003/ABV
Penderell Close, Featherstone

Removal of Car

d) Other Planning Matters

- R Cope reported the Live and Let Live application withdrawn. J Brindle Declard and Interest.
- J Griffiths enquired regarding a Puppy Farm at Brinsford due to noise level. R Cope to check details.
- Meeting arranged with Paul Turner on the 13th March 2018 to progress a Neighbourhood Plan.

15) CORRESPONDENCE

- Helen Marshall (SSDC) – POCA and PPF Funding.
- D Pattison (SSDC) – Council News Roundup Issue 57.
- Maggie Quinn (SSDC) – Safeguarding Training – T Smitheman to attend.
- Maggie Quinn (SSDC) – Football Association – Engaging Communities – Local Football Communities.
- Keep Britain Tidy – Register your Parish Council.
- Jason Bannister (Staffordshire Police) – Events 2018.
- Maggie Quinn (SSDC) – Parish Champions.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Catherine Gutteridge (SSDC) – A Board Guidance.
- Community Speed Watch.

- F Beardsmore asked J Griffiths at the last meeting to leave the meeting if she would not switch off her recording at the Private and Confidential section of the meeting. Gave details of email from D Pattison (SSDC) confirming Private and Confidential cannot be recorded by a Councillor.

➤ **Bus Service in Parish**

R Cope gave details of an email received from Sonia Atkins (SCC) regarding the i54 Bus Service. R Cope also gave details of contact with Phil Spruce.

It was agreed the Clerk should arrange a meeting with Sonia Atkins to discuss i54 and No. 70 Bus Service plus routes and impact on residents.

➤ **Facebook**

F Beardsmore reported at meeting with D Pattison requested him to look into Guidelines for Parish Council with a Facebook – Await advice.

16) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- Waste bin on lamppost outside School fitted one foot above ground – Clerk to contact Bob Taylor (SSDC) again.
- Fingerpost – Clerk to obtain quote for Fingerpost with three wings.

It was proposed (J Griffiths), seconded (R Tucker) and agreed to obtain quotation for Fingerpost with three wings.

Resolved:

- **To obtain quotation for Fingerpost with three wings.**

17) NOTICEBOARDS AT BRINSFORD

- The Clerk to obtain details of the Government Openness Act 2014 and also enquire with D Pattison (SSDC).
- F Beardsmore said cannot display Private and Confidential on a Public Noticeboard.
- S Graham said she would not be prepared to display Minutes.
- F Beardsmore said the Minutes at Brinsford removed – New locks fitted to Noticeboard.

18) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Clerk to obtain latest information regarding the new Data Protection Regulation.
- R.cope agreed to contact Featherstone Prison regarding the horses kept in a field adjacent to the Prison.
- The Clerk gave details of a letter received from Gavin Williamson M.P. stating the Government do not pursue a policy in terms of trying to shift population from London outwards. The Clerk to reply “those that are effected by Universal Credit who cannot afford rent with Universal Credit capped encouraging population movement”. Request any movement statistics.
- J Griffiths mentioned a Shelter appears to have been put up by the trees opposite the Post Office, where the wall ends. Councillors to check.
- R Tucker reported in the Health Centre statistics displayed end of missed appointments. The Clerk to enquire with the Health Centre as to whether Parish Council can do anything to provide an improvement. (Julie McCarthy contact at Health Centre).

19) SPEED GUN

- This matter was ongoing.

20) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Spring Clean-Up.
- Private and Confidential.

21) FINANCE MATTERS

a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
08/03/18	003036	Playsafety Limited	96.60
08/03/18	003037	Veolia	397.56
08/03/18	003038	SPCA	505.00
08/03/18	003039	Khoo Systems	24.00
08/03/18	003040	R Edmunds	260.00

08/03/18	003041	C Hill	325.00
08/03/18	003042	C Lloyd	50.50
08/03/18	003043	K Parkes	325.00
08/03/18	003044	R Young	937.60
08/03/18	003045	HMCE (PAYE)	369.85
08/03/18	003046	R Young (Mileage)	34.15
08/03/18	003047	FHCC	30.00
08/03/18	003048	K Parkes (Expenses)	9.99
		TOTAL	£3,365.25

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

22) RECORDING OF MEETINGS

F Beardsmore requested J Griffiths to turn off her recording. J Griffiths and S Graham said they had correspondence dated the 24th November 2017 from L Fowkes (SSDC) regarding the recording of meetings. F Beardsmore referred to the confirmation from D Pattison and asked J Griffiths to turn off her recording. S Graham asked what was to be discussed in Private and Confidential and both S Graham and J Griffiths said they had serious concerns regarding transparency and openness. J Griffiths and S Graham left the meeting. R Cope left the meeting.

23) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

F Beardsmore gave a resume of the Meeting with D Pattison with regard to Private and Confidential.

24) SEPARATION OF PARISH

Councillors discussed the possible implications of the Parish was split into two. It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (M Perks) and agreed to enquire with D Pattison the implications for both parts of splitting the Parish into two.

Resolved:

- **To enquire with D Pattison the implications should the Parish be split into two parts.**

All Councillors present agreed the proposal.

The Meeting closed at 10.05pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman