



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Thursday, 12th April 2018 at 7.12pm
at Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

MINUTES TO BE AGREED

Prior to the start of the meeting Helen Marshall (SSDC) gave a detailed presentation regarding mobile CCTV units and their use. Discussed the following:-

- Police attendance at Parish Council Meetings.
- Appointment of new Chief Inspector for area.
- Existing cameras to be removed in future.
- Mobile cameras cost £3,700.00 plus installation costs.
- Lamppost connection equipment cost £360.00 plus £100.00 connection.
- District Council have twelve cameras.
- Discussed recent anti-social incidents in the Parish.
- Dog Fouling – Confirmed costs, sprays, bags, stickers and leaflets ordered.

Present: F Beardsmore, D Betts, T Smitheman, R Tucker, M Perks and J Brindle

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

The Clerk notified the Chairman he was recording the meeting.

1) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- Members of the public raised the following issues:-
 - Resident of New Road (50 years) outlined problem with road being used as a Truck Stop since width of road altered. Also gave history of problems and copy documentation.
- Member of the public mentioned the following:-
 - Access to Cage and poor drainage.
 - Dog Fouling and need for signs on park area.
 - Community Centre Sign needs to be refurbished.

2) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from J Beardsmore, S Graham, J Griffiths, I Harvey, R Cope, H Lobuczek and B Williams.

3) **COUNCILLOR D BETTS**

D Betts requested the Chairman's approval to make a statement and comment regarding an email dated April 2018 sent to the Clerk, Chairman and Officers at South Staffordshire Council.

D Betts gave details of email and commented as follows :-

- Background of Parish Council meetings.
- Noticeboard and display of minutes.
- Long term friendship with Barry Pickering.
- D Betts did not discuss confidential matters with B Pickering.
- No Councillor stalking or following J Griffiths home or monitoring location of a van.
- D Betts said email is very concerning.
- D Betts said that B Pickering had commented that J Griffiths had said she will "have them".
- D Betts read out email detail and totally rejected statements referring to him.
- F Beardsmore advised D Betts to write to the Parish Clerk with comments.
- F Beardsmore commented that all Councillors need to be careful with regard to Libel and Slander and there was a need to meet with D Pattison for advice. F Beardsmore said it was totally unacceptable to refer to members of the Council or employees as "liars".
- It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (M Perks) that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk should seek advice from D Pattison (SSDC).

Resolved:

To seek advice from D Pattison regarding the above matters.

4) **MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th April 2018 be approved, subject to the following amendment:-

- 5) Police Matters – Delete PCSO Steven._
Include PCSO Stevens.

Resolved:

To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th April 2018, subject to the above amendment.

5) **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.

6) **POLICE MATTERS**

a) **Crime Report from 12/3/18 – 11/4/18**

- Burglary Residential – None.
- Theft of Motor Vehicles – None.
- Theft from Motor Vehicles – None.
- Violence against the Person – One.
- Drugs – None.
- Anti-Social Behaviour – Seven.

- b) M Perks gave details of incident involving drug dealing by the Chapel – same person – same car – Matter reported to Police.

The Clerk to enquire as to whether Police will be attending the May 2018 meeting.

7) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

8) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

9) MATTERS ARISING

a) Neighbourhood Plan

- Meeting arranged with D Pattison for the 4th May 2018.
- The Clerk confirmed that R Cope had forwarded details of My Community – Locality for information.

b) Four Ashes

The Clerk reported that Phil Edge at SSDC had confirmed the District Council had no involvement with pollution monitoring, but referred matter to the Environment Agency The Clerk to progress.

10) HIGHWAY MATTERS

- The Clerk to report the pothole located at The Avenue/Post Office.
- South Crescent – M Perks reported the line machine attended to install lines – Outlined chevrons on the road.
- Pothole priority not working – small potholes on New Road and large pothole on Brookhouse Lane still outstanding.
- Highway Agency – Letter dated 29th March 2018 from Andrew Kelly – Highway England Project Manager confirming no definite dates for when the assessment options for the M54 – M6/M6 (Toll) Link Road will be completed.
- Water Accumulation opposite the Red, White and Blue – Email dated 25th March 2018 confirming the Highway Agency have no responsibility for this matter.
- Meeting with Mark Deaville – Meeting arranged for 2nd May 2018.
- The Clerk reported that Gavin Williamson M.P. had written to John Henderson, Chief Executive at SCC regarding drainage issue opposite the Red, White and Blue but to date had not received a reply.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- No matters reported.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

13) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- Attended 24 responses during last month.
- The Clerk reported the following:-
 - Copies of vehicle repair invoices totalling £870.00 received.
 - Receipts and Payments for 2017.
 - No funds received from Essington.

14) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- F Beardsmore and M Perks attended a meeting with Alyson Morton (SSHA) and discussed vehicles abandoned and the need to replace stumps by the garages. A Morton also arranged for the removal of rubbish from Hilton Road.

15) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) 18/00244/FUL
Proposed single storey side extension for lounge.
101 East Road, Brinsford
- ii) 18/00194/FUL
Proposed two storey extension comprising side, living, dining extension with bedroom and en-suite over.
35 Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

b) Planning Decisions

- i) No decisions received.

16) CORRESPONDENCE

- Jane Griffiths – Email dated 15th and 28th March 2018 to R Young – copied to D Pattison, D Heywood and F Beardsmore.
- R Stephen (HMPS) – Horses – Confirmation that instructions given to repair fencing around the field by the prison plus installation of Notices.
- SPCA – Complaints Procedure.
- Elan City – Evolis Radar Speed Sign.
- Sian Carpenter – Resist the West Midland Interchange.
- Community Council of Staffordshire – Confirmation that the Community Council of Staffordshire and Support Staffordshire are to unite as one organisation.
- SSDC – “Let’s Work Together” training session Friday, 20th April 2018.
- MAZARS – Confirmation that the Parish Council Annual Return must be prepared by the 6th July 2018.
- SSDC – Helen Astley – Walk for Robbie – 25th March 2018.
- Gov.uk – Minimum wage increase to be applied from the 1st April 2018.

It was proposed (R Tucker), seconded (J Brindle) that the new Minimum Wage Rate of £7.83 should apply as from the 1st April 2018.

Resolved:

To apply the new Minimum Wage Rate of £7.83 to employee wages as from the 1st April 2018.

- Council News Round-Up (SSDC).
- SPCA – Bulletin.
- SCC – Dying Matters Staffordshire.
- SSDC – Enhanced Parish Survey.
- Featherstone Senior Citizens Club – Request for Donation (Day Trip to Chester).

17) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- New playground equipment – Featherstone.
 - M Perks and T Smitheman gave details of Komplan presentation/ designs – Returning next week to measure area available.
 - F Beardsmore commented it would be an advantage to review equipment in use at Coven Park.
 - M Perks said intend to review details with the School.
 - Councillors mentioned that three quotations should be obtained.
- Reviewed provision of a Mobile Camera in the Parish.
 - Camera Cost: £3,700.00.
 - Installation Kit Cost: £360.00 plus £100.00 to connect/fit.
 - Can move unit four times a year.
 - The Clerk to enquire with Helen Marshall regarding timetable to purchase a unit.
- Facebook – L Fowkes to provide advice regarding editing of Facebook comments and inclusions.
- Payment in Minutes to include recipients position/details. R Young – Clerk, C Hill – Litter Operative and C Lloyd – Gatekeeper. The Clerk to also enquire with Clerk at Brewood and Coven regarding their website provider.
- M Perks visited Bingo at the Chapel when concerns were raised concerning C Lloyd opening/locking gates. Clerk to include Chapel Gates on Agenda.
- M Perks gave details of the formation of a Scout Group commenting as follows:-
 - Interest increasing.
 - Open Day on Sunday, 13th May 2018.
 - Help needed with costs.
 - May form as a Charity – Can apply for Grants.
 - Will use the School due to Safeguarding issues.
 - Storage offered at School.
 - F Beardsmore asked for details of costs that would be incurred.
- Featherstone Senior Citizens Club.

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (R Tucker) to donate £250.00 towards the cost of a day visit to Chester.

Resolved:

To donate £250.00.

- New Working Group – It was agreed to hold this matter in abeyance.
- Date of Next Meeting – Thursday, 10th May 2018.

18) FINANCE MATTERS

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a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
12/04/18	003061	Autoguard Alarms (Community Centre)	218.40
12/04/18	003062	SSDC (Ground Maintenance)	92.52
12/04/18	003063	Sage Payroll	213.60
12/04/18	003064	SCC (Legal Cost)	72.00
12/04/18	003065	Khoo Systems (Website)	24.00
12/04/18	003066	R Young (Clerk)	937.60
12/04/18	003067	Cancelled	0.00
12/04/18	003068	K Parkes (Litter Operative)	325.00
12/04/18	003069	C Lloyd (Gatekeeper)	43.85
12/04/18	003070	C Hill (Litter Operative)	325.00
12/04/18	003071	R Edmunds (Litter Operative)	260.00
12/04/18	003072	R Young (Contribution Laptop)	200.00
12/04/18	003073	FHCC (Room Hire)	30.00
12/04/18	003074	Featherstone Senior Citizens Club (Donation)	250.00
12/04/18	003075	HMRC (PAYE)	369.85
		TOTAL	£3,361.82

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

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19) SEPARATION OF PARISH

It was proposed (M Perks), seconded (J Brindle) to request D Pattison to progress to the next stage the separation of the Parish, including an explanation of costs involved.

Resolved:

- **To progress the separation of the Parish with D Pattison.**

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman