



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.25pm
at Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

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

Also Present: District Councillor R Cope
PCSO J Stevens
Four Members of the Public
R Young, Clerk to the Council

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from H Lobuczek and B Williams.

2) APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed (M Perks) and seconded (I Harvey) that Frank Beardsmore be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year.

Resolved:

- **That F Beardsmore be appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year.**

3) APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed (T Smitheman) and seconded (J Brindle) that R Tucker be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year.

Resolved:

- **That R Tucker be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council for the coming year.**

4) APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES / WORKING GROUPS

The following Council Committees / Working Groups were agreed:

Planning

That R Tucker should review planning applications.

Prison Liaison Group

It was agreed that R Tucker, D Betts, S Graham, and F Beardsmore should join this group.

Play Equipment Renewal

It was agreed M Perks, I Harvey, F Beardsmore, T Smitheman and R Tucker should join this group.

5) APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was agreed that J Brindle, T Smitheman and R Tucker should join this group.

6) STANDING ORDERS

- It was proposed (J Brindle) and seconded (M Perks) that should a Councillor swear or call anyone a liar an immediate apology should be made.

Resolved:

- **That should a Councillor swear or call anyone a liar an immediate apology should be made by the person using such language.**
- I Harvey commented she joined the Parish Council to raise matters to make a difference and did not join the Parish Council to deal with conflict and objections. F Beardsmore said that Councillors are making a difference and the Parish Council must work as a unit.

I Harvey said she was embarrassed to be a Parish Councillor when there is constant conflict.

7) MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th April 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved:

- **To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th April 2018.**

8) 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.

9) POLICE MATTERS

PCSO J Stevens presented the following statistics:

- **Crimes for the period 12/04/18 – 10/05/18.**

Burglary residential (including sheds and other buildings) – 2
Cannock Road – forced entry
Whitgreave Avenue – no detail

Theft of motor vehicle (TOMV) – none

Theft from motor vehicle (TFMV) – none

Violence against the person – 1
Hilton Hall

Drugs – none

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – 8
Brookhouse – youth issues
Hilton Road – youth issues
Hilton Road – neighbour issues
South View Close – neighbour issues
Hilton Road – neighbour issues
Dunlin Drive – personal issue
Featherstone Lane – drugs
East Road – personal issue

10) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

11) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

District Councillor R Cope reported the following:

- Site allocations document (SAD) approved by Inspector.
- Special meeting in June 2018 when South Staffordshire Council will approve SAD.
- Local Plan under pressure from Birmingham and Wolverhampton for more houses which could result in a completely new settlement or expansion of larger villages.
- J Brindle enquired as to whether there was any news regarding the link road – no details to date.

12) MATTERS ARISING

a) New Road – Unofficial Truck Stop

Details of trucks parking on New Road given to M Deaville and outlined to County Councillor B Williams. B Williams agreed to review the matter after discussion with M Deaville.

b) Dog Fouling Group

Lucy MacDonald confirmed she could provide information and equipment in the form of leaflets, promotion items, advice and guidance.

c) Mobile CCTV

Helen Marshall confirmed the following:

- Purchase cost of camera - £3,800
- Monthly cost of £28.00
- Installation cost £465.00 to lamp post.

F Beardsmore said we need to be aware of where we can move the camera, who will control the location and will the Parish Council have a say regarding any location.

d) Councillor D Betts

J Griffiths said the email referred to was a private email and discussing the content was against the Data Protection Law. F Beardsmore asked J Griffiths to leave if she continued. S Graham said the Parish Council was a joke when challenged. J Griffiths and S Graham left the meeting at 8:00 pm.

D Betts asked if Line 7 could have a change deleting the word “them” and including “him”. Confirmed that B Pickering had said he will give full support as to what was said as referred to in Line 7.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Line 7 could be amended.

Resolved:

- **To amend the wording of Line 7as requested by D Betts.**

13) HIGHWAY MATTERS

The following matters were discussed:

- R Tucker commented the pothole repairs in Brookhouse Lane were a poor standard.
- F Beardsmore said we need to know when all roads in Featherstone will be re-surfaced. Thought there was a seven year cycle to re-surface. Also drains on the highway need to be checked and cleared. The Clerk to enquire with B Williams regarding any re-surfacing and planned drain clearance.
- Damage to Mile Wall.
- The Clerk to report the following:
 - Drain outside 31 North Crescent blocked
 - Drain outside 19 The Avenue blocked
 - South Crescent drain blocked at The Avenue end by the No Entry sign
- The Chairman, F Beardsmore, confirmed the following items were discussed with M Deaville at SCC:
 - Motorway link
 - Strategic road development

- South Crescent
- Truck stock – New Road
- HGVs passing through the village
- Four Ashes site
- M54 / A46 traffic
- Staffordshire Freight Forum

- It was agreed to have a quarterly meeting with M Deaville to progress highway matters.

14) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- J Beardsmore reported British Gas had repaired the heating system and everything was working.
- Two cigarette wall bins to be fitted.
- The Clerk reported SSDC were to give advice regarding energy consumption.
- Councillors thanked D Betts for cutting back shrubs around the Centre.

15) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR’S REPORT

- M Perks reported the following:
 - Computer training sessions
 - Data protection
 - Some teachers leaving and not being replaced but hours of other teachers being increased
- Isla Harvey reported the Academy was now full with no places for additional children. R Cope commented infra-structure needs to be considered at South Staffordshire Council. Funds should be available from additional development to provide additional Academy places.

16) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- The Clerk reported that Sam Bate had resigned from First Responders and needed to identify her replacement. The Clerk to send a letter of thanks to S Bate for her ten year’s service.
- No funds received from Essington.
- The Clerk to contact regarding refund of car maintenance costs.

17) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- The Clerk to enquire with A Morton regarding the installation of replacement stumps by the garages.

18) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) 18/00283/LBC
Creation of a bin store within existing gardens compound and installation of timber gate in bricked up opening
Moseley Old Hall, Old Hall Lane, Featherstone

- ii) 18/00249/FUL
Two storey side and single storey rear extension
34 Cannock Road, Featherstone
- iii) 18/00142/FUL
New entrance and dropped kerb
Allotment Gardens, Cannock Road, Featherstone

I Harvey left the meeting at 8:20 pm

b) Planning Decisions

- i) No decisions received.

19) CORRESPONDENCE

- SAD Inspector's report and Local Plans – South Staffordshire Local Plan. Site allocations document (SAD). The Clerk to enquire with K Harris regarding proposed Brinsford development and benefits to the Parish.
- Highways England – monthly update.
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee -22nd May 2018.
- L Fowkes (SSDC) confirmation Parish Councils are exempt from the need to have a Data Protection Officer.
- SPCA bulletin.
- Parish Champion meeting (M Quinn) to be held on 12th July 2018.
- Grass cutting update from Andrew Aston (SSDC).
- Council news round-up.
- Featherstone Senior Citizens Club – letter thanking the Parish Council for donation of £250.00.
- SCC pothole updates.
- Email from E Munshall regarding the amalgamation of the Community Council of Staffordshire and Support Staffordshire plus the end of funding from SSDC.
- Summer Schools Holiday 2018 – activities (SSDC).

20) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- Fly tipping – fridge on Hilton Road and black bags on Hilton Road.
The Clerk to report the above.
- T Smitheman reported litter on the bank by the A460/M54 island.
- The Clerk to obtain a quotation for a new litter bin.

- Brookhouse Lane / Cat and Kitten Lane – the Clerk to request SSDC to remove sundry rubbish.
- The Clerk to obtain update regarding fingerposts from Staffordshire County Council.
- Chapel Gates – Councillors reviewed the existing arrangement concerning opening and closing the gates.

21) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It was proposed (J Brindle) and seconded (R Tucker) to remove any other business from the agenda.

Resolved:

- **To remove Any Other Business from the agenda.**

22) FINANCE MATTERS

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a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
10/05/18	003076	Veolia	397.56
10/05/18	003077	Khoo Systems (Website)	48.00
10/05/18	003078	British Gas	1,399.22
10/05/18	003079	R Young (Clerk)	937.60
10/05/18	003080	R Edmunds (Litter Operative)	283.00
10/05/18	003081	C Hill (Litter Operative)	353.60
10/05/18	003082	C Lloyd (Gatekeeper)	40.59
10/05/18	003083	K Parkes (Litter Operative)	349.00
10/05/18	003084	HMRC (PAYE)	390.15
10/05/18	003085	R Young (Mileage)	25.20
10/05/18	003086	Veolia	397.56
10/05/18	003087	R Young (Mileage Codsall)	25.20
10/05/18	003088	FHCC (Room Hire)	30.00
		TOTAL	4,676.68

Resolved:

- **To issue the above cheques.**

23) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday 14th June 2018

The Meeting closed at 10.15pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman