



# FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.00pm  
at Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

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

Also Present: District Councillor R Cope  
District Councillor H Lobuczek  
County Councillor B Williams  
PCSO J Stevens  
Two Members of the Public  
R Young – Clerk to the Council

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## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

M Griffiths raised the following matters:-

- Weeds in gutters and on footpaths.
- Drains not clear of debris.
- Contacted SCC Highways, South Staffordshire Council and G Williamson regarding gutters, drainage and condition of footpaths.
- Need Road Sweeper to visit Parish.
- Poor standard of grass cutting.
- Community Centre roof – part of guttering missing – Window cracked for over a year.
- Noticeboards are disgusting.
- Need an improvement in general maintenance

F Beardsmore commented:-

- Drains are a disgrace.SCC Highways notified.
- Need Road Sweeper in Parish.
- Reviewed grass cutting with Housing Association last week including the alleyways.
- Need to get roofing company back to repair gutters.
- Did not agree with regard to comments concerning noticeboards.

H Lobuczek commented several Parishioners had reported the need for a visit by the Road Sweeper. Due to a visit end of August 2018. Also requested SCC Highways to spray weeds on the Highway. Road Sweeper visits the Parish on an annual basis.

F Beardsmore requested H Lobuczek and R Cope to request the District Council to arrange for the Road Sweeper to visit the Parish.

## 1) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from S Graham, J Griffiths, I Harvey and J Beardsmore.

## 2) **MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 be approved as a true and correct record.

### **Resolved:**

**To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**

## 3) **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.

## 4) **POLICE MATTERS**

PCSO J Stevens gave the following crime statistics for the period 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

- Main headlines since the last meeting, e.g. increase in theft from motor vehicles overnight, especially in Brinsford area. Local PCSO attended House to House for intelligence gathering speaking to and also looking for CCTV to identify the offenders, Crime prevention aspect flyers were posted to addresses in East Road, Brinsford.
- ASB hotspots: increased in suspicious activity around (The Avenue), however, PCSO's aware and patrolling the area to provide advice and reassurance to local residents.
- Good news – local offender named gained via intelligence has been arrested.
- What are we asking you to do to increase community intelligence? E.g. if there is a problem with drugs in Church Lane, do the other residents know, what have they seen/heard? Feed it back in to us with times/dates the ASB/ Criminal activity is taking place.
- Updates on anything new, e.g. (parking buddies); Using during School run times.
- SOCIAL MEDIA – Smart Alerts/South Staffs Twitter. Advertise next online surgery, face to face surgery and trending crimes.
- New scheme – poster at Featherstone Post Office for local drop-ins.
- Upcoming/Past events – CSE talks at Featherstone Primary 11/07/2018.
  
- R Tucker asked regarding the inclusion of crime committed in the Prisons in statistic. J Stevens to review.
- J Brindle asked why crime statistics had stopped.

- R Cope mentioned the break-in at the Coach Station and attempts to steal cars at Shareshill.

## 5) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

B Williams mentioned the following:-

- Agreed all gutters need attention.
- Not sufficient funds available at County Council.
- F Beardsmore asked if B Williams could obtain statistics regarding visits and tickets issued by Enforcement.
- A Roche said drain on A460 blocked for a long time.
- H Lobuczek said Chief Inspector at Locality 3 meeting said he was planning a trial period with advisory notices.

## 6) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

### a) **District Councillor H Lobuczek**

- No major "Fly Tipping" incidents.
- Dog Fouling signs to be installed plus posters for Noticeboards.
- Parish Summit to be held on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

### b) **District Councillor R Cope**

- District Council Local Plan Review – Where employment and housing will be over next twenty years – Need to be vigilant.

## 7) **MATTERS ARISING**

### a) **New Road – Unofficial Truck Stop**

B Williams to review this matter.

### b) **Mobile CCTV**

L Fowkes on behalf of D Pattison to review criteria for Parish Council to nominate locations of CCTV unit.

### c) **Site Allocation Document**

F Beardsmore and R Tucker commented as follows after meeting with K Harris and D Pattison:-

- Land on North side of New Road could be considered.
- Benefits to Parish included in Local Plan document.
- Traffic flows to be considered with regard to the development of the ROF site.
- Brinsford Lodge site – Brown Field classification.
- Update regarding Neighbourhood Plan.

### d) **Oakwood Prison**

The Clerk gave an update regarding discussion with Sean Oliver concerning grounds maintenance work provision in the Parade.

The Clerk to arrange meetings with Oakwood, Featherstone and Brinsford Prisons.

## 8) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

### **Meetings**

The Clerk reported the following meetings had been arranged:-

- Mark Keeling – 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 – 2.00pm.
- Mark Deaville – 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018 – 3.00pm.
- The Clerk to report that the barrier on the M54/A460 traffic island required repair.

## 9) **REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- F Beardsmore reported that M Bissell Tree and Hedges Limited had carried out a tidy up around the Community Centre.
- The Clerk to order two wall mounted cigarette bins.
- D Betts gave an update regarding the refurbishment of the Noticeboard.

## 10) **REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR'S REPORT**

The following matters were reported:-

- Two Appeals for attending Featherstone Academy approved.  
M Perks and J Brindle did not participate or vote.
- Donation request towards cost of 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday medal with a total cost of £1,220.75 plus VAT.
- It was proposed (R Tucker), seconded (D Betts) and agreed to donate £610.00 towards the cost of 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals.

### **Resolved:**

**To donate £610.00 towards the cost of Featherstone Academy 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medals.**

- M Perks gave a detailed update regarding the problem of trees on the school ground boundary with SSHA properties.

## 11) **REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS**

- The Clerk reported he had received contact details for the Coordinator (Michelle Stanley) of the Featherstone First Responders.
- Responses attended during June 2018 – 13.
- The Clerk to invite Michelle to a future Parish Council Meeting.

## 12) **REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

- F Beardsmore reported that outstanding issues were reported to Alison Morton at a meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

## 13) **PLANNING**

- No further matters were discussed.

## 14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- SPACE Programme Details.
- SCC – Bus Service Change Route (in Wolverhampton) and Timetable.
- SCC – Pothole Update.
- M Griffiths – Email 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 regarding “state” of Featherstone Community Centre.
- SPCA – Bulletin.
- SCC – My Staffordshire.
- SSDC – Email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 from Emily Ogram confirming the Parish Summit will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
- SSDC – Parish Champion Meeting to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
- SSDC – Parish Council Elections 2019. Email dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2018 confirming any vacancy from the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 does not need to be filled.
- SSDC – Copy correspondence regarding Code of Conduct complaints against F Beardsmore by Susan Graham, J Griffiths and B Pickering. The Clerk read out details to Councillors present.
- SSDC – Waste material deposited in the Brookhouse Lane – Cat and Kitten Lane area. F Beardsmore marked the attached map.
- The Chairman reported a Survey Form had been circulated in Brinsford with regard to a possible break-up of the Parish. The documentation originating from Gavin Williamson M.P.
  - D Pattison (SSDC) not aware of survey.
  - Need to arrange meeting with Gavin Williamson M.P. to discuss this development.
  - D Pattison commented the Parish at present consists of Featherstone and Brinsford and the Parish Council should have been informed.

## 15) PARISH MAINTENANCE

### ➤ **Litter / Dog Waste Bin**

Parishioner reported that dog waste bags are being left and thrown into nearby hedges.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed an additional Litter / Dog Waste Bin should be purchased.

#### **Resolved:**

**To purchase a Litter / Dog Waste Bin.**

- The Clerk reported he had notified the Highways Agency of the need to survey and carry out repairs to the Mile Wall on the A460.

### ➤ **Fingerposts**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Clerk should order a three finger Fingerpost.

#### **Resolved:**

**The Clerk to order a three Fingerpost.**

## 16) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Closure of Hilton Main – Deferred until the next meeting.
- Double red lines by the Post Office – Deferred until the next meeting.
- Diversity and Equality Policy – Deferred until the next meeting.

## 17) DATE of NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (R Tucker) that the following should apply to the Agenda until May 2019 (Trial Period):-

- Parish Council Meeting starts at 6.45pm.
- Item 1 on Agenda – Police Matters  
Item 2 on Agenda – County Councillor  
Item 3 on Agenda – District Councillor

**Resolved:**

**To apply the above amendments for a trial period until May 2019.**

**18) FINANCE MATTERS**

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**a) Cheque Payments**

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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Cheque No</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>£</b>
12/07/18	003105	R Young	937.60
12/07/18	003106	R Edmunds	271.30
12/07/18	003107	C Hill	339.30
12/07/18	003108	K Parkes	346.30
12/07/18	003109	HMRC (PAYE)	360.40
12/07/18	003110	Khoo Systems	24.00
12/07/18	003111	I.C.O.	40.00
12/07/18	003112	Veolia	1,291.08
12/07/18	003113	Came and Co	1,682.45
12/07/18	003114	FHCC	30.00
12/07/18	003115	M Bissell	540.00
12/07/18	003116	Featherstone Academy PTA	610.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£6,472.43</b>

**Resolved:**

- **To issue the above cheques.**

**19) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

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- No matters were raised or discussed under this section.

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

F Beardsmore  
Chairman