



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 9th August 2018 at 6.45pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

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

Also Present: County Councillor B Williams
District Councillor R Cope
District Councillor H Lobuczek
PCSO Teresa Nicholls
R Young – Clerk to the Council

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

F Beardsmore, R Cope and H Lobuczek commented regarding weed spraying and road sweeping in the Parish as follows:-

- Spraying and sweeping need to be coordinated.
- H Lobuczek confirmed he had requested inspection to review roads.
- R Cope commented the County Council will not sweep every road and the District Council should react to those not covered by the County Council.
- F Beardsmore said Mark Keeling could not confirm when weeds on the Highway would be sprayed. Also stated there was no point in spraying in January and the timing of any spray is important. F Beardsmore also said that some roads are not sprayed.
- H Lobuczek commented cannot control Highway weed sprays but can influence sweeping of the Highway. Also said every street should be inspected. H Lobuczek to arrange review and site meeting.
- Noticeboard at Community Centre needs attention. Handyman to review.
- List of Councillors and Police Surgeries to be included on Noticeboard.
- Facebook working well – only four attended meeting regarding grass cutting.
- Churchyard matters raised – More information on Facebook.

1) POLICE MATTERS

- PCSO Teresa Nicholls gave crime details for the period 9th July 2018 – 9th August 2018.
 - Main headlines since the last meeting: theft from motor vehicles loose change and property left in view in vehicle, happened overnight, especially in Sorrel Close. North Crescent (handbag took). Speedwell Gardens, van broken into, tools taken. South Crescent, van broken into, Mackie driver was taken and push bike stolen from shed. South Crescent, garden gnomes were taken off front garden. Hilton Road, bike was taken from shed. Local PCSO attended house to house for intelligence gathering, speaking to and also looking for CCTV to identify any offenders. Crime prevention aspect flyers were posted to addresses in Sorrel Close, South Crescent, Speedwell Gardens (Featherstone).

- Attempt Break: at Majestic Travel.
 - 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. Reports of local kids trespassing on school grounds, local kids have been named to ourselves. We will follow up with visits to speak to parents of the kids named.
 - Good news – Local offender named, gained via intelligence, has been arrested in the West Midlands and has not been seen in the village.
 - What are we asking you to do to increase community intelligence? E.g. if there is a problem with small silver canisters in local area, 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.
 - On Tuesday, 18th September 2018 at 10.00am - 11.00am to speak to local PCSO.
 - Upcoming Event: To do a crime prevention at the Community Centre.
 - In the next month, dates to be discussed with Judy.
- J Brindle gave details of a large van being parked in the Village.
 - Police to speak to inconsiderate delivery drivers parking on The Avenue.
 - Details given of poor communication at Police Surgeries.

2) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

B Williams commented as follows:-

- Highway problems discussed with Mark Keeling.
- B Williams and K Perry agreed to help with cost of South Crescent proposal.
- Reported that Mark Keeling (SCC Highway) had said that some Parish Councils contribute towards cost of additional weed removal/treatment.

3) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

a) **District Councillor R Cope**

- No meetings during August 2018.
- Grass cutting – There is a difference between County and District Council. F Beardsmore confirmed happy with District Council grass cutting.
- County Council have a statutory responsibility for grass cutting.
- J Brindle enquired regarding New Rules regarding dog breeding – Details on District Council Website.
- David Hill Funeral – Friday, 17th August 2018 at Bushbury West Chapel.

b) **District Councillor H Lobuczek**

- Not aware of new potholes or fly tipping.

- Problem of weeds in Parish.
- Dog fouling continues to be an issue.
- Need to consider how the Police can be assisted in the Community.

4) APOLOGIES

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

5) MINUTES

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (D Betts) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th July 2018 be approved as a true and correct record .

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th July 2018.

6) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

7) MATTERS ARISING

a) Local Prisons

The following prison visits had been arranged:-

Featherstone – 31st August 2018 – 2.30pm
Brinsford – 12th October 2018 – 2.00pm

b) Additional Litter/Dog Waste Bins

- The Clerk confirmed he had ordered an additional Litter/Dog Waste Bin.

c) Fingerpost

- The Clerk reported he had ordered a replacement Fingerpost confirming the delivery period was 6-8 weeks. T Smitheman provided details of the wording for the three directional fingers.

d) Meeting with Gavin Williamson M.P.

- Separation of Featherstone and Brinsford

The following points were discussed:-

- Meeting attended by T Smitheman, J Brindle, M Perks, J Beardsmore and F Beardsmore.
- Councillors gave summary of historical background.
- Disappointed G Williamson had circulated letter/survey without notifying Parish Council or District Council. This aspect discussed fully.
- G Williamson to arrange meeting and to invite the following to attend:-

Three Parish Councillors (Featherstone)
Two Parish Councillors (Brinsford)
Chairman of Residents' Association
D Pattison
D Heywood

- Options for Brinsford to acquire the Village Green and implications should the Parish be divided.

8) HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) M54/A460 Traffic Island

The Clerk to contact the Highways England regarding the need to repair the barrier on this traffic island

b) Mark Deaville

The Clerk confirmed a meeting had been arranged with Mark Deaville – 11th September 2018, 3.00pm.

c) Highways Update

Matters raised with Mark Keeling:-

- Email reply outstanding from M Keeling.
- Drain opposite Red, White and Blue – Matter to be raised with M Deaville on 11th September 2018.
- M Keeling stated all drains cleared on A460 in January 2018. F Beardsmore replied drains still in need of attention.
- M Keeling said the repairs on Brookhouse Lane are of poor quality. Roadmaster could not repair. Surface dressing in March 2019 and will cut out section to improve drainage.
- M54/A460
 - One road marking line should be removed.
 - Chevrons need renewing – Notify Highways England.
- South Crescent – K Perry and B Williams to provide funding.
- R Cope – Highways England – Junction 1 (M54) – Surface needs repair as surface gauged out – 2” deep on island surface.
- A460 – Wall eroding due to water damage – Clerk notify Highways England.

9) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- No matters reported.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR'S REPORT

- M Perks gave an update regarding the issues relating to the trees on the boundary of the School grounds.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- The Clerk reported he had contacted Michelle Stanley regarding attending a Parish Council Meeting.
- Responses attended during last month – 13.
- Suggest submitting Grant Application to Essington.
- Donation payback.

12) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- The Clerk to contact A Morton regarding Garage Barrier.

13) PLANNING

a) Planning Application Received

- i) 18/00621/FUL
15 Primrose Gardens, Featherstone
Plan to build a first floor extension which will be used as an extension to an existing bedroom. When built it will be knocked through to make one larger bedroom. The extension will be built on top of kitchen area.
No comment.

b) Enforcement Cases

- i) 1/18/18 – 18/00477/DOGF – South Crescent, Featherstone
Dog Fouling on CCTV.

c) Other Planning Matters

- i) Route of M54 Link
 - No additional information from Gavin Williamson M.P.
 - R Cope reported the delay in a decision relates to funding/financial.

14) CORRESPONDENCE

- My Staffordshire – Newsletter.
- SCC – Pothole Update.
- H Lobuczek – South Staffordshire Community Innovation Fund.
- The Good Life South Staffordshire – You are needed so can you spare an hour.
- Maggie Quince – “Let’s Work Together”.
- Helen Marshall (SSDC) – Remembrance Day Parades.
- Seisdon Wellbeing Team – Natalie Farquharson.
- South Staffordshire Council – Register to Vote.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- H Lobuczek – Local Policing.

15) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- Lorraine Fowkes (SSDC) – Email dated 6th August 2018 regarding CCTV Unit.
The Clerk to enquire regarding the following:-
 - Do the Parish Council have to use the District Council or can the Parish Council use an approved monitoring company.
- H Lobuczek – Correspondence to District Council regarding blocked drains and weed growth in the Parish.
- S Meredith (SSDC) – Request for Tidy Up Order for Waste Material – Brookhouse Lane and Cat and Kitten Lane.
- Parish Noticeboards

F Beardsmore commented as follows:-

- All Parish Council Noticeboards should have the same information on display.
- Include Councillors details, plus information regarding Doctor's Surgeries.
- Meeting Date Schedule.

➤ Parish Emblem

M Perks to review the Parish Emblem and colours.

➤ Flooding

Councillors reviewed the problem of flooding and drainage locations with problems. The following were reviewed:-

- Flooding off New Road – Caravan Site.
- Honeysuckle Drive – Flooding and Sewage System.

16) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

➤ 50th Anniversary of Closure of Hilton Main

- The Clerk to retain on Agenda. Agreed to set up a Working Group at the next Parish Council Meeting.

➤ Double Red Lines by the Post Office

- The Clerk to enquire with Mark Keeling for an opinion regarding installation of Double Red Lines by the Post Office.

17) DATE O NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 13th September 2018.

18) FINANCE MATTERS

a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
09/08/18	002941	R Young	937.60
09/08/18	002942	K Parkes	339.30
09/08/18	002943	C Hill	339.30
09/08/18	002944	R Edmunds	271.50
09/08/18	002945	HMRC (PAYE)	367.20
09/08/18	002946	Allied Westminster	851.05

09/08/18	002947	Veolia	397.56
09/08/18	002948	Khoo Systems	144.00
09/08/18	002949	R Young – Expenses	226.28
09/08/18	002950	Donation – Ex-Councillor	50.00
09/08/18	002951	FHCC	30.00
		TOTAL	£3,953.79

Resolved:

➤ **To issue the above cheques.**

b) David Hill

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (M Perks) and agreed that a £50.00 Bereavement Donation with reference to David Hill should be made to Charity.

Resolved: To make a £50.00 Bereavement Donation to Charity in the name of David Hill.

19) **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

➤ No matters were raised or discussed under this section.

The Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman