



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 16th July 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: F Beardsmore, R Tucker, T Smitheman, M Perks, J Beardsmore, D Betts,
G Reynolds and V Lockley

Also Present: B Williams and R Young (Clerk to the Council)

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- F Beardsmore reported he had received a letter of complaint from Doctors regarding the unacceptable condition of the Lane from the Doctor's Surgery to Baneberry Drive. Completely overgrown which is cover for anti-social behaviour. B Williams commented that Cheryl Larvin at Highways was researching ownership. F Beardsmore and R Tucker reported they had reviewed the state of Old Lane with Cheryl Larvin who agreed work was needed.
- D Betts confirmed five bags of rubbish had been removed from the Lane. B Williams said he would try and use part of his DHP to fund a clean-up. V Lockley commented the Lane is an actual road and R Tucker said the condition of the Lane was a serious Health and Safety matter. V Lockley also reported the cycleway/path on Brookhouse Lane was overgrown with vegetation and that this had been reported many times. B Williams agreed to report this matter.
- R Tucker mentioned the highlighting around potholes on Brookhouse Lane. B Williams said could be another organisation doing the marking.
- B Williams commented that Cheryl Larvin was to review the speed signage on New Road.

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- F Beardsmore gave an update regarding the Royal Ordnance Factory Site and the implication for roads. Also commented regarding proposed new development of twelve hundred houses including Doctor's Surgery and School which will be close to Brinsford.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No matters raised.

4) POLICE MATTERS

- R Tucker said there was no Police visibility in the Parish.
- New PCSO appointed this week – No PCSO's seen recently.
- New Inspector may have been appointed.
- M Perks commented that Social Media included crime activity.

5) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from J Brindle.

6) **MINUTES**

It was proposed (T Smitheman), seconded (G Reynolds) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th March 2020 be agreed as a true and correct record.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th March 2020 as a true and correct record.

7) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

8) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Flooding in Area of Caravan Site off New Road (A460 end)**

- No reports of flooding.

b) **Static Caravan at Indian Restaurant (Kings Repose)**

- The Clerk reported a retrospective planning application had been submitted requesting 125 day a year usage.

c) **Meeting with Prison Governors**

- The Clerk to enquire with each of the Prisons regarding future meetings with the Parish Council.

d) **Prisons – Ground Maintenance in the Parish**

- The Clerk to enquire with Oakwood Prison with regard to ROTL's working in the Parish.

9) **HIGHWAYS**

- M Perks reported that no Notice was given of road closures when road re-surfacing was undertaken on the Cannock Road.
- V Lockley – Barriers on Cannock Road/New Road have been damaged and need replacement/repair.
- Brinsford Prison entrance access onto New Road requires white lineage.
- Clerk to enquire whether street light No. 3 on Speedwell Gardens had been permanently repaired.
- Brookhouse Lane – Cat and Kitten Lane re-surfaced when original better than existing on Brookhouse Lane, Featherstone – Clerk to enquire with B Williams

whether extra Government funds are available as Brookhouse Lane re-surfacing promised two years ago.

- South Crescent Bollard – Replacement Bollard on order from Glasdons.
- Highways England – M54 to M6 Link Road – F Beardsmore reported waiting for decision from Government.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

F Beardsmore gave an update mentioning the following:-

- Covid-19 matters put in place.
- Rebecca to oversee the management of the Centre.
- Staff on furlough.
- Hope to resume next week.
- Rebecca meeting with District Council regarding the opening entrance and leaving the Centre.
- Can take staff off furlough.
- Parish Clerk completed application for a Grant and received £25,000. Need clarification as to what Grant funds can be spent on.
- Strawberry Poppets open for two weeks.
- Contractor met F Beardsmore and R Tucker regarding Ground Maintenance around Centre.
- Volunteers have been cutting vegetation around Centre.
- D Betts reported Street Lights around Centre operating for long periods. Electrician attended today.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNORS' REPORT

- No matters reported.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

Responses recorded as follows:-

- April 2020 10
- May 2020 03
- June 2020 04

- Mick Griffiths has nominated Featherstone First Responders for the Queens Award. Requested a letter from the Parish Council supporting such an award.

- The Clerk to go back to First Responders regarding letter of support plus current position regarding use of Blue Light.

- M Perks gave details of the help given by two Parishioners to a gentleman having a heart attack, including looking after him and waiting until an ambulance arrived. M Perks said that due to their action and care during very difficult circumstances during the pandemic that action taken certainly saved the man's life. M Perks nominated Isla and Trudy for an award. The Clerk to enquire with SPCA regarding awards.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- No matters reported.

14) REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

G Reynolds reported the following:-

- No meetings due to Covid-19.

- Light repaired on East Road.

15) **PLANNING**

a) **Planning Applications Received**

- i) 20/00264/FUL
Static Caravan situated on Grass Paddock area for use as Temporary Accommodation for a maximum of 125 days per year (Retrospective).
Featherstone Farm Hotel, New Road, Featherstone
- ii) 20/00429/TEL
Telecommunications Equipment.
Communication Station, 1 New Road, Featherstone
- iii) 20/00479/FUL
First Floor Front Extension over existing Play Room.
14 Primrose Gardens, Featherstone
- iv) 20/00504/FUL
Front facing, two storey extension with Canopy to existing front elevation.
6 Oaks Drive, Brinsford

b) **Other Planning Matters**

- Brinsford Development – Original application for 103 homes withdrawn – New application for 92 houses.
- The Clerk to enquire with Tom Cannon as to whether properties 50 yards away from development are notified.
- ROF Site Development – Developer looking for funding for road.

16) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- M Green – Email dated 15th July 2020 outlining problem of tree roots encroaching into his garden – Request to contact F Beardsmore.
- Catherine Gutteridge confirmation that a retrospective planning application submitted for Static Caravan at Featherstone Farm Hotel.
- Came & Co – Parish Insurance.
- Helen Marshall (SSDC) – Outline of recent problems with Travellers on Parish owned open spaces.
- Kath Perry – Details of Stafford Family Hub.
- A Roberts (SSDC) – Links to Advice and Guidance Poster for Play Areas and Notification of Webinar.
- Staffordshire Archive and Heritage Newsletter.
- Government Digital Service – Domain names.
- Andrew Aston – Street Scene Update Issue 3.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Helen Astley (SSDC) Digital Projects.

17) **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

- D Betts reported details of rubbish around and in the waste skips at the Community Centre. It was agreed the Clerk should request Veolia to provide lockable containers in future.
- Councillors reviewed the provision of CCTV at the Community Centre.
 - V Lockley said Police may not use CCTV information. Also said people leaving rubbish at the Centre should be fined.
 - M Perks commented CCTV provides evidence of anti-social behaviour.
 - G Reynolds said it is the responsibility of the Police to identify offenders.
- F Beardsmore said that condition of the inside of the Community Centre is being reviewed.
- R Tucker said a meeting of the Community Centre Committee was needed.
- Zoom Meetings:
 - V Lockley raised option of Parish Council Meetings being on Social Media.
 - M Perks and Clerk to review Zoom License and options.
 - M Perks gave an overview of options with Zoom.
 - R Tucker commented the Community Centre could have a Zoom Meeting.
 - It was proposed, seconded and agreed that M Perks looks at the option for a Shared Zoom account (Parish Council and Community Centre).

Resolved: M Perks to review a Shared Zoom Account.

18) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Village Green
- Parish Plaque
- Scout/Youth Facility
- Update – Proposed Development in Parish
- Featherstone Play Area

19) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday, 13th August 2020.

The Meeting closed at 9.08pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman