



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday, 17th March 2020 at 7.00pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

Present: F Beardsmore, V Lockley, R Tucker, J Brindle, D Betts and T Smitheman

Also Present: R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

➤ No matters reported.

2) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

➤ No matters reported.

3) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

➤ No items were raised.

4) **POLICE MATTERS**

The Clerk gave details of an email received from Kelly Wareing (Staffordshire Police) giving details of Operation Lightning (Vehicle Inspections).

5) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from G Reynolds, J Beardsmore, M Perks, B Williams and R Cope.

6) **MINUTES**

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (R Tucker) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th February 2020 be agreed as a true and correct record.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th February 2020 as a true and correct record.

7) **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.

8) **MATTERS ARISING**

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

- This matter was ongoing.

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

- C Gutteridge (SSDC) confirmed she had requested a retrospective planning application.

c) **Meeting with Prison Governors**

- Featherstone Prison - R Tucker reported the recent meeting had been positive. Considering work in Parish for ROTL's.
- Oakwood Prison - Clerk to notify Councillors if planned visit for April 2020 was still going ahead.
- Brinsford Prison - Future meeting to be arranged.

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

- Oakwood Prison – Director reviewing options concerning ROTL's.
- Brinswood Prison – PNN event planned for 19th March 2020 cancelled.

9) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

a) **Brookhouse Lane**

R Tucker commented that Wolverhampton City Council had re-surfaced the lower section which is really good. The Clerk to contact M Keeling again regarding the poor surface maintained by SCC Highways.

b) **South Crescent Bollards**

_____ The Clerk to report one bollard still loose.

c) **Highway Reports**

_____ The Clerk confirmed he had reported the following:-

- Pothole – Cannock Road.
- Old Lane, Featherstone – Overgrown vegetation and accumulated rubbish.

d) **Highways England**

- M54 to M6 Link Road – Section 56 Notice providing formal notification of acceptance of the application.

10) **REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- Transferred to Private and Confidential.

11) **REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNORS' REPORT**

- J Brindle reported all Governor's Meetings suspended.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

The confirmed responses as follows:-

- January 2020 17
- February 2020 12
- March 2020 4 to date

The clerk mentioned that as from the 1st April 2020, the First Responders will not be able to use blue lights, sirens or carry drugs.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- No matters reported.

14) REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- No matters reported.

15) PLANNING

a) Brinsford – Proposed Development (103 houses)

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Discussed with R Cope.
- District Council opposed to the number of houses for social housing.
- Need to monitor proposed number on site.
- Should be a total of 30% Social Housing.
- T Smitheman said he had attended presentation at school. D Betts commented those in attendance did not give any additional detail. J Brindle commented no satisfactory reply or detail was given regarding Section 106.
- J Brindle commented that due to changes, Parishioners are now not in support of the development because of changes.
- P Turner to support Parish Council reply.

b) ROF Site Development

- Waiting for Planning Application.

c) Planning Application

- 20/00202/FUL
Single storey side and rear extension. Kitchen and bathroom.
57 Hilton Road, Featherstone

16) CORRESPONDENCE

- NTR Electrical report of electrical work at Community Centre.
- SPCA – Coronavirus – Information from NALC.
- SPCA – Coronavirus – Information for Parish and Town Council.
- Steve Dore (SSDC) – Confirmation that the District Council no longer subscribe to The Tree Council who run the Tree Warden Scheme. The Parish Council may wish to appoint a Tree Warden.
- Andrew Aston – Weed spraying from South Staffordshire Council – Clerk to enquire regarding start date.
- SSDC – South Staffordshire Civic Dinner – 24th April 2020.
- SPCA – NALC Document – Financial Assistance to Church – NALC advise that financial assistance to Church “cannot be certain is legally valid”.
- SCC – My Staffordshire Newsletter – March 2020.
- SSDC – Andrew Aston – Grass Cutting.

- SSDC – Sue Meredith – Pecuniary Interest Form.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Mike Deegan Consulting – Grant Funding.
- SSDC – Mark Jenkinson – Government Flood Recovery Scheme.
- Eve Corbett – Featherstone Support – Distribution of Forms regarding Coronavirus.
- SSDC – Spring Parish Summit 2020 – (26th March 2020).

17) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- Old Lane from Doctors Surgery – Reported condition to SCC Highways.
- CCTV Mast at Featherstone – J Brindle reported he had met Helen Marshall on site and found Fibre Optic Cable inside. H Marshall confirmed consent for access to the CCTV posts. Requested confirmation of dates and times of access.

18) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) Village Green – Deferred.
- b) Parish Plaque – Deferred.

19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9th April 2020.

The Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman