



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Thursday, 9th January 2020 at 7.45pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

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

Also Present: County Councillor B Williams
District Councillor R Cope
Three Members of the Public

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

B Williams mentioned the following:-

- Meeting planned to review road surface of Junction 1 of the M54/A460. Also confirmed details of vehicle tyre damage. F Beardsmore stressed the importance of a need for a site meeting.
- J Brindle gave details of accident damage at the top of New Road. At present Highway Inspector has recorded not a priority repair.

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

R Cope reported the following:-

- Outline of Brinsford Lodge planning application. Referred to Planning section of the meeting.
- Gave details of District Council's intention to charge for Green Bin Waste Disposals. District Council are only obliged to collect household and recycling material. Reserves of District Council have reduced from £8m to £5m.
- F Beardsmore said the Parish Council could arrange for a petition of objection.
- The Clerk to forward a letter objecting to the proposal.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Member of the public gave details of litter around the shops on The Avenue. It was decided that prior to a letter being sent to the shops, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman would speak to the relevant shop owners/managers.
- M Perks gave details of inconsiderate parking in the area of the shops and gave an example of a disabled lady having to manoeuvre around vehicles.

- Several Parishioners gave details of property break-ins last night involving homes and sheds. Police car in the area but not interested in the break-ins. Also attempted break-ins on Cannock Road and Whitgreave Avenue. F Beardsmore said we need a meeting with residents and the Police. Member of the public from Oak Tree Caravan Park said they never see the Police.

4) **POLICE MATTERS**

- The Clerk to contact Staffordshire Police regarding the wave of crime and poor visibility of Police.
- Clerk to request a meeting with Staffordshire Police and the Crime Statistics from last month.

5) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from D Betts, R Barrett and J Beardsmore.

6) **MINUTES**

It was proposed (T Smitheman), seconded (R Tucker) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2019 be agreed as a true and correct record.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2019 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) **Hedges on New Road and Hilton Road to Farm**

- The Clerk reported he had informed SCC Highways that the hedge on this route required attention.

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

- This matter was ongoing.

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

- The Clerk reported he had not received a reply for an update from Catherine Gutteridge (SSDC).

d) **Meeting with Prison Governors**

- Featherstone - Meeting to be arranged with the Deputy Governor.
- Oakwood - The Clerk to arrange a follow-up meeting.
- Brinsford - R Tucker reported the recent meeting with the Governor had gone very well.

e) **Brinsford Prison – Ground Maintenance**

- The Clerk reported that Laura Richards was waiting for confirmation regarding ROTL's.

9) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

a) **Meeting with Mark Keeling – 10th January 2020**

The following subjects to be raised with Mark Keeling:-

- South Crescent – Bollard (Stolen)
- Brookhouse Lane
- South Crescent – Additional Bollards
- Double Red Lines

b) **Highways England**

The Clerk confirmed he had reported the flow of water down the deceleration lane when travelling off the M54 from Birmingham to Highways England.

c) **Brindley Motors**

_____ The Clerk to notify Brindley Motors that transporters are using The Avenue as a route at least five times each week outlining the Health and Safety risks for the School.

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

- It was reported that M Perks had stepped down as Governor at the School.

11) **FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- F Beardsmore gave an update regarding J Beardmore's illness and assured Councillors that Rebecca was covering all aspects at the Centre. Further update at the next Parish Council Meeting.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Clerk should obtain fruit and chocolates to be sent to J Beardsmore.

Resolved: To send fruit and chocolates to J Beardsmore.

12) **FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS**

- No details reported due to holiday commitment.

13) **REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

- No matters reported.

14) **REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

- New Year Celebrations organised.
- Corner of East Road – Fence taken down by vehicle – opposite Caravan Park – Ongoing.
- Village Green – No detail – Deferred until next meeting.
- School Bus cutting up ground at entrance to Oaks Drive – Marked improvement.
- Lighting on Oaks Drive – G Reynolds marked plan provided by SCC.

15) **PLANNING**

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) 19/00919/FUL
This is a detailed planning application for 103 dwellings, (100% affordable housing) plus associated infrastructure, access and on-site formal and informal open space.
Brinsford Lodge, East Road, Brinsford
- Notes regarding above application:-
- Countrywide would like a meeting.
 - 100% affordable housing – Not to be supported by SSDC.
 - Councillors agreed 100% affordable housing too high.
 - F Beardsmore said we should have a meeting with Andy Johnson.
 - It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (T Smitheman) and agreed to consult with Andy Johnson and request that he produces a formal objection to the application. (A Johnson charges £52.00 per hour).

Resolved: To request Andy Johnson to advise and produce an objection report to be submitted to SSDC Planning.

16) CORRESPONDENCE

- SSDC – Governance for Parish Clerks – Alison Long.
- SSDC – Electoral Register.
- SSDC – Review of dates for visit to the Community Centre – S Meredith.
- SSDC – Let's Work Together.
- SSDC – BT Notification of 27 Payphones to be removed (including Cannock Road).
- SSDC – Enforcement Cases Report.
- SSDC – Precept Requirement 2020/2021.

17) PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) CCTV – Helen Marshall

- The Clerk to contact Helen Marshall again regarding access to the CCTV Mast at Featherstone.

18) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Village Green

- Deferred until next Parish Council Meeting.

19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 13th February 2020.

The Meeting closed at 9.34pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman