



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 11th February 2021 at 7.00pm

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

Also Present: County Councillor B Williams
District Councillor R Cope
R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

B Williams mentioned the following:-

- Double yellow lines extended on The Avenue.
- Two gullies installed on Wilmott Close.
- The Weight Restriction from the M54 is in doubt. Highways England not agreeing with Staffordshire County Council and South Staffordshire Council. Inspector's Decision.
- County Council Rates to be increased by 4.9%.
- Legal dispute with Housing Association regarding Brookhouse Close.

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

a) R Cope

R Cope commented as follows:-

- Further meeting to be held regarding M54/M6 link.
- Footpath to Hilton Cross contorted. They calculated 13 minutes walking time – checked more like 21 minutes. Underpass would be 100 metres long. Alternative route proposed by R Cope.
- Resisting Weight Limit on A460 which is wanted by Staffordshire County Council and South Staffordshire Council.
- Corrugated Fencing at Hilton needs to be replaced.
- Mile Wall work agreed.
- Brookfields Farm – Developer wants Warehouse Units but would need a bridge which Highways England has not agreed.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No matters raised.

4) POLICE MATTERS

- F Beardsmore gave details of the Crime Statistics for the last month.
- J Brindle said that with yellow lines installed on The Avenue could Enforcement monitor. The Clerk to enquire with the District Council
- M Perks commented the Chapel Car Park not signposted. Need to encourage more use of the Chapel Car Park.
- F Beardsmore said need to renew the yellow lines by the Chip Shop.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the yellow lines by the Chip Shop should be renewed.

Resolved: To request the yellow lines by the Chip Shop are renewed.

5) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from G Rey.

6) **MINUTES**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th January 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th January 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

7) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

8) **MATTERS ARISING**

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

- J Brindle said another pad being installed.
- R Cope commented area is Green Belt.

b) **Meeting with Prison Governors**

- Deferred until May 2021.

b) **M Deegan**

- Funding review ongoing.

9) **HIGHWAYS**

a) **Grit Bins and Liquid Salt**

i) **Grit Bins**

- C Larvin (SCC Highways) confirmed she would not be able to provide additional grit due to limited resources.
- ii) Liquid Salt
 - Due to the Liquid Salt storage tank needing repair, no liquid salt will be available in the near future.
- iii) Lineage at Prison Entrance where it meets New Road
 - The Clerk to contact Chris Wood, Assistant Governor again regarding this matter.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Painting going ahead. Also looking at Toilets and Small Room.
- Person on roof caused leak. Clerk to contact Danecourt.
- R Tucker said a meeting of Trustees should be arranged as a structure for the Community Centre was needed.
- J Brindle asked J Hayward had submitted a written resignation.
- The Clerk to contact Coopers in Cannock regarding all Waste removal.
- D Betts asked if the Handyman could attend to the Guttering and the Willow Tree.
- The Clerk to ask play equipment contractors to review play equipment.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR’S REPORT

- J Brindle reported a Zoom Meeting had been arranged. Several Covid issues to be reviewed.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- Attended six responses.
- Clerk enquire as to whether the Defibrillator could be installed at the Community Centre.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- No matters reported.

14) REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- No matters reported.

15) PLANNING

a) College Site

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Making sure everything is included in the legal agreement.
- Some concerns regarding the road.
- Agreed £20k for maintenance.
- R Cope said Featherstone Lane is narrow but no objection by SCC Highways.
- R Cope said concerned that HGV's come down The Avenue.
- J Brindle said low level lighting was needed.
- R Tucker – Weight Limits reviewed.

b) ROF Site

F Beardsmore mentioned the following:-

- In contact with Paul Turner who considered size of buildings and highways.
- Disappointed that the District Council have not notified residents. P Turner to draft information document regarding size of buildings.
- Information Leaflet to be circulated in whole of Village.
- Information regarding proposal to be online.
- Proposed buildings close to residential homes plus intrusion into Green Field, Traffic issue and pollution are a concern.
- Leaflet to be A4 and to include map.
- Need to wait for advice from Paul Turner.
- T Smitheman asked if development will go ahead if new road off A449 does not go ahead.

c) Mast on Cannock Road

F Beardsmore commented as follows:-

- Will devalue homes.
- Different Mast to application.
- R Cope said there is an audit trail on this application.
- Opposed proposal to site Mast by School.
- Alternative site on New Road not technically suitable.
- Mast is higher than application, plus boxes at base larger.
- J Brindle asked if there was any payment (Section 106) to the Parish.
- Clerk to enquire with Annette Roberts at SSDC for a Zoom Meeting with F Beardsmore and R Cope.

16) CORRESPONDENCE

- Catherine Gutteridge – Enforcement Cases.
 - Featherstone Chip Shop – The Avenue. Alleged unauthorised extension to rear of the property.
 - 4 Huddlestone Close – Alleged untidy gardens and buildings.
- Julie McCarthy – Practice Manager, Family Health Centre – Covid-19 Vaccination Programme.
- Ryan Taylor (SSDC) – Tactical Flood Planning Data.
- Jackie Smith (SSDC) – Covid Rates.
- SCC – My Staffordshire Newsletter.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage.

- Vice-Lord-Lieutenant of Staffordshire – Nomination of Unsung Heroes. Copy to Councillors.

17) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- J Brindle said that SCC Highways need to be informed the yellow lines on The Avenue by the Shops need to be renewed.
- R Tucker commented he had not seen the Litter Picker for some time. Litter Pickers to be included on the March Meeting Agenda.
- Dog Bin – Bob Taylor at SSDC commented he believed that Featherstone has enough Dog Waste Bins. Councillors considered a dog bin was needed by the Post Box/Bus Stop on Baneberry Drive as many complaints from the public. The Clerk to enquire again with Bob Taylor.
- J Brindle said opposite the Prison the Hedge has been ripped out. The Hedge being at this location for 25-30 years. Clerk to contact the District Council.
- Waste Issues – The Avenue – Rachel Porter (SSDC) has contacted those involved and checked waste transfer notes. If problem persists, to contact R Porter with photographs if possible.

18) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Parish Plaque

- This matter was ongoing.

b) Parish Vacancies

- F Beardsmore reported received approach from Parishioner in Brinsford and Featherstone.

c) Red, White and Blue Public House

- Clerk gave details of a letter dated 26th January 2021 from Ei Publican Partnership confirming that a new publican would be recruited.
- Clerk to enquire with Staffordshire Police as to whether persons involved in drinking sessions were fined.
- Clerk to contact Ei again regarding rubbish and materials around site.
- District Council have option to issue a Section 125 Notice to have material removed if owners do not respond.

19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 11th March 2021.

20) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to issue the following cheques:-

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
11/02/2021	003454	R Young	1,000.00
11/02/2021	003455	M Deegan	500.00
11/02/2021	003456	D Webb	346.73
11/02/2021	003457	K Malpass	373.47
11/02/2021	003458	K Parkes	377.87
11/02/2021	003459	C Hill	377.87
11/02/2021	003460	HMRC (PAYE)	412.48
11/02/2021	003461	Khoo Systems	24.00
11/02/2021	003462	HCI Data	102.00
		TOTAL	£3,514.42

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

The Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman