



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting
held on 11th March 2021 at 7.20pm

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

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

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

a) R Cope

R Cope mentioned the following:-

- Update regarding Boundary changes.
 - On average there are 1850 Electors per Councillor in South Staffordshire.
 - 89,000 electors at present, with additional houses would increase to 91,000.
 - Considering a reduction of eight District Councillors from 49 to 41. Four from North of District and four from South of District.
 - Details to be sent to the Boundary Commission.
 - Update regarding Ward changes.

b) F Beardsmore

- F Beardsmore commented the Boundary changes could mean changes for Featherstone and Brinsford.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No matters were raised.

4) POLICE MATTERS

- The Clerk to enquire as to why no Police Report had been provided.
- M Perks reported that Car Racing had started again last Friday.
- J Brindle commented no Police had been seen in the Parish.
- The Clerk to forward a letter to the Police Commissioner Candidates regarding the lack of Policing in the Parish.

- R Tucker also commented he had not seen any Police in the Parish.
- J Brindle also commented that the Parish Council were informed an additional PCSO was to be recruited.
- Parking – Two vehicles given parking tickets by the Chip Shop.
- Kelly Wareing (Staffordshire Police) advised that parking tickets issued by Parking Marshalls controlled by the Staffordshire County Council.

5) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from B Williams.

6) MINUTES

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th February 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th February 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)

- District Councillor R Cope and the Clerk reported they had seen no detail.

b) Meeting with Prison Governors

- Deferred to May 2021 or when appropriate due to the Covid-19 situation.

b) M Deegan

- Reviewing funding options.

9) HIGHWAYS

a) Grit Bins

- The Clerk to enquire with B Williams whether SCC will provide grit for grit bins in the Parish.

b) Liquid Salt

- The Clerk to enquire with Cheryl Larvin as to whether the storage tank will be repaired in the future.

c) Brookhouse Lane

- The Clerk to enquire with Cheryl Larvin at SCC Highways whether the potholes on Brookhouse Lane will be repaired.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- J Beardsmore commented the Large Hall looking very good, lights have been changed plus receiving enquiries to book Centre.
- Clerk to arrange meeting with Danecourt Limited regarding roof leakage.
- Discussed replacement of Tables and Chairs.
- Free Night for everyone – 7th August 2021 – Local Artist to give free entertainment.
- J Brindle gave details of Washing Machine Usage (Strawberry Poppets).
- Much of stock cannot be used – Brewery need two days' notice for deliveries.
- J Brindle will come back with Finance Report and Update.
- F Beardsmore said obtained grants and reviewing options for new Heating Boilers.
- Waste Removal – The Clerk reported that Coopers of Cannock do not cover the Featherstone area. The Clerk contacted Jones Skips who are prepared to come to Featherstone at a competitive price. The Chairman, F Beardsmore, to meet a representative of Jones Skips next Friday.
- Play Equipment – Playdale to inspect play equipment at an inspection cost of £105.00.
- The Clerk to review Telephone Costs of the Community Centre.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR'S REPORT

- J Brindle reported last week's meeting cancelled, to be re-arranged.
- M Perks said as Caroline Jobling is leaving, should the Parish Council acknowledge service. J Brindle to arrange flowers and a card.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- Attended six responses.
- Defibrillator – Michelle confirmed location needs to be agreed and electrician to activate.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- F Beardsmore and M Perks gave details of a fence that had come down at 45, South Crescent where the Housing Association have refused to carry out repairs. Disabled Tenant cannot carry out repairs. The Clerk to contact Housing Association.
- Flat 10, Old Hall Road – Inspection of Flat required.
- West View Close – Rats seen during day by tenants – Clerk to notify Bromford.

14) REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- No matters reported.

15) **PLANNING**

a) **Brinsford College Site**

- R Tucker reported Heavy Goods Vehicles and Heavy Plant travelling down The Avenue/Brookhouse Lane. Need Signage for HGV's not to use this route. The Clerk to notify Kelly Harris.
- D Betts and R Tucker commented trees and hedges removed during last two weeks.
- Catherine Gutteridge notified of work undertaken on site.
- R Cope commented planning permission is for remediation of site and does not mean removal of trees.
- Trees and Bushes are the Habitat for Birds and Wild Life. No need to take down all of hedges towards entrance of site.
- R Cope commented the Remediation had no right to remove trees and bushes and does not include planning permission for the main site. R Cope agreed to raise this matter with the District Council tomorrow.
- The Clerk to request Steve Dores (SSDC) to review the site off Malayan Way regarding left on site.
- R Tucker asked if an Environmental Impact Statement had been prepared.
- J Brindle said should details asking Parishioners to report any incidents of tree removals to the District Council or a Parish Councillor be put on Facebook or similar.
- Concerns also outlined regarding the proposed path.

b) **ROF Site**

- F Beardsmore gave details of an email received from Paul Turner.
- Always preferred route from A449. Brewood and Coven Parish Council objected.
- F Beardsmore commented regarding proposal as follows:-
 - Impact on Village if A449 route not used.
 - Application does not give true impact of the size of the building.
 - Need a photo montage.
 - Buildings too close to residential homes.
- R Cope commented planning application has route off A449 and we have supported this option.
- V Lockley commented the proposed buildings are too big and too close to existing residential homes.

c) **Planning Application Amendment**

- i) 20/01125/FUL

Proposed Part Garage Conversion to Study Area with First Floor Extension
over for Bedroom and En-suite.
6 Burnet Grove, Featherstone

16) CORRESPONDENCE

- SSDC – Three Tier Locality & Forum – 17th March 2021.
- SSDC – Climate Change Workshop – 25th March 2021.
- SSDC – Locality 3 Forum – Community Safety.
- Staffordshire Fire – Thatch Roof Fire causes devastation to local property.
- Staffordshire Fire – Wildfires – Camp Fires (Caroline Firkin).
- South Staffordshire Council Chairman’s Civic Dinner – 12th March 2021 Cancelled.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- SSDC Rachel Porter – Public Space Protection Order for Dog Fouling – Request for details of problem areas.

The Clerk to confirm the following:-

- The Avenue by the School and Shops.
 - Old Lane – Full length.
 - Around Community Centre.
 - North and South Crescent.
 - Brookhouse Lane.
- SSDC – Wendy Bowen – Mast on Cannock Road – Zoom/Team Meeting – Agreed Meeting with F Beardsmore and R Cope on 26th March 2021.

17) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- Yellow Lines on The Avenue by the Shops – Clerk to enquire with C Larvin (SCC Highways) regarding renewal.
- Dog Waste Bins – The Clerk to enquire again with Bob Taylor at SSDC regarding provision of additional Grit Bin by the Community Centre.
- Rubbish – Farmers Field by Bridge on Cat and Kitten Lane – R Cope commented when rubbish on private land cannot remove material. The Clerk to contact L Fowkes regarding the issue of a Tidy Up Order as material accumulated over ten years.
- Hedge Removal opposite Prison – Steve Does requested details as to whether hedge is deciduous or a leylandii/cypress hedge. J Brindle to review.

18) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Parish Plaque

- Nominations for Unsung Heroes proposed by M Perks, V Lockley and J Brindle. Deferred until next Meeting.
- It was proposed, seconded and agreed a Parish Plaque and Flowers should be presented to Caroline Jobling on leaving Featherstone Academy.

Resolved: To Present a Parish Plaque and Flowers to Caroline Jobling.

b) Parish Vacancies

- F Beardsmore said he had contacted applicants. Ongoing.

c) Red, White and Blue Public House

- Fencing installed around property.
- T Smitheman agreed to enquire with a friend with knowledge regarding Public Houses as to likely prospects for a Public House such as the Red, White and Blue.
- The Clerk to enquire with Ei regarding the possible terms for a Tenant.

d) Litter Pickers

- The Chairman, F Beardsmore, to review litter picking work schedule.
- The Clerk to produce a timesheet for the Litter Pickers.

19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 8th April 2021.

20) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
11/03/2021	003463	Cancelled	0.00
11/03/2021	003464	Khoo Systems	24.00
11/03/2021	003465	HMRC (PAYE)	412.48
11/03/2021	003466	R Young	1,000.00
11/03/2021	003467	D Webb	346.73
11/03/2021	003468	K Malpas	373.47
11/03/2021	003469	K Parkes	377.87
11/03/2021	003470	C Hill	377.87
		TOTAL	£2,912.42

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

The Meeting closed at 10.10pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman