



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
held on Monday, 24th May 2021 at 7.15pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre, Baneberry Drive, Featherstone

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

Also Present: R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from M Perks and J Beardsmore.

2) **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed (T Smitheman), seconded (R Tucker) and agreed that F Beardsmore be appointed Chair of Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council.

Resolved: That F Beardsmore be appointed Chairman of Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council.

3) **APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed (D Betts), seconded (T Smitheman) and agreed that R Tucker be appointed Vice-Chair of Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council.

Resolved: That R Tucker be appointed Vice-Chairman of Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council.

4) **APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

➤ **Prison Group**

The following was agreed:-

- Prison Group Members:-
 - R Tucker
 - D Betts
 - T Smitheman
- F Beardsmore and V Lockley to be Group Reserves.

5) **APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY CENTRE**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that V Lockley, T Smitheman, R Tucker and D Betts be appointed representative to the Community Centre.

Resolved: That T Smitheman, R Tucker, D Betts and V Lockley be appointed to Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre.

6) STANDING ORDERS

It was proposed (D Betts), seconded (V Lockley) that Parish Council Meetings end at 9.30pm unless a resolution is passed to extend that meeting. Items outstanding to be given priority at the next Parish Council Meeting.

Resolved: That in normal circumstances Parish Council Meetings end at 9.30pm.

7) MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 8TH APRIL 2021

It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th April 2021 be approved as a true and correct record subject to four amendments

Resolved: That the minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th April 2021 be approved as a true and correct record subject to four amendments

8) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors T Smitheman, R Tucker, D Betts and V Lockley declared an interest in relation to all matters concerning Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre.

9) POLICE MATTERS

- The Clerk to write to the newly elected Police Commissioner, Ben Adams, regarding need for greater Police visibility in the Parish, as stated by the Home Secretary.
- R Tucker commented there was a complete lack of Police visibility in the Village as the Government had promised Police will be seen as recruitment of Officers progresses.

10) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No report received.
- The Clerk to enquire with B Williams regarding provision of a Fingerpost.

11) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

F Beardsmore mentioned the following:-

- Boundary Commission result next month.
- Road Naming on Brinsford College Site.
- Update regarding Covid Testing.
- Need for a Tidy Up Order regarding waste material on Cat and Kitten Lane.

12) MATTERS ARISING

a) Tree Growth – 4 Hilton Road

- Clerk to report to SCC Highways.

b) Static Caravan at Indian Restaurant (Kings Repose)

- No update received.

c) Meeting with Prison Governor

- The Clerk to enquire regarding a meeting with all three prisons from July onwards.

13) HIGHWAY MATTERS

a) Brookhouse Lane – Surface Water

The Clerk was requested to forward a further email to David Williams regarding the following points:-

- A lot of money spent and potholes are already coming back.
- How much did this work cost?
- Was an inspection of work undertaken? And do SCC Highways consider the repairs were a good job?
- Work completed is already deteriorating.
- The Clerk reported he had not received any reply from David Williams, Cabinet Member for Highways, regarding the debacle on Brookhouse Lane.

14) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Update regarding replacement heating system including zoned areas, grant advice, previous quotes and revised total cost expectation.

It was proposed (R Tucker), seconded (D Betts) and agreed three new or revised quotes be obtained.

Resolved: To obtain three new or revised quotes to replace the heating system.

15) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY

F Beardsmore gave an update regarding the Academy.

- Academy will accept 30 new intake children, leaving 14 without a place at the Academy. These children (14) will need to attend Shareshill School. Parents are appealing.
- New Headmaster started recently – Adam Gatrad.
- All School Governors removed. No details as to why.
- Gave details of letter received by Gavin Williamson M.P. from University of Wolverhampton Trust Board.
- New Board who has taken over area salaried staff.
- Need to request Gavin Williamson M.P. to arrange a meeting with Trust Board and Education Authority. Children will need to travel 2½ miles to Shareshill School and some parents have no transport available. Serious implications for new entrants who cannot start at Featherstone Academy.
- The Clerk reported the details of the changes had been taken up with Kath Perry but she had been unable to get a definite reply from SCC Education.

16) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- Attended five incidents.

17) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- Clerk to try and contact Janet Goode.
- Clerk to also report to SSHA disabled resident at 45 South View Close – Fence Panel down.

18) REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- No report.
- Clerk to enquire with G Reynold regarding keys for Noticeboard.

19) PLANNING

- a) 19/00919/Cond
Brinsford Lodge College Site
Application to seek approval of conditions applicable to Planning Permission
- b) 21/00560/Ful
Change of use of former hotel to three No. dwellings with minor extensions.
Featherstone Farm Hotel, New Road, Featherstone

20) CORRESPONDENCE

- SSDC – Grant Mitchell – Stage 1, Complaint D18 – Brinsford Site Application (K Harris).
- SSDC – Casual Vacancy for Councillor Paster,
- Jon Harvey – M54-M6 Communication Survey.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- SSDC – Debi Round – Naming and Numbering for Brinsford Lodge Site.
Clerk to forward the following:-
 - College Way
 - College Road
 - Malayan Close
 - Moseley Crescent
- SSDC – L Fowkes – New Model Code of Conduct.

21) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- The Clerk to again enquire with B Williams as to when the yellow lines on The Avenue will be renewed.
- Dog Waste Bin – F Beardsmore to take up this matter with Bob Taylor.
- Old Lane – The Clerk to request a site meeting with Cheryl Larvin (SCC Highways) regarding the state of Old Lane.

22) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- a) **Litter Pickers**

- R Tucker said there needs to be a meeting with the Litter Pickers. Need to have timesheets completed to show where they have been working.

b) Parish Plaque

- F Beardsmore said a Parish Plaque should be given to all four people mentioned at the April 2021 Parish Council Meeting.

c) Parish Vacancy

- The Clerk circulated the Notices for inclusion on Noticeboard.
- The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to meet and discuss Parish Council vacancies.

23) FINANCE

a) Receipts and Payments for the year 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

- The Clerk gave details of the Payments and Receipts for the year, giving details of any variances.
- The Clerk also gave details of the AGAR 2020/2021 (Annual Return) with analysis of any variations.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Chairman and Clerk should sign the Annual Return 2020/2021.

Resolved: The Chairman and Clerk to sign the Annual Return for 2020/2021.

b) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
24/05/2021	003480	Clerk	1,000.00
24/05/2021	003481	Litter Picker	386.10
24/05/2021	003482	Handyman	346.73
24/05/2021	003483	Litter Picker	386.10
24/05/2021	003484	Litter Picker	384.70
24/05/2021	003485	MAZARS (Audit)	528.00
24/05/2021	003486	HMRC (PAYE) Month 1	413.39
24/05/2021	003487	HMRC (PAYE) Month 2	408.79
24/05/2021	003488	Khoo Systems	24.00
24/05/2021	003489	Cancelled	0.00
24/05/2021	003490	Flower (Headteacher)	80.00
		TOTAL	£3,957.81

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

24) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Monday, 21st June 2021.

The Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman