



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting re-started on Thursday, 12th August 2021 at 7.00pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre

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

Also Present: R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) **J BRINDLE**

The Meeting was suspended for Councillors to comment regarding the apology issued by J Brindle. J Brindle left the meeting during this period. The suspension was lifted and the meeting re-started. J Brindle returned to the meeting. D Betts commented what J Brindle had done was a disgrace and the apology wording makes you (J Brindle) the offended party. D Betts said the integrity of the Parish Council has been damaged by your action.

J Brindle said he wanted to read the document in question and had apologised to the Parishioner affected. J.Brindle said a letter is the only way he can apologise to the Community.

2) **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

B Williams had sent a update concerning Covid developments in the County.

3) **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

a) **F Beardsmore**

F Beardsmore gave an update regarding situation at Featherstone Academy.

4) **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

M Perks said that a private meeting was needed with Staffordshire Police to review problems being experienced by Parishioners of all ages within the Village. The Clerk to arrange an evening meeting.

5) **POLICE MATTERS**

R Tucker commented there had been very low visibility of Police Officers within the Parish in recent months.

6) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from J Beardsmore, B Williams and R Cope.

7) **MINUTES**

It was proposed (T Smitheman), seconded (M Perks) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th June 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th June 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

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) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Housing Association**

- The Clerk confirmed the Housing Association had requested details of trees requiring attention and had reported the following:-
 - Street Light obscured by tree branches – 4 Hilton Road.
 - Alleyway Hilton road – Old Hall Road – four dead trees.
 - Also to report overgrown vegetation around waste bins at the back of bungalows – South View Close.
- The Clerk to also arrange a meeting with Midlands Heart concerning issues at South View Close.

b) **Brinsford College Development Site**

- R Tucker reported that at least 2-3 HGV's each day using non-designated route and more prominent signage needed.

c) **Featherstone Academy**

- The Clerk to enquire with Gavin Williamson's office regarding the letter received by F Beardsmore with no answers or support regarding Featherstone Academy and as to whether any assistance is to be forthcoming.

d) **Fingerpost**

- C Stewart reported he had constructed a replacement fingerpost which was ready for installation.

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

- Application included resident required on site to supervise pigeon lofts. To be refused permission.

f) **Meeting with Prison Governors**

- R Tucker, D Betts and T Smitheman to attend:-
 - Brinsford – Wednesday, 1st September 2021 at 3.00pm
 - Oakwood – Wednesday, 29th September 2021 at 3.00pm

10) HIGHWAY MATTERS

- D Williams – Email regarding Brookhouse Lane resurfacing and repair.
- V Lockley mentioned flooding on New Road by Bickfords entrance.
- Old Lane – Clerk to notify C Larvin (SCC Highways) that clearance outstanding.
- Road markings at Prison Entrance – C Larvin confirmed not County Council and need to raise issue with prisons. Clerk to contact Governor's/Director's Secretary.
- Junction 1 – M54 – Provision of Signage to use both lanes when leaving M54 onto A460. Clerk confirmed notified C Larvin (SCC Highways).
- East Road exit onto New Road – Visibility Splay needs to improve due to vegetation growth – F Beardsmore to review.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Decoration in progress.
- Blinds being installed.
- Wedding booked for Saturday plus Party on Sunday.
- Veolia Waste disposal to finish, replaced by Jones Skips.
- CCTV Camera needs to be replaced/updated.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR'S REPORT

- J Brindle reported four redundancies at Academy.

13) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- Attended three incidents.
- To contact First Responders regarding installation of Defibrillator.
- It was proposed (V Lockley), seconded (D Betts) and agreed that a Defibrillator should be purchased for Brinsford.

Resolved: To purchase a Defibrillator for Brinsford.

14) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- No additional matters reported.

15) REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- D Betts reported the Association are not holding meetings at present.

16) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

- i) 21/00799/FUL
Single Storey Front Extension and Garage Conversion

54 Brookhouse Lane, Featherstone

- ii) 21/00675/VAR and 21/00674/VAR
Application 18/00283/LBC – 24th May 2018
Change the layout of the garden path leading to new gate.
Moseley Old Hall, Moseley Old Hall Lane, Featherstone

b) Brinsford Lodge Discharge of Conditions

The following comments were forwarded to Tom Cannon at Hayward Planning Services as follows:-

19/00919/COND

Condition 3 (Acoustic fence) – The Council Environmental Health Officer has raised no objections to the submitted details.
Need to safeguard amenity of future owner. Plot No. 1 requires a wall or an acoustic fence.

Condition 4 (Widening of East Road) – The County Council Highway Department are unable to provide a definitive timescale for approving the submitted details. Discussions ongoing.
Confirmation required regarding widening of road and preservation of hedge. Also, inclusion of 30mph speed limit and additional street lighting.

Condition 11 (Changing rooms) – Sport England have requested that two separate officials changing rooms are provided; one for male, and one for female officials. Amended plans required.

Condition 16 (Mitigation measures – ecology) – The County Ecologist has raised no objections to the proposed mitigation measures.

Condition 17 (External lighting) – The County Ecologist and Environmental Health Officer have raised no objections to the submitted details.
No development until ecology and habitat provision applied.

Condition 17 (External lighting) – The County Ecologist and Environmental Health Officer have raised no objections to the submitted details.

Conditions 18 and 19 (Type and location of bat and bird boxes) – The County Ecologist has raised no objections to the proposed details.
Confirmation of which properties will have bat or bird boxes.

Condition 20 (Hard and soft landscaping works) – The Senior Landscape Planning Officer has raised several questions/points of clarification regarding the submitted details (see my email to Charles on 7/6/2021). Clarification awaited.
Confirmation required that this work has been undertaken as specified in planning permission.

Conditions 21 and 24 (Tree Protection) – The Council Arboricultural Officer has raised no objections to the submitted tree protection measures.
Confirmation that Fencing and Tree Protection is to be monitored and done as planning permission states.

Condition 26 (Construction works within RPAs) – The Council Arboricultural Officer has raised no objections to the submitted details.

Condition 27 (Drainage – foul and surface water flows) – Sever Trent Water have requested further clarification of the final outfall points for both foul and surface water. Further details required.
Could an update be provided regarding drainage?

Condition 28 (Surface water drainage SuDs) – The LLFA have raised no objections to the submitted details.

Condition 31 (Finished Floor Levels) – The levels shown on the submitted plans appear to be generally acceptable.
Will floor level be a minimum of 6 inches higher?

19/00919/COND2

Condition 5 (New footway) – This condition requires the new footway to be constructed prior to the occupation of the first dwelling.
Will footway be completed before occupation of first property available?

Condition 7 (Bin/cycle storage)

Condition 12 (Management and maintenance schedule playing pitch, changing facility, car park and LEAP) – Sport England have requested additional details of the maintenance of the playing pitch etc. – see my email to Charles dated 27/5/2021. Additional information needed.

Condition 13 (Ball stop treatment) – I understand that various options for ball stop treatment are currently being investigated. Additional information to be submitted.
Need to install a fence to protect car park.

Condition 14 (Display board) – Awaiting further details from the applicant.

Condition 33 (Safety audit – attenuation pond) – Awaiting safety audit from applicant.
Has safety audit been provided and will a lifebuoy be installed by pond?

17) CORRESPONDENCE

- CPRE – Membership Request.
- SCC – Bereavement Information Hubs.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Float to Live.
- SCC – Climate Change Workshop.
- Shareshill Graveyard – Email from Mary-Ann Burke – Request for Funding – Clerk to send application form.
- Staffordshire Libraries Newsletter.
- Featherstone Work Club – Request to re-start the Work Club from the 3rd September 2021.
- SSC – Local Plan Presentation to Parishes – Clerk to request more information.
- G Williamson M.P. – 2023 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

18) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- New Road on corner Street Light S14 working 24 hours – Clerk to report.
- Old Butchers Shop – The Avenue – Boarded windows – Door forced in – Needs Tidy up – Clerk to contract South Staffordshire Council.
- Brookhouse Lane – Last Street Light on left requires attention.

- Dog Waste Bin – Clerk to check with Bob Taylor at South Staffordshire Council as to whether he will arrange for an additional Bin.
- Cat and Kitten Lane – R Tucker reported the rubble had been removed but the waste that had been on site for years remains. F Beardsmore to speak to R Cope on this matter.
- Red, White and Blue - Clerk to enquire regarding ownership and lease arrangement.
- Working Party – CCTV.
It was agreed F Beardsmore, R Tucker, M Perks and J Brindle should form a Working Party to review CCTV.

19) PARISH PLAQUE

The Clerk to obtain a quote from York Insigma for an additional twenty plaques.

20) LITTER PICKERS

The Chairman, F Beardsmore, and Vice-Chairman, R Tucker, to arrange a further meeting with the Litter Pickers.

21) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 9th September 2021.

The Meeting closed at 9.17pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman