



## FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 6.45pm  
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre

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

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

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### 1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

B Williams mentioned the following:-

- Update regarding Covid.
- R Cope checking planning permission for Brinsford Development with regard to HGV routes.
- Outlined road closures in the area.
- Motorway island Traffic Lights – No information available.
- Will notify SCC concerns of Parishioners with regard to road closures on East Road and Brookhouse Lane.
- Boundary changes update.

### 2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Meeting with Brinsford Site Developer last week regarding roads and concerns over widening of roads. No houses can be built until highway matters are approved, including installation of a footway. B Williams to enquire.

### 3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No matters raised.

### 4) POLICE MATTERS

Matters discussed with Sgt. Evans as follows:-

- Was PCSO for seven years.
- Two PCSO's covering the Parish and wants them out of cars.
- Outline of Police Officers on duty in Staffordshire.
- Need Police visibility in the Parish.
- Sgt. Evans should be receiving Police Report and attending meetings.
- Disappointed no Report received plus need Notices regarding Police.

5) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from J Beardsmore, M Perks and R Cope.

6) **MINUTES**

It was proposed (T Smitheman), seconded (D Betts) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.

**Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 and 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021 be approved as a true and correct record.**

7) **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.

8) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Housing Association**

- Midland Heart have a new contact at South View Close.Hesd Office to reply regarding request for a meeting.

b) **Featherstone Academy**

- G Williamson's assistant confirmed no further information was available. The Clerk to request an appointment for the Chairman with G Williamson.

c) **Fingerpost**

- C Stewart reported the Fingerpost was ready to be installed.

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

- Confirmation received from SSDC that the Caravan and Pigeon Loft had been removed.

e) **Meeting with Prison Governors**

- R Tucker, D Betts and T Smitheman to attend:-
  - Oakwood – Arranged for Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 3.00pm
  - Brinsford – To be confirmed.
  - Featherstone – To be confirmed.

9) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- C Larvin (SCC) reported the following:-
  - Will review Old Lane again.
  - Requested review of Signage to encourage motorists to use both lanes on the A460 when leaving the M54 island.
- Road Markings at Prison Entrance – Requested Oakwood to pass on any information at Prison Meeting.
- East Road Exit on New Road – C Larvin to review.

- Featherstone A460 island (M54) Lights not working and poor visibility due to height of vegetation. Clerk to report.

#### **10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Update regarding Bookings.
- Toilets being decorated.
- Strawberry Poppets – New License.

#### **11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS**

- Attended four incidents.
- Defibrillator:
  - Specified Unit ordered – Delivery end of September 2021.
  - V Lockley gave details of potential locations at Brinsford – Lamppost No. 14 on Oaks Drive.
  - Defibrillator at Community Centre to be installed and connected to electricity supply.

#### **12) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

- No additional matters reported.

#### **13) REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**

- The Clerk to enquire with G Reynolds regarding meetings starting again. Also to enquire whether room at prison can be used for meetings.

#### **14) PLANNING**

##### **a) Brinsford Lodge Development**

Application No. 21/00919/VAR

Amend the wording of Condition 4 of approval 19/00919/FUL – There have been delays with the S.278 process, which would hold up development as the condition is worded. SCC are not able to provide any timeline to agreeing the S.278 works and therefore we are unable to implement these works prior to development commencing.

F Beardsmore had a meeting with the Developer and reported the following:-

- Moved entrance further from junction.
- Dust problem.
- Working hours: 7.30am-6.00pm (Friday 8.00am-2.00pm).  
No working on Saturday or Bank Holiday.
- Road – Waiting for Staffordshire County Council.
- Countryside requested Bus Stop excluded. Bus Stop to be sited on road with provision of a layby – pull-in (Development side).
- Reviewed Signage.
- The Clerk reported the problem of HGV's using incorrect routes reported to planning enforcement.

#### **15) CORRESPONDENCE**

- Staffordshire Archives and Heritage Newsletter.
- Staffordshire Fire Service – Reporting an Emergency.
- Staffordshire Libraries Newsletter.

- SPCA – Bulletin.
- SSC – Making connections through Craft in the Community.
- Enquiry for Jagroop Bhandal regarding Allotments – Clerk to confirm nearest is Coven and Bushbury.
- Staffordshire County Council – Temporary Traffic Orders for Brookhouse Lane, Moseley Road and East Road.

**16) PARISH MAINTENANCE**

- Enquire with Oakwood Prison regarding the provision of three Benches.
- Butchers Shop (closed) – The Avenue – Reported to SSDC who requested photographs. J Brindle agreed to forward photographs to the Clerk.
- Dog Waste Bin – The Clerk reported he had sent emails to Bob Taylor at SSDC. Also tried to telephone. F Beardsmore agreed to contact.
- Cat and Kitten Lane – Waste Material – F Beardsmore/R Cope to contact SSDC.
- Red, White and Blue – The Clerk reported the following:-
  - Temporary Agreement with Publican.
  - No details disclosed regarding Lease.
  - Owners declined Development Offer.

**17) PARISH PLAQUE**

It was proposed (D Betts), seconded (V Lockley) and agreed to purchase twenty plaques at a cost of £879.00 plus VAT from York Insignia Limited.

**Resolved: To purchase twenty plaques/shields from York Insignia Limited.**

**18) LITTER PICKERS**

The Clerk to review the following:-

- Contracts of Employment – Check with ACAS.
- Holiday Entitlement for 10 hours each week.
- Holiday Forms.
- Draft Job Description.

**19) PARISH VACANCY**

- This matter was ongoing.
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**20) TWINNING**

- This item was deferred.

**21) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

The Meeting closed at 8.57pm.

F Beardsmore  
Chairman