



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council
held on 14th January 2021 at 7.00pm

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

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

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

B Williams mentioned the following:-

- Covid-19 Update.
- Vaccination locations decided by NHI – Gave details of vaccination procedure.
- Meeting of County Council tomorrow which is concerning Covid-19.
- Agreed to contact Mark Keeling regarding Highway matters.
- Also agreed to monitor Fingerpost situation regarding a replacement funding.
- J Brindle enquired as to whether anyone has raised the question of a New Hospital in South Staffordshire – No details available.
- R Tucker said all villages around area had been give the option to be tested for Covid in their Village. Why not Featherstone?

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

a) F Beardsmore

- Matters relating to the M54, Brinsford College Site and Royal Ordnance Factory Site deferred to planning.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- No matters raised.

4) POLICE MATTERS

- D Betts gave details of an exercise group using the Cage adjacent to the Community Centre during lockdown. Group Leader refused to leave. The Clerk to notify the Police if Group do not cease.
- M Perks gave details of Car Racing – Will continue reporting Car Racing incidents to Police.
- M Perks gave details of a nearby rave party which was attended by Police with no action taken.

5) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from J Beardsmore and R Cope.

6) **MINUTES**

It was proposed (D Betts), seconded (T Smitheman) and agreed that the Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th December 2020 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Zoom Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th December 2020 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)**

- This item is ongoing.

b) **Meeting with Prison Governors**

- Defer until May 2021.

b) **M Deegan**

- F Beardsmore and the Clerk had a Zoom Meeting last night with M Deegan – To progress grant applications research.

9) **HIGHWAYS**

a) **Barrier New Road / A460**

- J Brindle reported repair started on Sunday but not complete as one section outstanding. The Clerk to enquire regarding completion date.

b) **Grit Bins and Liquid Salt**

i) **Grit Bins**

C Larvin (SCC Highways) to arrange to deliver bags of grit to J Brindle.

ii) **Liquid Salt**

C Larvin (SCC Highways) to collect containers from J Brindle with intention to also deliver liquid salt.

iii) **Lineage at Prison Entrance where it meets New Road**

The Clerk to contact Chris Wood, Assistant Governor, again, regarding this matter.

iv) The Avenue

C Larvin (SCC Highways) confirmed she will chase the Scheduler for an estimated date.

v) M54 Traffic Island

F Beardsmore reported trial trenches being undertaken.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

F Beardsmore reported the following:-

- Green Bin for Centre – The Clerk to find out what Veolia can provide regarding collections.
- David Webb doing a good job.
- Confirmed painting starting in large room.
- D Betts gave details of rubbish on Old Lane, including rubbish put over fence.
- F Beardsmore thanked D Betts for work on Old Lane. Will also contact C Larvin (SCC Highways).

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE ACADEMY GOVERNOR'S REPORT

- J Brindle said no matters to report.

12) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- Attended four incidents in December.
- Attended five so far this month.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- No matters reported.

14) REPORT – BRINSFORD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

- G Reynolds commented there had been reports of Fly Tipping on nearby lanes.

15) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) 20/01125/FUL
6 Burnet Grove, Featherstone
Proposed Part Garage conversion to study area with First Floor extension over for bedroom and en-suite.
- ii) 20/01111/FUL
6 Larkspur Drive, Featherstone
Extension over existing Garage.

b) M54 Link Road

F Beardsmore mentioned the following subjects:-

- Meeting with Highways England.
- Mile Wall protection.
- Tree Planting.
- Mann Hubell – Wild Garden (Natural Space) – Proposal.
- Parking by Post Office – Submission by 31st March 2021.
- J Brindle mentioned provision Bat Boxes.
- To contact Forest of Mercia regarding Natural Development.
- Part of Link Road is to have Weight Limit on A460.
- Highways England – Notice of Ground Investigation and Trial Trenching.

c) Brinsford College Site

F Beardsmore reported on the following:-

- 81 houses – 30% Social Housing.
- Maintenance of Park and Football Pitch.
- One off payment of £17,540.
- Contact with Sport England.
- Queries regarding size of football pitch and size of changing room.
- Allotments could not be included.
- Reviewed Plan and Layout.
- R Tucker raised concerns regarding the pond location.
- Funding – should request increase from £17,540 to £25,000.
- Payment to be 50% of Build not occupation.
- Further meeting to discuss on the 21st January 2021.

d) Royal Ordnance Factory Site

- Also needs to be considered – Possible meeting.

16) CORRESPONDENCE

- SPCA Bulletin.
- Covid Rates – Public Health Board.
- SCC – Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice – Hilton Road, Featherstone – 28th January 2021.
- SSDC – Ryan Taylor – Tactical Flood Plan Data.
- SSDC – Locality Forums – Three Tier Working.
- SCC – Archive and Newsletter.
- Covid – Testing vaccination.
 - Majority of Parishioners will need to travel for test or vaccination.
 - Local Doctor did not submit a bid to carry out vaccinations.
 - Residents need to travel to Codsall.
 - Clerk to send letter of enquiry to Surgery asking if bid submitted to undertake tests and vaccinations.
- Clerk confirmed a letter had been sent to Val Chapman (South Staffordshire Work Clubs).

17) PARISH MAINTENANCE

a) Dog Bin

The Clerk to enquire with Bob Taylor at SSDC regarding provision of Dog Bin.

b) **Replacement Fingerpost**

Decided to wait until April 2021 for funding availability from Staffordshire County Council.

c) **Parking in Vicinity of the Shops**

F Beardsmore to arrange a Site Meeting.

18) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) **Village Green**

➤ Email from the Ministry of Justice confirming that due to a change in policy this land will not be considered for disposal for 18-24 months.

b) **Parish Plaque**

➤ This matter was ongoing.

c) **Parish Vacancies**

At present, one vacancy for Featherstone and one for Brinsford.

d) **Red, White and Blue - Management**

➤ Councillors M Perks and J Brindle raised concerns regarding vandalism. Site needs tidy up due to accumulated rubbish and waste. The Clerk to contact the owners.

19) **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

➤ Thursday, 11th February 2021.

20) **FINANCE**

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a) **Precept Requirement 2021/2022**

It was proposed (R Tucker), seconded (J Brindle) and agreed to request a 2½% increase in the Precept for 2021/2022 which would give a £90,083 Precept for 2021-22

Resolved: To request an increase of 2½% of the Precept for 2021/2022.

b) **Cheque Payments**

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
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14/01/2021	003445	C Hill	377.87
14/01/2021	003446	K Malpass	373.47
14/01/2021	003447	K Parkes	377.87
14/01/2021	003448	D Webb	346.73
14/01/2021	003449	HMRC (PAYE)	412.48
14/01/2021	003450	R.Young	1000.00
14/01/2021	003451	Khoo Systems	120.00
14/01/2021	003452	M Deegan	500.00
14/01/2021	003453	SSDC (GM)	495.50
		TOTAL	£4,003.92

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman