



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 6.45pm on Thursday, 8th June 2023
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre

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

Also Present: R Cope
Five Members of the Public
PCSO T Nicholls
R Young, Clerk to the Council

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

a) J Brindle

- Attended first Meeting at District Council.
- Appointed to Licensing Committee.
- Railway Hub – Open Meeting planned.

b) R Cope

- Mentioned Police can use Special Powers to move Travellers from unauthorised locations.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Request for Update concerning Link Road – F Beardsmore commented work should have started this year and problem may be funding.

4) POLICE MATTERS

- PCSO T Nicholls gave details of a Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Report for the period 6th May 2023 – 6th June 2023 as follows:-

Statistics

Burglary (residential): 0

Burglary (business): 1

30/05/2023 – Lifestyle Express Shop, The Avenue. Break-in via South View Crescent – tiles removed and plaster cut to gain entry. Cigarettes stolen.

Vehicle Crime: 4

12/05/2023 – The Elms Pub, Church Road, Shareshill. Van parked on Pub car park (Ford Transit Van). Entry gained by drilling hole in side door, power tools stolen – enquiry ongoing.

15/05/2023 – Elms Lane, Shareshill. (Ford Transit Van) parked on driveway. Damage to driver's side lock, power tools stolen.

15/05/2023 – Spires Croft, Shareshill. (BMW) parked on driveway, passenger window slightly open. Glove box was opened and coats were taken.

26/05/2023 – Featherstone Academy School. (Jaguar 1-Pace) stolen from School car park. Found in the West Midlands.

Anti-Social Behaviour:

06/05/2023 – The Avenue. Three reports of noise/neighbour issues. Several calls to this address, all agencies involved mental health.

20/05/2023 – Featherstone Community Centre, Baneberry Drive. Report of youths riding motorbikes around the playing fields.

22/05/2023 – Featherstone Community Centre, Baneberry Drive. Report of youths riding motorbikes around the car park with no helmets.

Officers attended and three were identified and were arrested.

23/05/2023 – Cannock Road. The track at side of Cannock Road, a motorbike was on fire; Fars attended, the bike had been stolen, the youths were involved with the incident at the Community Centre on the 22/05/2023.

26/05/2023 – Manor Road, Shareshill. Neighbours dispute over work being carried out at property.

27/05/2023 – Featherstone Community Centre. Report of noise from Community Centre. Birthday Party taking place.

02/06/2023 – Hilton Road. Reports of Vans parking on bend.

You said – we did:

Youths causing issues in the village. PCSOs have spoken to parents and issued CPWs to those youths identified. Parish Councillors, residents and staff in the shops have been updated. Police still need to hear from the public if the issues continue. Call 101 or complete the online form on the Staffordshire Police website by clicking on the 'REPORT' button.

Policing operations of note: hi-viz on The Avenue and around the Community Centre.

PCSO 16814 Julia Wells
Email: Julia.wells@staffordshire.police.uk

PCSO 8861 Teresa Nicholls

Email: Teresa.nicholls@staffordshire.police.uk

Helpful Links

Volunteers requested for community speed watch, further information found at <http://www.staffssaferroads.co.uk/my-community/community-speed-watch>

Keep in touch with regular Smart Alerts for your area:
<http://staffordshiresmartalert.uk/staffs/>

Social media:



@Staffordshire Police & @South Staffordshire Police

- Members of the Public said about Cars and Vans parked on pavement.
- M Perks requested monitoring of youths loitering around new play equipment.
- J Brindle reported the drug distribution near the Post Office and Hilton Road is now occurring at 5.15pm.
- T Nicholls commented Police are monitoring Travellers on Cannock Road.

5) CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (V Lockley) and agreed that Anne Rowe should be co-opted as a Parish Councillor on Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council.

Resolved: That Anne Rowe be co-opted as a Parish Councillor on Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council.

6) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from R Tucker and Z Webb.

7) MINUTES

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (T Smitheman) and agreed that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting held on the 18th May 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting held on the 18th May 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

8) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors M Perks, J Brindle and T Smitheman declared an interest in all matters relating to Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre.

9) MATTERS ARISING

a) Fly Tipping – Brookhouse Lane

- R Cope to follow up at District Council.

b) Overgrown Hedges near to Red, White and Blue

- Enquiries regarding ownership with the Housing Association and SCC Highways. No details available regarding new owners of the Red, White and Blue at present.

c) Brinsford Lodge Development

- Reminder sent to G Williamson M.P. regarding enquiry with Staffordshire County Council concerning provision of pavements.

10) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- R Cope gave details of cable installation work from Featherstone to Shareshill. No communication received. F Beardsmore commented traffic lights have caused traffic chaos.

Contact B Williams and K Perry regarding timescale. Enquiries to be made with James Bailey at SCC.
- Featherstone Lane – One Way – Request update from B Williams and Meeting with M Keeling.
- Turnstone Drive – Road surface dipping – Notify SCC Highways.
- End of New Road disintegrating – Notify SCC Highways.
- Footpath Featherstone – Shareshill – Vegetation needs cutting back. Notify SCC Highways.
- National Highways correspondence reviewed with regard to repairs needed around Junction 1, Traffic Island, A460/M54.
- Gavin Williamson M.P. – Reply received from Staffordshire County Council as follows:-

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of Mr Robert Young.

Our highway teams are fully aware of the local concerns and are currently putting together plans to address the surface condition on this dual section of the A460 including the M54, Junction 1 Island.

In the meantime, the Council will continue to invest in long-term maintenance schemes and prevention treatments through a robust asset management plan, alongside a comprehensive routine inspection regime which ensures the safety of the local public highway. We will keep the Parish informed as we progress.

I hope the above information is of assistance.

Correspondence to be sent to James Bailey at Staffordshire County Council.

11) **REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

M Perks mentioned the following:-

- Installation of carpet – still experiencing problems. Writing to installer; if not sorted within seven days, would they collect carpet and will get replacement.
- Very good weekends at Centre – Wedding, Parties and Football Presentation.
- D Betts asked who will be responsible for Tree Maintenance with regard to newly planted trees. F Beardsmore to contact Handyman.

12) **REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS**

- It was proposed, seconded and agreed the Parish Council should contribute 50% towards the cost of First Responders Vehicle Insurance.

Resolved: The Parish Council to contribute 50% towards the First Responders Vehicle Insurance.

13) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- Clerk to arrange site meeting with the Housing Association regarding the following:-
 - Old Hall Road.
 - Condition of Garages and maintenance.
- 41 The Avenue – Massive Hedge covering Road Sign – Notify Cheryl Larvin (SCC Highways).

14) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- 23/00358/FULM
OXW Catalina (Logistics XXV) Limited
Mann Hummel UK Limited, Hilton Cross Business Park, Cannock Road, Featherstone.
Change of Use from Class B2 (General Industry) with ancillary office space to flexible employment use Class B2 (General Industry) and/or Class B8 (Storage and Distribution) with ancillary office space.

15) CORRESPONDENCE

- Staffordshire County Council – Climate Change.
- SSDC – Parish Summit – 8th June 2023.
- SSDC – Declaration of Interest.
- SSDC – Licence J Brindle Declared an Interest.
- SSDC – Andrew Aston – Allotments for Wood Chippings.
- Helen Duckett – St Mary and St Luke’s Church. Request for Donation – Send Donation Form to H Duckett.

16) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- A Rowe enquired if SCC Mobile Library could visit Brinsford – Clerk to enquire with County Councillor B Williams.

- Widgeon Grove – Trees requiring attention. Quotations obtained as follows:-

Remove two trees plus trimming: £1,200.00
Remove four trees plus trimming: £1,950.00

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (V Lockley) and agreed to accept quotation of £1,950.00.

Resolved: To accept quotation for £1,950.00.

- Noticeboard – Harvest Grove Site.
F Beardsmore and T Smitheman to review.
- Brinsford Lodge (Harvest Grove). The Clerk confirmed a request for assistance sent to Gavin Williamson M.P.

The Clerk to email request to District Councillor R Cope regarding the following:-
- When will pavement be installed at Harvest Grove Site.

- Allocation procedure for Market Affordable Houses.
- Name Sign – “Mick Griffiths Room” for Community Centre.

17) NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

- D Randall reported no development to date.

18) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Football Club Committee

- J Brindle said need to advertise for Chairman and Secretary and draft formal structure.
- Nothing done to date regarding Football Pitch or Changing Room.
- R Cope agreed to write to Annette Roberts with regard to Pavement and Sports Pavilion.

b) Newsletter

- T Smitheman suggested a Newsletter three or four times a year.
- Sub-Committee of J Brindle, T Smitheman, M Perks and F Beardsmore.

19) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 13th July 2023.

20) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
08/06/2023	003781	HMRC (PAYE)	497.53
08/06/2023	003782	Litter Picker	451.53
08/06/2023	003783	Litter Picker	451.53
08/06/2023	003784	Litter Picker	436.93
08/06/2023	003785	Parish Handyman	380.27
08/06/2023	003786	Defibrillator Pads	158.64
08/06/2023	003787	Rotary Lawn Mower	248.85
08/06/2023	003788	Featherstone First Responders	390.50
08/06/2023	003789	Parish Clerk	1,166.10
		TOTAL:	£4,181.88

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

The Meeting closed at 8.57pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman