



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 6.45pm on Thursday, 10th August 2023
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre

Present: F Beardsmore, R Tucker, V Lockley, A Rowe, Z Webb, D Randall, T Smitheman,
J Brindle and D Betts

Also Present: One Member of the Public
District Councillor R Cope
PCSO Nicholls
R Young, Clerk to the Council

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

➤ No matters reported.

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

a) R Cope

R Cope mentioned the following:-

- Black Country reviewing Housing numbers – Housing issues within Local Plan.
- Scrutiny Committee (SSDC) – Responsibility of Closed Churchyards and cost implication.

b) J Brindle

J Brindle agreed regarding the above.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Harvest Grove – Meeting on site with Gavin Williamson did not take place – to be re-arranged.
- R Cope confirmed Planning Enforcement at SSDC are involved concerning Harvest Grove.

4) POLICE MATTERS

Police Report 11/07/2023 – 09/08/2023

Statistics

Burglary (residential): 1
25/07/2023 – Saredon Road, Shareshill

Equipment was stolen from a shed in the fields where horses are kept. Horse tack and jet washer were taken.

Vehicle Crime: 2

20/07/2023 – 2 South View, Surgery House Flats

Report of four tyres were deflated and scratch marks down both sides of doors.

20/07/2023 - Same address. Report of white paint tipped over vehicle and damage to gate/lock. No CCTV and no witnesses.

Burglary (business): 0

TOMV: 4

16/07/2023 – Hilton Road, Featherstone

Motorbike stolen with keys in ignition. Motorbike recovered in Bushby on the West Midlands border. They have a suspect. 4/5 people were seen at the time.

24/07/2023 – Dark Lane

A cat convertor stolen off panel van.

16/07/2023 – Cannock Road

A motorbike was found in the bushes off the Cannock Road. The bike was stolen; three lads were seen going towards the bike at the time.

26/07/2023 – Community Centre, Featherstone

Attempt – offenders have entered the Ford Fiesta Eco Boost and tried to cut steering lock off; alarm activated and offenders made off in a Fiesta.

Anti-Social Behaviour: 2

12/07/2023 – Swan Lane, Shareshill

Scramblers bikes riding around Swan Lane. Three lads around 15 years old, wearing no helmets.

13/07/2023 – Cannock Road, Featherstone.

Report of three lads riding motorbike on private land.

Criminal Damage: 1

08/08/2023 – The Avenue Flat, Surgery House

Male from the flats has damaged a member of public vehicle with a pitch fork and smashed rear window. Officers attended and arrested the offender.

You said – we did:

Police still need to hear from the public if there are any issues in the area. 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.staffsaferroads.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

Councillors mentioned the following:-

- J Brindle mentioned problems at South Crescent.
- Traffic turning right into Dark Lane.
- R Tucker commented ongoing traffic problems on A460 due to work being undertaken.
- Parking of Vehicles by School plus speed of traffic in vicinity of School.
- F Beardsmore requested a meeting with PCSO Nicholls to discuss additional play equipment facilities at Featherstone.

5) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from M Perks.

6) MINUTES

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (T Smitheman) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 24th July 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 24th July 2023 be approved as a true and correct record.

7) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

8) MATTERS ARISING

a) Fly Tipping – Brookhouse Lane

- R Cope reported the Chief Executive of SSDC will be doing a Ward walkabout and he will take him to this location. R Cope commented land further down with waste material is in the ownership of St Francis.

b) Overgrown Hedges and Walkways

- Meeting arranged with Housing Plus to walk around Parish – R Tucker, D Randall, Z Webb and A Rowe to attend.

c) Red, White and Blue – Tidy Up Order Request

- Catherine Gutteridge (SSDC) requested to progress a Tidy Up Order at the Red, White and Blue. J Brindle provided photographic evidence which was sent to C Gutteridge.

d) Shops – South Crescent

- J Brindle reported that Mark Jenkinson at SSDC Environment arranging for an inspection.

9) HIGHWAY MATTERS

- End of New Road – Junction has no Signage or Road Markings. F Beardsmore to review with M Keeling.
- Featherstone Lane – One Way System – F Beardsmore to discuss with M Keeling at meeting on the 18th August 2023.
- Drain Covers in Parish – Clerk to enquire with Cheryl Larvin (SCC Highways).
- M54/A460 Traffic Island – F Beardsmore to request update from M Keeling at meeting.
- National Highways – Update on the M54/A460 Link Road – Representative invited to September 2023 Parish Council Meeting.
- Old Hall Road – Route to Doctors Surgery in need of repair/clearance. Request Community Payback to clear route.
- C.Larvin (SCC Highways) inspected along Turnstone Drive, Featherstone. I can only see that two manholes are lower than the existing carriageway surface at the junction of Woodcock Gardens and Snipe Close. I have raised enquiries for the inspector to carry out an assessment of these.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- Date for Annual General Meeting to be agreed.
- The Clerk to obtain the cost of a Defibrillator for the Community Centre.
- F Beardsmore gave an update regarding the new carpet and the problems experienced.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- Six incidents attended.

12) REPORT – SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- The Clerk to obtain the contact details for the Midland Heart Neighbourhood Officer.
- Site meeting arranged for 24th August 2023 to review overgrown walkways.

13) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) 23/00666/VAR
Conditions Removal
Hilton Cross Business Park, Cannock Road, Featherstone
- ii) 23/00546/FUL
1 x automatic swing gate.
1 x automatic sliding gate to replace existing swing gate.

2 x bifold swing gates.
New fencing to be added from the sliding gate to the automatic swing gate for security reasons.
Modification to existing fencing and gate location so that the external entrance is enclosed within the loading area.
Installation of 20 x bollards around the front of the site.
All changes will be completed in RAL 7016 to match existing.
3 Hilton Cross Business Park, Cannock Road, Featherstone, Wolverhampton, WV10 7QZ

- iii) 23/00668/FUL
Single Storey Rear Extension.
61 South Crescent, Featherstone

14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Julie McCarthy – Minutes of PPG Meeting – F Beardsmore to raise issues regarding access with M Keeling.
- Debi Round – SSDC Schedule of Enforcement Cases July 2023.
- Andrew Aston (SSDC) – Wood Chippings from Tree Gang.
- SSDC – Community Engagement SSDC.
- Staffordshire County Council – Getting into Weeds.
- Staffordshire Archive and Heritage Newsletter.
- Email from Parishioner regarding vans parked in Champion Drive. Matter referred to PCSO Nicholls.
- SPCA Bulletin.
- Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Consultation on Draft Recommendation.
- Community Payback – Receipt of Application to undertake work.
- National Lottery – Update request concerning play equipment.

15) **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

- Ann Rowe enquired regarding effectiveness of litter picking in Brinsford. Meeting to be arranged to be attended by R Tucker, A Rowe, F Beardsmore and Litter Picker.
- The Clerk confirmed ROSPA Play Inspectors arranged for Featherstone and Brinsford.

16) **NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT**

- F Beardsmore commented need to engage with young people in the Parish.
- Replacement Saucer Swing at Featherstone.

It was proposed (J Brindle), seconded (R Tucker) and agreed to purchase a replacement Saucer Swing including delivery and installation from Playdale Limited at a cost of £2,750.95 including VAT.

Resolved: To purchase a replacement Saucer Swing from Playdale Limited.

- Dawn Randall confirmed funds raised towards the cost of the play equipment would be paid into the Parish Council's bank account.

17) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Football Club Committee – Ongoing.
- Parish Newsletter.

T Smitheman and J Brindle reviewed size, content and design. Possible three-monthly distribution. Further meeting to be arranged.

- Garages in the Parish – On hold.

18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 14th September 2023.

19) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
10/08/2023	003801	Handyman	380.27
10/08/2023	003802	Parish Clerk	1,166.10
10/08/2023	003803	Litter Picker	451.53
10/08/2023	003804	Litter Picker	451.53
10/08/2023	003805	Litter Picker	436.93
10/08/2023	003806	HMRC (PAYE)	497.53
10/08/2023	003807	Jones Skips	379.20
10/08/2023	003808	ICO Registration	40.00
10/08/2023	003809	Litter Picker – Boots	37.00
		TOTAL:	£3,840.09

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

b) South Staffordshire Council

The Clerk reported he had received a batch of ground maintenance invoices dated 2020/2021 which the District Council state are outstanding. The Clerk to check.

The Meeting closed at 9.17pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman