



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 6.45pm on Monday, 24th July 2023
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre

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

Also Present: Four Members of the Public
PCSO Julia Wells
R Young, Clerk to the Council

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters reported.

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

a) J Brindle

J Brindle mentioned the following:-

- Review of Meetings attended including new Railway facility.
- Hilton Hall – Retrospective planning application refused – Allowed to operate until 17th September 2023.
- Shops – South Crescent – Waste bins not being emptied – Flat owners do not own area to the rear. J Brindle to raise issue at District Council.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (INCLUDING HARVEST GROVE)

Harvest Grove

- Drains installed not working.
- Roadworks need completing and holes in road need repair. F Beardsmore said need to keep reporting problems.
- Need to keep Gavin Williamson M.P. informed of problems experienced.
- The Clerk reported that Gavin Williamson M.P. had a meeting with the developer on Friday, 28th July 2023. The Clerk to confirm the meeting time to member of the public and J Brindle if obtained.
- Changing Rooms to be provided need to be of the standard agreed in the planning permission.
- F Beardsmore commented there was a need to view the Planning Enforcement Report as the District Council need to state what is needed and outstanding on the site.
- Matters Outstanding:-

- Pavements and Roads.
- Park.
- Football Pitch to FA standard.
- Path from Whitgreave Avenue to site.
- Changing Rooms to agreed standard.

4) **POLICE MATTERS**

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

Statistics

Burglary (residential): 1

07/06/2023 – Cannock Road, Featherstone.

Equipment stolen from the field, a wheelbarrow and a generator. Travellers had moved into the field at that time.

Burglary (business): 0

Vehicle Crime: 1

12/05/2023 – South View Crescent.

Motorbike stolen off driveway at 15:15 hours. The motorbike was seen in the Bushbury area. Inquiries in hand.

Anti-Social Behaviour: 2

09/06/2023 – Featherstone Community Centre.

Report of a fight outside the Community Centre. Teenagers and a few adults involved in a verbal discussion.

10/07/2023 – Cannock Road, Featherstone.

Report of two males aged 16 years damaging the road signs and moving the lights near the petrol station; both had faces covered. Patrols attended.

Criminal Damage: 1

08/06/2023 – Manor Road, Shareshill.

Three pushy men turned up and told elderly couple they need work carrying out on their roof tiles. The neighbour asked them to leave.

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

The following matters were mentioned to PCSO J Wells:-

- Car Parking on corner at Brinsford blocking footpath.
- Traffic Speed on New Road.
- Sunday – Vehicles turning right into Dark Lane.
- Drug Distribution in Village – 5.15pm each Friday. J Brindle gave details of route taken by dealers.
- Hilton Road – Two parked vans.
- Requested PCSO Julia Wells to monitor new play area during summer months.
- Vehicles parked by School for some months.
- Scrambler Motorbikes between Harvest Grove and the Prison on Saturdays.

5) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Veronica Lockley.

6) MINUTES

It was proposed (T Smitheman), seconded (R Tucker) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th June 2023 be approved as a true and correct record, subject to item 5) stating Parish Councillor on Featherstone and Brinsford Parish Council (Brinsford Ward).

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th June 2023 be approved as a true and correct record, subject to the above inclusion.

7) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors M Perks, 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

- Ongoing with the District Council.

b) Overgrown Hedges near to Red, White and Blue

- The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Martin Wallace from the Housing Association. F Beardsmore, J Brindle, Z Webb and R Randall to attend.

Areas to be reviewed as follows:-

- Left side of Blue Alley.

- Olde Hall Road at top (by flats).
- Alley from Hilton Road.
- South View Crescent.
- School to Whitgreave Flats.
- Hilton Road – Trees overgrown.

The Clerk to enquire with the District Council regarding a Tidy Up Order for the Red, White and Blue.

9) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

- End of New Road – Junction has no Signage or Road Markings.
- Featherstone Lane – One Way – Request update from B Williams and Meeting with M Keeling.
- Drain Covers in Parish need attention – Clerk to enquire with Cheryl Larvin (SCC Highways).
- M54/A460 Traffic Island – Clerk to enquire with National Highways when surface to be repaired.
- National Highways – Update on the M54/A460 Link Road – Invite to future Parish Council meeting.
- Old Hall Road – Route to Doctors Surgery in need of repair – F Beardsmore to review with Chairman's Action to repair.

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

- Update regarding new carpet including quality issues.
- Date to be agreed for Annual General Meeting.
- Agreed that D Betts could purchase new guttering to replace damaged section.
- Fencing panels around play area removed, to be put into storage.
- R Tucker concerned regarding finance and the need for financial audit.
- A Rowe enquired if the Defibrillator was working at the Centre.

11) **REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS**

- Attended five incidents.

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

- J Brindle provided photographs of repairs needed to 17 Olde Hall Road – Clerk to notify Housing Association.
- Meeting to be arranged with Martin Wallace regarding overgrown hedges and trees.
- Kerry Bolister offered to attend further meeting regarding garages.

13) **PLANNING**

a) **Planning Applications Received**

- i) 23/00477/FULHH
9 Olde Hall Road, Featherstone
Single Storey Side Extension.

b) **Enforcement**

- i) 23/00180/BOC
Alleged breach of Conditions 2, 4 and 5 of Approval 19/00918/FUL through non-delivery of the required highway improvements, footpaths and landscaping at the access to the site adjoining East Road Brinsford Lodge, East Road, Brinsford.

14) **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – “Be Water Aware”.
- SSDC – Thomas Reynolds – Parish Summit Notes.
- SSDC – Chris Lander – Council Taxbase 2024/2025.
- SSDC – Maggie Quinn – CCTV camera sited on a lamppost on The Avenue.
- Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service – Newsletter.
- Staffordshire Archive Newsletter.
- SCC Temporary Prohibition of Traffic – Church Road, Shareshill.
- SSDC – Ryan Taylor – Community Payback. Clerk to confirm Old Lane near the Centre requires attention.
- SPCA Bulletin.

15) **PARISH MAINTENANCE**

- SCC Mobile Library – T Smitheman reported no slots available at present to visit Brinsford; will notify if any become available.
- Noticeboard – Harvest Grove – Proposed location. F Beardsmore and T Smitheman to review.
- J Brindle to retrieve keys for Noticeboard at Brinsford.

16) **NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT**

Brinsford Play Area

- Fence around area needs repairing plus hedge to be cut back.
- Safety Surface causing discolouration to shoes and clothes.
- Site to be inspected by ROSPA during August 2023.
- Need Signage – “Use at Own Risk”.
- T Smitheman said Safety Surface was specifically requested at a cost of £11,000.

Featherstone Play Area

- T Smitheman gave details of the cost of team saucer from Playdale. Await detailed quotes.

Featherstone Play Area Phase II

- F Beardsmore said need to ask children and PCSO as to what is needed and wanted.
- D Randall reported more Community members needed – only three at present attending.

17) **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

a) Football Club Committee

- In abeyance at present.

b) Parish Newsletter

- Parish Newsletter Group to have a meeting on the 31st August 2023 at 7.00pm.
J Brindle, F Beardsmore, T Smitheman and M Perks to attend.

18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- Thursday, 10th August 2023.

19) FINANCE

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a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
13/07/2023	003790	Gallagher	3,466.33
13/07/2023	003791	HMRC (PAYE)	497.73
13/07/2023	003792	Parish Clerk	1,165.90
13/07/2023	003793	Litter Picker	451.53
13/07/2023	003794	Litter Picker	451.53
13/07/2023	003795	Litter Picker	436.93
13/07/2023	003796	Parish Handyman	380.27
13/07/2023	003797	Clerk's Expenses	24.22
24/07/2023	003798	Jones Skips	853.20
24/07/2023	003799	SSDC (GM)	85.07
24/07/2023	003800	M Bissell Trees and Hedges	2,340.00
		TOTAL:	£10,152.71

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

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The Meeting closed at 9.02pm.

F Beardsmore
Chairman