



FEATHERSTONE AND BRINSFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday, 12th December 2024 at 6.45pm
in Featherstone and Hilton Community Centre

Present: F Beardsmore, R Tucker, J Smith, V Lockley, Z Webb, D Randell, A Rowe,
D Betts and J Brindle

Also Present: Two Members of the Public
R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

- No matters received.

2) DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

a) J Brindle

J Brindle reported he had attended a Licensing Meeting and outlined the problem of VIP Licensing. Also mentioned the policy for Gambling Licenses.

3) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- Member of the Public outlined the problem of parking of vehicles in the Parish, especially South Crescent where vehicles parked across driveways. Clerk to notify Staffordshire Police. Opticians bottom flat – scrap metal and parking on path.
- Ibstock Power Park which opened during 2024 – High pitched humming noise – Notify Environmental Health regarding noise level.
- Update regarding boundary dispute between residents backing onto Malayan Way and Staffordshire County Council, and proposals to install a fence.
- Fencing Panels from boundary of Red, White and Blue left on Blue Alley – Notify District Council.

4) POLICE MATTERS

- Chief Inspector Tim Norbury thanked the Parish Council for the information relating to the property in Brinsford.
- The Clerk to forward the following to Chief Inspector Norbury:-
 - Request for PCSO's to monitor parking on The Avenue by the Chip Shop to the School.

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- Regular drug dealing from property in Featherstone. (Further details to be provided).
- Parish Councillors have concerns regarding visibility of Police presence in the Parish.
- Location in Brinsford where drugs distributed. (Further details to be provided).

5) **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from T Smitheman, M Perks and R Cope.

6) **MINUTES**

It was proposed (R Tucker), seconded (D Betts) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th November 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th November 2024 be approved as a true and correct record.

7) **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

8) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Prison Governors**

The Clerk reported that the Governors, Amanda Hughes (Brinsford) and Neil O'Connor (Featherstone) had requested to attend the Parish Council Meeting to be held on the 16th January 2025. Subjects to be raised with Governors:-

- Problem of drones.
- Request details of additional building work.
- Road markings on access.
- Staff vehicle speeds in area.
- Directional sign on New Road opposite Prison entrance.

9) **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

Summary from M Keeling following meeting with Parish Councillors as follows:-

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A460 / New Road Junction – We agreed there are sufficient signs in place and I would look to provide information to SatNav companies.

Prison Signage – These are not highways signs and have been placed by the prison – Clerk to contact Prison.

Renewal of Disabled Bay and Faded Yellow Lines – I agreed we would replace these; a task is already on the system.

White lines at exit from Prison – No decision made, estimate costs provided.

Speedhumps, Brookhouse Lane – We discussed the feedback I provided within my last response. However, we agreed to look at the hump outside 53. From 53 to Junction full of potholes.

Traffic calming on Malayan Way – I confirmed there are no plans for calming measures.

Brookhouse Lane (position of 30 sign) – This was discussed. However, to move the signs will require a new traffic regulation order, consultation and advertising. The suggestion will need to go via the County Councillor.

Flooding East Road, nr Rabbit Lane to Featherstone Lane – I will ask an officer to visit site to determine a solution. (Potential ditching and culvert clearance required, ownership to be determined).

Turnstone Drive / Baneberry Drive – Kerbstone missing/damaged/loose – An officer will check site.

- Brookhouse Lane Cycle Path – Clerk to enquire again with M Keeling regarding removal of moss.
- The Clerk confirmed he had contacted the Brewood and Coven Parish Clerk regarding the large pothole by the Canal Bridge top of New Road.
- Martin Wallace of Homeplus agreed to inspect the footpath from Hilton Road to Featherstone Medical Centre with regard to its condition.
- The Clerk to request Mark Keeling to contact landowners either side of Featherstone Lane regarding overgrown hedges. Also to request M Keeling to contact Featherstone Farm regarding the need to cut back hedges and clear ditches.
- The Clerk to enquire with K Perry when Featherstone Lane will be opened.

10) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE AND HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

- No matters reported.

11) REPORT – FEATHERSTONE FIRST RESPONDERS

- No details received.

12) REPORT – HOUSING ASSOCIATION

- V Lockley to check if branches need to be cut back from Lamppost No. 4 on Hilton Road.

13) PLANNING

a) Planning Applications Received

- i) 24/00727/FUL HH
14 Dunlin Drive, Featherstone
Front entrance porch.

14) REVIEW OF PARISH LITTER PICKERS AND PARISH MAINTENANCE PERSON

- The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Parish Clerk to set a date to review matters with the Litter Pickers and Parish Maintenance Person.

15) HARVEST GROVE DEVELOPMENT

J Smith mentioned the following:-

- Depression in the road – Malayan Way.
- Street Lighting sorted.
- Verge to be seeded in March 2025.
- Land ownership.
- Litter Bins on play area full of rubbish.
- Football pitch – Fencing down.
- Tree down by play area – D Betts to clear.
- Brookhouse Lane / Cat and Kitten Road sign down.
- R Tucker said the Brookhouse Lane footpath to surface needs completion.
- Vistry aiming for all estate remedials to be completed by 20th December 2024.
- The Clerk to enquire with D Harris at South Staffordshire Council regarding provision of a Bus Stop on Malayan Way by Harvest Grove.

16) CORRESPONDENCE

- C Lander – SSDC – Council Tax.
- SCC Highways – Road Closure Brinsford Lane, Slade Heath.
- SCC – Featherstone Lane closure 3rd-10th December 2024.
- SPCA – Parish News.
- SPCA – Sexual Harassment at Work.
- SPCA – AGM – 16th December 2024.
- Housing Plus Group – Bulletin.
- SPCA – Staffordshire Samaritans.
- SSDC – Cyber Crime Awareness.
- Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent integrated Care Board Meeting – 19th December 2024.
- Everyone Health – Clerk to obtain further information.
- K Perry – Locality Meetings – Locality 3, Featherstone and Brinsford – 13th February 2025.
- SPCA – Demonstrations.
- National Highways – M54 Concrete Road Renewal – Work to start end of February 2025.
- SPCA – Employers National Insurance.

17) PARISH MAINTENANCE

- Details of small trolley for Litter Pickers – Information with the Chairman.
- Litter Bins in the Parish – Two waste bins needed at Harvest Grove. Councillors asked for opinion as to where any litter bins are needed in the Parish.
- Red, White and Blue

- The Clerk reported Planning Enforcement asked to request developer to ensure site is secure.
 - Clerk also contacted owner and requested panels removed from Blue Alley and site made secure.
- Community Centre Defibrillator to be installed by Duane Beckett.
 - The Chairman, F Beardsmore, thanked D Betts for cutting back branches by the Community Centre.

18) NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

- Brinsford Play Area Re-surfacing – The Clerk confirmed that a grant of £6,000 had been awarded towards this project.

19) ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a) Parish Newsletter

- To be reviewed in April 2025.

b) Community Gardening Club

- Ongoing.

c) Twinning

- J Brindle gave an overview of the Twinning Scheme. It was agreed to invite a speaker to the Parish Council Meeting in March or April 2025.

d) Royal Ordinance Site

- No developments.

20) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 16th and 23rd January 2025.

21) FINANCE

a) Cheque Payments

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

Date	Cheque No	Details	£
12/12/2024	004063	Forvis Mazars LLP	504.00
12/12/2024	004064	Cancelled	0.00
12/12/2024	004065	HMRC	536.73
12/12/2024	004066	Defibrillator Siting 2023 and 2024	200.00
12/12/2024	004067	Parish Clerk	1,166.10
12/12/2024	004068	Litter Picker	495.73
12/12/2024	004069	Litter Picker	495.73

12/12/2024	004070	Litter Picker	445.93
12/12/2024	004071	Parish Maintenance Person	396.73
12/12/2024	004072	Jones Skip Hire	490.60
12/12/2024	004073	Clerk's Expenses	39.20
		TOTAL:	£4,770.75

Resolved: To issue the above cheques.

b) Parish Bank Balance

- The Clerk gave details of the Parish Bank Balance.