

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 7 October 2021
St Leonard's Church Hall

MINUTES

Present: J Gwinnett (JG) N Bailey (NB)
J Jarrard (JJ) P Smith (PS)
P Morgan (PM)

Apologies: K May (KM)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present. As members of the public were in attendance, the Chair moved to item 3 – Public Session.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Declaration of Interest form was signed off.

3. Public Session

There were eight members of the public in attendance. In June 2021 a resident submitted correspondence regarding management of grassy areas within the Parish. It was suggested that a number of areas be mowed once in March and once in September to encourage nature / wildlife, and allow food for pollinators which would also benefit birds. The BDC would save money by not cutting areas.

One of the areas proposed was “the Green” on Frankley Green Lane. It was felt by the residents who overlook the Green that the area would appear unkept and an eye sore if not regularly maintained. It is currently mowed by a Contractor approximately every four weeks.

The Chair pointed out that most of the areas within the Parish are only mowed twice a year, including the field opposite the Green. It was suggested that the National Trust be contacted as verges by the Beech Trees would benefit from wild flowers which would enhance the area.

It was agreed that maintenance of the Green would be kept as is.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The approval of the previous Minutes was proposed by PS, seconded by JS.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 There was a fatality on the roads; a motorcyclist collided with a Tesco delivery van. JG informed KM. With three fatalities within the area, it is hoped that speed cameras can be installed. Eight accidents have been recorded this year, 15 in the last 5 years.

5.2 The bus shelters were discussed. The issue of the road drains being blocked on both sides has been raised previously with KM and R Clewer – we were informed that the drains had collapsed and the road would need closing in order to repair them. The inclement weather of late caused flooding in front of both shelters. The shelters exhibit signs of damage. The Chair recorded a complaint with WCC on 14 July 2021.

The shelters could be cleaned on a regular basis by the Lengthsman, we could repair them or could remove them. A newsletter will be put together seeking views from the residents – if no response is received, then it will be assumed that the shelters can be removed.

5.4 The pipe barrier that was “stuck up” in the air on Raveyhayes Lanes has been removed by WCC.

5.4 Fly tipping – large amounts of cannabis root balls, fans, extractor ducts etc have been dumped in the Parish again.
JG spoke to Lian Hill from BDC regarding the fly tipped caught on camera.

5.5 Grit bins – JG to speak to WCC regarding the grit bins at the junction of Egghill Lane, Frankley Hill Lane Lane and Church Hill – do they fall within the criteria of WCC who should therefore maintain them?

6. Finance

6.1 The bank statement and reconciliation spreadsheet were reviewed by all Councillors.

6.2 The year end accounts had been audited by the internal auditor D M Malley.
A notice is on the Parish Notice Board providing contact details if anyone wishes to inspect the records.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 Nothing local to report.

8. Outside Meetings

8.1 JG attended a CALC meeting via Zoom.
JJ and JG attended Rural Matters meeting at Egghill Farm. Met with Ian Heeks, new Sargent, and Natalie Lowe, Rural Business Crime Officer who were informed that we never see a police officer or car within the Parish. We experience speeding, fly tipping, dumping of drug related rubbish, criminal damage to farm fencing and damage to verges, caused by 4x4 vehicles.
Two NHW meeting were cancelled. JG attended NHW Matters training on 1 July 2021.

9. County Councillor Update

KM sent her apologies prior to the meeting.

10. Correspondence

Nothing to report.

11. Any Other Business

The Chair at Worcester Cabinet was not happy with erection of signs for the forthcoming St Mary's cycle event.

12. Items of Parochial Interest

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The meeting closed at 20.35.

NOTE. Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Distribution:

Karen May

John Gwinnett

Jane Jarrard

Phil Smith (Councillor)

(Chairman)

(Councillor)

Margaret Sherrey

Nancy Bailey

Pamela Morgan

(Acting Clerk & Councillor)

(Councillor)

Dates for future meetings:

AMENDED TO Thursday 7 October 2021

Thursday 13 January 2022

Thursday 14 April 2022

Thursday 12 May 2022

Thursday 14 July 2022

Thursday 13 October 2022