

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 11 January 2024
St Leonard's Church Hall

MINUTES

Present: J Gwinnett (JG) N Bailey (NB)
P Smith (PS) J Jarrard (JJ)
P Morgan (PM)
Simon Nock (SN) – Belbroughton & Fairfield PC

Apologies: K May (KM)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Declaration of Interest form was signed off.

3. Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

JG used the time to provide an update on:

JG attended a North Safety Neighbourhood Team – PCSOs were checking speed in Illey Lane on 8 January 2024. 100 cars were surveyed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held in October 2023.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 Sewer – funding has been secured for the filtration system in Longs Kettles Wood. A start date is awaited. Many thanks to KM.

Flytipping – The Dr whose rubbish was found in the Parish will be served with a fixed penalty notice for lack of duty of care. Proof has been handed to the Enforcing Officer.

The tipper wagon identified in Pound Lane lives in Frankley. The video evidence cannot be used as it would be clear that it was obtained from the property owner in Pound Lane. All information has been passed to the Enforcing Officer and Police.

JG produced evidence of fly tippers being named and shamed by Dudley MBC, and also displayed on the internet. The Chair would like to see BDC being proactive in the same manner, and also in clearing rubbish.

Biodiversity – JG presented a 5 year plan, which is to be added to the Councillors' business plan.

KM emailed prior to the meeting to confirm £1000.00 contribution to a noticeboard has been authorised.

6. Finance

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

6.2 There is a balance of apx £500.00 in the Lengthsman budget to be spent by 31 March 2024.

6.3 An increase was agreed to the Precept. The Precept for 2024 will stand at £2,335.85.

6.4 It was proposed that D M Payroll act as internal auditor; this was seconded by JG and PG.

7. Planning Matters

Oak Dene had previously applied for planning permission. Details were not included in the weekly list or emailed to the Clerk.

8. Outside Meetings

JG and NB held Zoom meetings for the purpose of making on-line banking payments.
JG attended the speed check session.
JG met with the BD Enforcing Officer.

9. County Councillor Update

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10. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received regarding a polling station review and also tree surgeon volunteers are sought.

11. Any Other Business

Monies have been identified by the Government for re-surfacing roads.

Historic Frankley Parish documents taken to the Hive were contained within 4 x 42 ltr plastic boxes, 1 x cardboard box and a black bin liner (half full).

Contents include maps, photographs, plans and other documentation required to be kept safely. These were taken to the Hive on 10 November 2023 following an audit to ensure the Parish Council comply with both the Government and Hive legal requirements.

12. Items of Parochial Interest

The meeting closed at 20.15.

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:

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(Acting Clerk & Councillor)

(Councillor)

Dates for future meetings:

Thursday 11 April 2024

Thursday 9 May 2024 (AGM)

Thursday 11 July 2024

Thursday 10 October 2024



Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 12 October 2023

St Leonard's Church Hall

MINUTES

Present: J Gwinnett (JG) N Bailey (NB)
P Smith (PS) J Jarrard (JJ)
P Morgan (PM)
Simon Nock (SN) – Belbroughton & Fairfield PC

Apologies: K May (KM)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Declaration of Interest form was signed off.

3. Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

JG used the time to provide an update on:

Street Watch has started in the Parish. The Lengthsman and JG are volunteers and have completed their training.

Cllr Richard Udell WCC stated years of cut have left the Police decimated.

JG: Mr Champion needs to get away from his slogans, needs to work several shifts alongside uniformed response officers to gain a full understanding of their needless form-billing, bureaucracy and wasted hours of non-police work. The Commissions needs to stop believing his own propaganda and start listening to the representatives of the rank-and-file police officers.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The July 2023 minutes were approved by JJ and PS.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 Sewer – JG sent photographs to KM showing the water course behind the sewer pollution. The sewer serves 16 houses. KM is chasing for an upgrade of the system. A paper for a capital bid is being presented on 18 October 2023. The proposal is a budget of £72,000 be added to the 2022/23 Capital Programme for the agreed contribution for upgrading of the Frankley Green sewage treatment plant to be funded from borrowing or balances following consideration as part of the medium term financial plan review.

5.2 Bus Shelters – the bus shelters will continue to be maintained until end of life, after which they will not be replaced (item to be removed from future agendas).

5.3 Grit bins – 1 tonne of grit to be ordered to top up bins within the Parish.

5.4 Fly tipping – there has been a high number of fly tips recently. JG reported 9 in July JG spoke to the Enforcing Officer at BDC – one fly tipper caught on the Parish camera was going to be issued with an FPN. The camera placed on the drive at Westminster Farm is proving effective.

5.5 Speeding – JG did not attend the speeding session due to the weather.

6. Finance

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

6.2 WCC utilised the services of Rain or Shine, however they are unable to pay as they are not on their approved supplier list. The Parish have paid Rain or Shine. An invoice has been submitted to WCC to seek reimbursement of the monies.

6.3 KM emailed to advise that funds have been sent to the Parish account in lieu of the noticeboard, as agreed previously.

7. Planning Matters

A new town consisting of 10,000 houses was mentioned in a recent article in the media.

8. Outside Meetings

JG and NB held Zoom meetings for the purpose of paying the Lengthsman and BDC (re elections).

9. County Councillor Update

A FOI request is to be sent to BDC enquiring about the number of court cases, quantity of FPN notices and actual paid FPN notices. JG to provide wording to NB.

10. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received regarding a polling station review and also tree surgeon volunteers are sought.

11. Any Other Business

Minutes from 2012 are missing. JG enquired whether Minutes are signed off – NB advised that D Malley, auditor, required agendas and approved minutes in the audit every year.

12. Items of Parochial Interest

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Dates for future meetings:



12/10/2023

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 27 July 2023
St Leonard's Church Hall

MINUTES

Distribution:

Present: J Gwinnett (JG)
P Smith (PS)
K May (KM)

N Bailey (NB)
J Jarrard (JJ)
S Nock (SN)

Apologies: P Morgan

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present. PM sent her apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Declaration of Interest form was signed off.

3. Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The April Minutes were approved by JJ and PS.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 Bus Shelters – two coats of paint have been applied. KM advised that WCC will be adopting bus shelters. Action: KM to endeavour to secure funding for new shelters. Ownership of the existing shelters needs to be ascertained - SN emailed P Liddington, P Whittaker regarding this, cc K May.

5.2 Grit bins – the Lengthsman is to replenish the grit bins. An enquiry is to be made with BDC as to when orders can be placed for grit.

5.3 Noticeboard - £1000 has been allocated for a replacement board from KMs budget.

5.4 Fly tipping – The Chairman's camera captured a fly tipper; evidence is to be provided to BDC. There have been 6 fly tips in 6 weeks (see 8.0 Outside Meetings). It is proposed that the Lengthsman will cut back vegetation on Frankly Hill Lane in an attempt to stop the area being used for fly tipping.

5.5 Speeding – a straight run is required to measure speeding. There are inconsistent messages from West Midlands Police and West Mercia regarding the speed cameras. PCOs have invited JG to the next session of "speeding" in four weeks time.

5.6 Filtration system – Long Kettles Wood – this is an on-going project to upgrade / repair / replace the filtration system. Discussions are underway with BDC as they are seeking capital finance. BDHT are being consulted with. Residents may be required to pay for use of the filtration system.

The odour is often unbearable. The media was changed in 1947 – it is no longer available. JG is to re-submit photographic evidence to KM showing stagnation in the local water course and also a broken pipe in the adjacent field which may be affecting water into the system.

The contact at Environmental Services is Simon Wilkes.

6. Finance

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

6.2 PKF Littlejohn have confirmed the audit for 2022/2023 is in order.

6.3 £720.00 of Lengthsman monies has been spent to date.

7. Planning Matters

21/01626/REM – reserved matters application of Phase 1, 148 residential units on land abutting Stourbridge Road/Perryfield Road, which is in line with Outline Planning Permission for 1300 dwellings (application reference 16/0335) allowed at appeal under reference APP/P1805/W/20/3265948. The reserved matters application seeks consent in line with condition 1 for detailed matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Land at Perryfields Road, Bromsgrove, Taylor Wimpey UK Ltd (paged 37 to 82) – has been rejected as the planning has changed the route of the spinal road which, according to residents in that area, would make the smaller road become rat runs. 20mph speed limits are not enforceable.

P23/0699 Land at Illeybrook, Halesowen – screening option for proposed large scale battery energy storage system.

8. Outside Meetings

JG attended an on-line Boundary Commission meeting. Slides are available.
JG and NB attended two Zoom meetings for the purpose of making payments.
JG met with two members of the Environmental Team on 27/06/2023. JG is not happy with the amount of rubbish which was left for 5 weeks, resulting in another 6 fly tips in the same area. Since this meeting, rubbish has been collected promptly, although there have been further fly tips. Due to the location of the tipping, it was suggested that What Three Words be used for the actual location.

9. County Councillor Update

KM provided an update on the Boundary Commission Review. It is proposed that Frankley remain part of Belbroughton and Romsley, as part of Clent and rural community.
Foxlidiat housing sits with Bromsgrove.
£90,000 was spent on clearing fly tipping last year. KM to write to Leon Hill and Guy Reynolds regarding cameras used in Wyre Forrest.
The lines at the crossroads are correct.
The VAS sign in Frankley Hill Lane is not working – KM to follow up.
Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive, is retiring. There will also be a new Finance Director.
KIM distributed a Cost of Living leaflet.

10. Correspondence

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11. Any Other Business

There are 4 no. boxes of archive material that needs sorting to decide what can be archived at The Hive and what can be disposed of. NB to contact Ruth Mullett of Bromsgrove Parish Council.

Friends of Bartley Green have asked for a disability gate. Patrick White, Severn Trent, agreed to this. Parish Lengthsman to install.

The farmers have asked if anything can be done regarding the hedgerow and trees along Dayhouse Bank. The hedge has been allowed to grow right up to the edge of the road, which is causing damage to farm vehicles. Problems are further exacerbated by vehicles parked outside the houses.

12. Items of Parochial Interest

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1. Welcome and Introductions

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2. Declarations of Interest

The Declaration of Interest form was signed off.

3. Public Session

No members of the public were in attendance. The Chair took the opportunity to talk about NHW – the Bromsgrove District NHW is being wound up. Monies left in the bank will be given to charity.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The January 2023 Minutes were approved by JJ and PS.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 Bus Shelters – still awaiting a second coat of paint. The opening to the bus shelters should be on the side to prevent water entering the shelters.

5.2 Grit bin – the Parish Council will need to order grit for winter 2023. *Reminder: In May 2023 KM will purchase a grit bin for this location and keep it filled with grit for a period of two years. NB to email KM in May 2023 if she is re-elected.*

5.4 Fly tipping – there are two cameras available. One is to be positioned at Westminster Farm.

5.5 Speeding – JG is chasing Safer Neighbourhood regarding the Parish Charter and what action has been taken regarding two issues re speeding from the M5 services at The Black Horse pub.

Other than one accident, the road markings on Ravenhays Lane seem to be effective, according to reported accidents.

6. Finance

6.1 The bank statement was not presented – NB is working on the end of year audit, which D Malley will internally audit around 19 May 2023.

6.2 Correspondence has been received from Zurich Insurance regarding the renewal which is £196. All were in favour to proceed.

6.3 *Reminder: Noticeboard, bench and village gateways – KM offered a contribution of £1000 for a noticeboard. NB to email KM in May 2023 regarding this, if KM is re-elected.*

A replacement bench with concrete base costs circa £740.00. The recycled bench in Bourneheath is not suitable for the Parish.

6.4 Reimbursement for Lengthsman works is slightly higher in 2023/2024. Minor vegetation clearance is now included – JG contacted the North Area Manager who advised to hold fire for now as not sure how much involvement they can play (Contract shown to Councillors).

7. Planning Matters

Nothing to report.

8. Outside Meetings

JG and NB held three Zoom meetings for the purpose of making payments.

JG had met with Friends of Bartley Green in January 2023 regarding the diverted ROW around the Severn Trent water works. Parts of the diversion are not acceptable and the cost for putting gravel along the route would not be major. The idea of providing automatic gates for wheelchair users would possibly lead to gates being left open and off-roaders being able to ride on land or farm livestock being able to get out.

9. County Councillor Update

Absence.

10. Correspondence

JG raised whether the Parish needs defibrillators. Post meeting note: NB has made enquiries for a grant to support purchasing two defibrillators – prices start circa £900 to £1,600.

11. Any Other Business

Car parking on the verge by the noticeboard continues.

JG is now in possession of historical minute books. He is speaking to The Hive regarding about storing archive material for the Parish. Some paperwork needs to be kept for legal reasons, some can be sorted and disposed of.

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