

# 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. Mr Campion 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. 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. 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

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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

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

The meeting closed at 20.20.

*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		Simon Nock	
John Gwinnett	(Chairman)	Nancy Bailey	(Acting Clerk & Councillor)
Jane Jarrard	(Councillor)	Pamela Morgan	(Councillor)
Phil Smith	(Councillor)		

### Dates for future meetings: