

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.

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 £1,000.00 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

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:

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:

Thursday 11 April 2024
Thursday 9 May 2024 (AGM)
Thursday 11 July 2024
Thursday 10 October 2024



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