

# *Frankley Parish Council*

Thursday 9 January 2025  
St Leonard's Church Hall

## **MINUTES**

**Present:** J Gwinnett (JG) N Bailey (NB)  
P Smith (PS) J Jarrard (JJ)  
P Morgan (PM)  
K May (KM) S Nock (SN) – Ward Member Belbroughton & Romsley

### **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 advised that Street Watch has been cancelled permanently. KM to enquire what the current position is.

### **4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The October 2024 Minutes were approved by PS and JJ.

### **5. Chairman's Report**

#### **5.1 Sewer – an indicative time line has been given for the works:**

|             |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Weeks 4 – 5 | Tender (now at this stage) |
| Week 6      | Publish tender             |
| Weeks 7 – 8 | Tender submission          |
|             | Evaluate and award project |
| Week 17     | Closure of project         |

KM to update JG and NB at each stage of the process.

#### **5.2 Grit bins – are full.**

#### **5.3 Fly tipping – the Clean Up team carry out an excellent job. KM advised that 6 cameras out of 9 are deployed. 38 enforcement cases are outstanding. KM to speak to Leon regarding a camera in Yew Tree Lane – will Regulatory Services accept evidence from JG? A conversation took place regarding evidence from camera door bell being used.**

#### **5.4 Speeding – JG to include in Parish Charter.**

### **6. Finance**

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

#### **6.2 An increase in the precept was agreed. Precept for 2025/2026 will be £2,584.00.**

#### **6.2 Lengthsman – there is £900 in the budget to be spent. Signposts – need lopping. There is a 30 disc missing.**

## 7. Planning Matters

Planning for an underground swimming pool at The Old Rectory has been approved.  
Eight Hills – this is a new national forest for England. The proposed regional park sits on Birmingham's southern fringe, taking in areas of Bromsgrove District Council, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council and Birmingham City Council. This is potentially worth £9 million to Bromsgrove.

## 8. Outside Meetings

JG attended a rural crime meeting.

## 9. County Councillor Update / District Councillor / Ward Member for Belbroughton & Romsley Update

KM advised there is a £40m gap in the budget. There is a shortage of adult social care. £38m is spent on school transport.

White Paper Devolution – BDC and WCC will go by 2029. A new council requires a population of 500,000 or more.

Housing requirements within the area have increased to 713 per annum for 20 years.

BCC have expressed an interest in Wythall (Walkers Heath).

The elections in May may be postponed due to devolution.

There will be a boundary review before Christmas.

Food waste – there will be regular collections from March 2026.

When questioned about the tractor signs, KM advised she had paid for the signs out of her own money and they are going to be installed.

Regarding the white lines at the top of Frankley Green Lane, they are wrong and will re re-paint.

## 10. Correspondence

Nothing untoward.

## 11. Any Other Business

NB to order noticeboard.

## 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

John Gwinnett

Jane Jarrard

Phil Smith

(Chairman)

(Councillor)

(Councillor)

Simon Nock

Nancy Bailey

Pamela Morgan

(Acting Clerk & Councillor)

(Councillor)

### Dates for future meetings:

10 April 2025

8 May 2025

10 July 2025

9 October 2025

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