

# Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 14 January 2016  
At St Leonards Church Hall 1930 hours

## MINUTES

<b>Present:</b>	J Gwinnett (JG)	<b>Apologies:</b>	C Allen-Jones (CAJ)
	M Bridger (MB)		N Bailey (NB)
	J Jarrard (JJ)		R Jenkins (RJ)
	P Smith (PS)		
	M Sherrey (MS)		

### 1) Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

### 2) Declarations of Interest

As the Clerk was unavailable, the Declarations of Interest form will be signed off at the April meeting.

### 3) Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### 4) Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as an accurate reflection. JJ proposed, PS seconded.

### 5) Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked the Council. This was the third meeting following the election in May 2015, since which the Council had many achievements, with road safety taking priority for the Parish.

### 6) Finance

- i) The Precept was discussed – the BDC Revenue Support Grant has been cut by 54% from £1.229m to £564k in 2016/17 and will reduce to zero in 2018/19. The Parish need to slightly increase the Precept over the next three years to ensure outgoings are covered. The Chair proposed an increase equating to approximately £1.00 per household in the Precept for 2016-2017. Cllrs Bailey, Bridger and Smith favoured the increase.
- ii) Transactions for this quarter were not available but will be confirmed at the next meeting.

### 7) Planning Matters

A Neighbourhood Plan was discussed and it was felt that the residents of the Parish should decide if they want to be involved in developing a plan. A letter of explanation, along with a questionnaire, will be issued to all residents. If enough interest is shown in developing a NHP, the Parish Council will seek information on how to prepare and finance the project, however the Parish Council will not be able to proceed unless 50% of the Parish are involved.

## **8) Roads and Footpaths**

- i) The reduction in speed limits within the Parish has started its consultation. We are informed it could take up to 6 months for agreement. A map showing where the speed restrictions will take place was distributed.
- ii) A map was presented showing where the new highway warning signs will be. JG is to contact for an update.
- iii) Grit bins are in place complete with grit.
- iv) A new kissing gate has been installed at the top of Egg Hill - it was decided to fit a smaller gate with loops after a complaint from a farmer regarding off road motor bikes were seen to be riding across his cropped field.  
In the Beech Trees, National Trust have been contacted but so far nothing has been put in place to prevent off road bikes being driven in this area. The Parish will write to them again.
- v) Complaints have been received concerning the hedge on the left hand side as you turn into Church Hill. The hedge now conceals the sign showing a 10% gradient, which forces vehicles into the centre of the road. A request will be sent to the Highways to cut back the hedge in question.

## **9) Outside Meetings**

- i) NHW meeting attended by Councillors at Bromsgrove Police Station.
- ii) 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting attended at Worcestershire County Hall on 25 November 2015.
- iii) Bromsgrove Area Meeting attended at Bromsgrove District Council on 9 December 2015.
- iv) Bromsgrove Council Chairman's Curry Charity Night attended by Councillors.

## **10) District Councillor and County Councillor Update**

Post meeting note: Apologies were received RJ.

## **11) Correspondence**

None

## **12.) Any Other Business**

The Parish Council is aware of the growing problem of fly tipping and is in talks with the Enforcing Officer of the Hadley Team who are responsible for clearing up fly tipping. Frankley Parish Council wish to place notices in areas where fly tipping takes place on a regular basis, warning of covert cameras in operation. Covert cameras will be placed in various areas in an attempt to catch and prosecute the offenders.

M Sherrey was asked to help in the legal side of this action. We are awaiting a response to enable us to proceed with this.

Post Meeting Note: on 21 January 2016 Cllr M Bridger submitted his resignation; due to other commitments he no longer has the time to dedicate to the Parish Council. The Elections Office were advised of the resignation on 22 January 2016.

The Chair would like to thank Matt for his time. He served as a Councillor for many years and shared his extensive knowledge of Frankley Green.

## **13. Items of Parochial Interest**

### **Dates for future meetings:**

Thursday 14 April 2016

Thursday 12 May 2016

Thursday 14 July 2016

Thursday 13 October 2016