

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 27 October 2016
At St Leonards Church Hall 1930 hours

MINUTES

Present: J Gwinnett (JG)
N Bailey (NB)
J Jarrard (JJ)
P Morgan (PM)
C Allen-Jones (CA)

Distribution: R Jenkins (RJ)

Apologies: P Smith (PS)

1) Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were received from P Smith. No apologies were made by RJ.

2) Declarations of Interest

The Declarations of Interest form was signed off.

3) Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance. The issue of problem parking opposite the Old Rectory was raised – should there be further obstructions, residents should contact the Police.

4) Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

5) Chairman's Report

- i) Geoff Denaro (GD) has taken over from Margaret Sherrey as District Cllr. GD is a Conservative from Wythall West.
- ii) The Chair and JJ met Richard Clewer (Highways) on site. Concern was raised regarding too many road signs causing confusion. There is still 1 no. sign outstanding – concealed entrance at Brookhouse Farm. The roundels in the round should be completed by December.
- iii) It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Police and Crime Commissioner enquiring why speed limits within the Parish are not being addressed. Pictures of the recent collision between a tractor and speeding car in Frankley Green Lane are to be provided as evidence that restrictions are required.
- iv) No action has been seen with the overgrown hedge at Church Hill.
- v) The District are endeavouring to clamp down on fly tipping. The Chair asked CAJ about cameras. A discussion took place regarding opening up the Romsley tip to neighbouring Birmingham residents, ie Frankley. A charge could be made for use of the tip by residents outside of BDC. CAJ to report back on cameras and tipping at next meeting.

6) Finance

- i) A bank statement was produced which tallied with a financial spreadsheet prepared by the Clerk.
- ii) The cheque book stubs are signed by two parties.
- iii) The external audit has been completed. The relevant correspondence has been displayed on the noticeboard. The auditors commented on the amount of Precept held by the Parish. The Parish will purchase grit bins for Pound Lane. CAJ will make enquiries with BDC regarding the availability of cameras for fly tipping.
- iv) The Chair needs to bank the cheque for £23.99 in respect of the Microsoft package purchased on behalf of the Parish.

7) Planning Matters

The Severn Trent resilience plan has been approved.

JG and NB attended a meeting at Hagley recently. Hagley Parish Council wish to discuss developing their NHP and ways of tackling housing. The BDC housing plan will be accepted in the near future; then a Green Belt review will commence, which may take three years. Birmingham City Council's overspill needs are to be taken into consideration for future needs of the Housing Market Assessment across Birmingham, the Black Country and Bromsgrove.

Plans have been in place for 66 houses in Frankley for a number of years. There are proposals for 468 houses in Gannows Green, from a private land sale. Upon examination of the Birmingham plans and Local Boundary Commission, changes to ward boundaries for Longbridge are proposed, generating a new ward "Great Park Frankley" which incorporates proposals to build on Worcester Golf Course – this is classed as an extension to Birmingham.

CAJ advised that Frankley Green acts as a buffer to Birmingham. BDC will not give up green belt lightly and there are huge debates as to where Birmingham's overspill will be. Consideration may be given to the six built up areas, or three built up areas, or where there are high speed train lines to Birmingham City Centre.

8) Roads and Footpaths

Covered in item 5).

9) Outside Meetings

- i) The CALC meeting was attended.
- ii) Two Neighbourhood Watch meetings were attended during the last quarter.
- iii) The Chair met with Highways.
- iv) Cllrs met with Hagley and other neighbouring Parishes.

10) District Councillor and County Councillor Update

Geoff Denaro will be invited to the next Parish meeting.

11) Correspondence

Correspondence was distributed.

12.) Any Other Business

- i) Electronic storage: BDC no longer have storage facilities for Parish material. Minutes and agendas are already held electronically. Correspondence from residents should be held securely by the Parish. The three boxes of paperwork in the Clerks possession are to be sorted to ascertain whether they may already be available electronically, whether they are relevant and, if so, should they be microfiched. Enquiries will be made for Community project funding for microfiching, if required.

13. Items of Parochial Interest

The meeting closed at 20.30.

Dates for future meetings:

Thursday 12 January 2017

Thursday 13 April 2017

Thursday 11 May 2017 (AGM)

Thursday 13 July 2017

Thursday 12 October 2017