

# Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 18 July 2019  
At St Leonards Church Hall 1930 hours

## MINUTES

**Present:** J Gwinnett (JG) N Bailey (NB)  
J Jarrard (JJ) P Morgan (PM)  
P Smith (PS)

**Distribution:** K May M Sherrey

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

The Declaration of Interest form was signed off.

### 3. Public Session

There were no members of the public in attendance. JG utilised the time to provide an update on Neighbourhood Watch. Details are to be provided at the October meeting regarding the NHW bank account – due to new legislation, further information has been requested from HSBC. There is a NHW “we watch” app which Frankley Parish will sign up to. JG has enquired about reflective new “eye” signs for displaying in areas where fly-tipping is prevalent. Hopefully these will be available from BDC.

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

The approval of the previous Minutes was proposed by JJ, seconded by PS.

### 5. Chairman’s Report

5.1 There are issues that were raised over 3 years ago with Highways that remain outstanding. If kerb stones cannot be fitted on Church Hill as there is not enough vision, then kerb lines and a slow sign should be requested. JG is to write to KM and R Clewer.

5.2 JJ had some concerns regarding another accident in Church Hill. JJ is to cross check JG’s paperwork then confirm outstanding items to JG and NB so a letter can be composed. Whilst discussing this, JJ asked whether the Parish could contribute towards the driveway to the Church. The Council does not make charitable contributions and Parish Councils cannot contribute to religious organisations.

5.3 The Beech Trees – crops were recently damaged when a 4 x 4 vehicle entered The Beech Trees and drove through fields. The farmers have since blocked the entrance. If the damage was reported to the Police, JJ is to send the crime number to JG.

5.4 An Environmental Crime course was attended. JG subsequently met with BDC with a view to BDC purchasing two cameras for the purpose of fly tippers.

5.5 JG has completed training as a Police Support Volunteer.

### 6. Finance

6.1 The bank statement was presented which tallied with a reconciliation spreadsheet. NB had left the cheque book at home – it can be checked in October.

6.2 The internal audit was complete. An exemption certificate was received from the external auditor. Relevant paperwork has been loaded on to the website for public inspection.

**7. Planning Matters**

7.1 A planning application has been submitted by the RSPCA to convert a residential use into offices for training purposes. JJ is to check the application then advise NB if she has objections.

**8. Outside Meetings**

8.1 Councillors attended the quarterly CALC meeting. BDC are calling for land for development.

**9. County Councillor Update**

No apologies were received.

**10. Correspondence**

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**11. Any Other Business**

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**12. Items of Parochial Interest**

Birmingham City Council recently attended the filtration system in Long Kettles Wood. They raised serious concerns about the Japanese knotweed on the adjacent farmland and requested this be addressed urgently. JG advised that he and Phil Clark, from Park Farm, were attending to the knotweed on 19 July. NB was concerned about contaminating the surrounding area if left unattended, however reassurance was given that the knotweed would be removed and treated with Weedol, although it takes 4-5 years to completely remove with the roots being up to 7ft down.

The meeting closed at 20.45.

***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.*

**AMENDED Dates for future meetings:**

Thursday 17 October 2019

**Distribution:**

Chair  
Cllrs x 4  
MS  
KM