

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 17 October 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.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 JG attended the NHW AGM.

5.2 Fly tipping by the gas station on Frankley Green Lane: JG has spoken to Cadent who recently removed two skip loads of rubbish from the area. A CCTV camera will be erected. As the area cannot be fenced off, a gate has been installed.

5.3 JG met with the BDC Enforcement Officer on 26 August 2019. Two cameras are to be purchased. Evidence of flying tipping gathered by the cameras can be used to prosecute fly tippers.

5.4 Householders can be fined if they are unable to prove that they have disposed of rubbish by a company that holds a valid waste disposal licence.

5.5 On 10 September 2019 JG met with WCC regarding the kissing gate by the Church. WCC will supply this free of charge.

5.6 On 2 October 2019 JG and a neighbour cleared the knotweed in Phil Clarke's field by Long Kettles Wood. The area was treated with weedkiller containing glyphosate. Annual monitoring will take place.

5.7 On 11 October 2019 JG and NB attended a CALC meeting where a Green Belt update was provided. The first stage of the Green Belt has been completed. It does not indicate where housing will be built or land removed. Some Green Belt will be removed for future housing needs up to 2040. Birmingham City Council need land for up to 30,000 houses up to 2030. The second stage of the review is due to commence and will take 18 months to complete.

Details of the Green Belt review can be found on:

<https://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/council/policy-and-strategy/planning-policies/bromsgrove-district-plan-review.aspx>

5.8 Worcester Superfast Broadband was discussed. We are classed as rural. We should all have faster broadband by the end of 2020, however it was agreed that JG would obtain a quotation for Faster Broadband so we can calculate whether a combination of funding for residential properties and those classed as businesses within the area can cover the cost for an earlier installation.

5.9 Church Hill: Highways no longer place a 30 mph roundel in the middle of a 30 mph stretch of road, only at the start of the 30 mph restriction.

6. Finance

6.1 The bank statement was presented which tallied with a reconciliation spreadsheet. The cheque book stubs were checked to confirm that they are initialled twice.

7. Planning Matters

7.1 Correspondence was received from Avison Young regarding land at Frankley Lodge Farm. The letter was acknowledged; no comment was made.

JG distributed maps of N1 and N2 which are two parcels of land split over the Parish. When carrying out the first stage of the Green Belt review, BDC divided land into 60 parcels. Each parcel was assessed for its Strength of Contribution for each Green Belt purpose. Details can be found in the link shown in 5.7.

8. Outside Meetings

8.1 Covered in Chairman's Report.

9. County Councillor Update

No apologies were received.

10. Correspondence

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11. Any Other Business

Parking at the top of Frankley Green Lane has worsened and there is danger of accidents with cars having to weave in and out of parked vehicles. It was agreed that the Council would write to the residents to inform them of recent correspondence from Highways regarding the intention to introduce yellow lines to prevent obstruction close to the junction with Raven Hayes Lane. Frankley Parish Council had responded to Highways by suggesting they write to the residents regarding parking more considerably prior to introducing yellow lines.

12. Items of Parochial Interest

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The meeting closed at 20.40.

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
Margaret Sherrey
Chris Allen-Jones
John Gwinnett (Chairman)
Nancy Bailey (Acting Clerk & Councillor)
Jane Jarrard (Councillor)
Pamela Morgan (Councillor)
Phil Smith (Councillor)

Dates for future meetings:

16 January 2020
16 April 2020
14 May 2020
16 July 2020
15 October 2020