

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 11 January 2024
St Leonard's Church Hall

MINUTES

Present: J Gwinnett (JG) N Bailey (NB)
P Smith (PS) J Jarrard (JJ)
P Morgan (PM)
Simon Nock (SN) – Belbroughton & Fairfield PC

Apologies: K May (KM)

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 used the time to provide an update on:

JG attended a North Safety Neighbourhood Team – PCSOs were checking speed in Illey Lane on 8 January 2024. 100 cars were surveyed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

4.1 To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held in October 2023.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 Sewer – funding has been secured for the filtration system in Longs Kettles Wood. A start date is awaited. Many thanks to KM.

Flytipping – The Dr whose rubbish was found in the Parish will be served with a fixed penalty notice for lack of duty of care. Proof has been handed to the Enforcing Officer.

The tipper wagon identified in Pound Lane lives in Frankley. The video evidence cannot be used as it would be clear that it was obtained from the property owner in Pound Lane. All information has been passed to the Enforcing Officer and Police.

JG produced evidence of fly tippers being named and shamed by Dudley MBC, and also displayed on the internet. The Chair would like to see BDC being proactive in the same manner, and also in clearing rubbish.

Biodiversity – JG presented a 5 year plan, which is to be added to the Councillors' business plan.

KM emailed prior to the meeting to confirm £1000.00 contribution to a noticeboard has been authorised.

6. Finance

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

6.2 There is a balance of apx £500.00 in the Lengthsman budget to be spent by 31 March 2024.

6.3 An increase was agreed to the Precept. The Precept for 2024 will stand at £2,335.85.

6.4 It was proposed that D M Payroll act as internal auditor; this was seconded by JG and PG.

7. Planning Matters

Oak Dene had previously applied for planning permission. Details were not included in the weekly list or emailed to the Clerk.

8. Outside Meetings

JG and NB held Zoom meetings for the purpose of making on-line banking payments.
JG attended the speed check session.
JG met with the BD Enforcing Officer.

9. County Councillor Update

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10. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received regarding a polling station review and also tree surgeon volunteers are sought.

11. Any Other Business

Monies have been identified by the Government for re-surfacing roads.

Historic Frankley Parish documents taken to the Hive were contained within 4 x 42 ltr plastic boxes, 1 x cardboard box and a black bin liner (half full).

Contents include maps, photographs, plans and other documentation required to be kept safely. These were taken to the Hive on 10 November 2023 following an audit to ensure the Parish Council comply with both the Government and Hive legal requirements.

12. Items of Parochial Interest

The meeting closed at 20.15.

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:

Thursday 11 April 2024

Thursday 9 May 2024 (AGM)

Thursday 11 July 2024

Thursday 10 October 2024



Frankley Parish Council

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3. Public Session

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JG used the time to provide an update on:

Street Watch has started in the Parish. The Lengthsman and JG are volunteers and have completed their training.

Cllr Richard Udell WCC stated years of cut have left the Police decimated.

JG: Mr Champion needs to get away from his slogans, needs to work several shifts alongside uniformed response officers to gain a full understanding of their needless form-billing, bureaucracy and wasted hours of non-police work. The Commissions needs to stop believing his own propaganda and start listening to the representatives of the rank-and-file police officers.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The July 2023 minutes were approved by JJ and PS.

5. Chairman's Report

5.1 Sewer – JG sent photographs to KM showing the water course behind the sewer pollution. The sewer serves 16 houses. KM is chasing for an upgrade of the system. A paper for a capital bid is being presented on 18 October 2023. The proposal is a budget of £72,000 be added to the 2022/23 Capital Programme for the agreed contribution for upgrading of the Frankley Green sewage treatment plant to be funded from borrowing or balances following consideration as part of the medium term financial plan review.

5.2 Bus Shelters – the bus shelters will continue to be maintained until end of life, after which they will not be replaced (item to be removed from future agendas).

5.3 Grit bins – 1 tonne of grit to be ordered to top up bins within the Parish.

5.4 Fly tipping – there has been a high number of fly tips recently. JG reported 9 in July JG spoke to the Enforcing Officer at BDC – one fly tipper caught on the Parish camera was going to be issued with an FPN. The camera placed on the drive at Westminster Farm is proving effective.

5.5 Speeding – JG did not attend the speeding session due to the weather.

6. Finance

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

6.2 WCC utilised the services of Rain or Shine, however they are unable to pay as they are not on their approved supplier list. The Parish have paid Rain or Shine. An invoice has been submitted to WCC to seek reimbursement of the monies.