

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 15 October 2015
At St Leonards Church Hall 1930 hours

MINUTES

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

Apologies: M Sherrey (MS) **Distribution:** M Bridger (MB)
A Sherry (AS) R Jenkins (RJ)
C Allen-Jones (CAJ)

1) Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting. Post meeting note: apologies were received MS and AS.

2) Declarations of Interest

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

5) Chairman's Report

The Chair thanked NB and JJ for their work and support in the past quarter. PS was thanked for his regular attendance, without which the meetings could not proceed as we would not be quorate. Another newsletter is to be sent seeking future Councillors in the case of PS moving away from the area.

6) Finance

- 1) A spreadsheet was produced showing transactions during the quarter. The figures corresponded with the bank statement.
- 2) Some comments had been received from the external auditor regarding insurance values of the new bus shelters.

7) Planning Matters

Neighbourhood Plan: JG and NB had met with Mike Dunphy of Bromsgrove District Council. A Neighbourhood Plan may take up to two years to produce. It will not stop building in the area but would allow the Parish to have a say. A newsletter with some questions has been drafted which will be issued to Councillors for discussion at the January 2016 meeting. It is for the residents to decide if they want a Plan, however in-put from within the Parish is essential.



Newsletter with
questions.docx

8) Roads and Footpaths

A meeting is required with Highways and RJ. JG to contact RJ again. Signage throughout the Parish will be raised, with a requirement for “ice”, “road narrows”, “slow -farm vehicles turning”. There is no clear white line demarcation by Church Hill.

A discussion took place regarding grit bins, which cost £150.00 each. They are delivered with grit, however thereafter it costs £90.00 per tonne. JJ proposed 3 no. green bins be purchased, PS seconded. The proposed locations will be assessed by the Local Authority prior to proceeding.

9) Outside Meetings

A number of meetings were attended during the quarter, included Neighbourhood Watch, CALC at Burcot House, as well as planning and regeneration, and a meeting at Redditch Council House with Mike Dunphy as referred to in 7) above.

The next meeting of the Frankley Green Neighbourhood Watch is Thursday 16 January 2016 at 1830.

10. District Councillor

Post meeting note: Apologies were received from MS and AS.

11. Correspondence

An email had been received promoting reflective wheelie bin stickers reading “30 mph”. It was felt these would highlight the speed limit within the area and are not restricted solely to wheelie bins. JJ proposed 100 be purchased, PS seconded.

12. Any Other Business

The Parish Council have received complaints from local farmers regarding the wooded area known as the Beech Trees at the top of Egghill Lane being used as an off road track for motor bikes. The bikers exit the wooded area in all directions, driving across cropped fields. A farmer has placed two tree trunks in an attempt to prevent bikers using the Right of Way to enter the woods but it has not stopped them. The off road track is clearly visible, as is some metal which looks as if it may have been used to make a ramp. Upon surveying the area, Councillors noticed that there had been a fence around the Beech Trees, although this was long gone. Fires have been lit against at least two of trees; one has died and could fall across the main road, which is 60mph. Noise is experienced from the bikes.

Complaints were made regarding the use of the Beech Trees area being used by off road vehicles as a track. The Parish Council contacted National Trust regarding the wooded area at Frankley Beeches stating that it was a shame that a beauty spot had been neglected. The Parish has received notice from the National Trust that it will be looked into.

13. Items of Parochial Interest

Dates for future meetings:

Thursday 14 January 2016

Thursday 14 April 2016

Thursday 12 May 2016

Thursday 14 July 2016

Thursday 13 October 2016

Minutes of meeting dated 15 October 2015 approved by Chair:

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Signed

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