

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 14 April 2016
At St Leonards Church Hall 1900 hours

MINUTES

Present:	J Gwinnett (JG)	Distribution:	C Allen-Jones (CAJ)
	N Bailey (NB)		M Sherrey (MS)
	J Jarrard (JJ)	Apologies:	R Jenkins (RJ)
	P Morgan (PM)		
	P Smith (PS)		

~ Smartwater

Michael Simpson, Project Manager – We Don't Buy Crime, West Mercia Police – was present to discuss locations of Smartwater signage throughout the Parish. A2, A3 and A4 signs are to be sited throughout the Parish. A press release will be arranged.

1) Welcome and Introductions

1.1 The Chair welcomed Pamela Morgan to the Parish Councillor.

2) Sign off Declarations of Interest

2.1 The Declarations of Interest form was signed off.

3) Public Session

3.1 There were no members of the public in attendance.

4) Approval of Minutes – Parish Council Meeting January 2015

4.1 JJ approved as an accurate record, PS seconded.

5) Chairman's Report

5.1 The Chair provided an update on meetings:

- Smartwater at Rubery Police Station
- NHW AGM at Bromsgrove Police Station
- Members of the Parish Council attended the CALC meeting at Bromsgrove

5.2 Regarding the motorcycles causing damage at The Beech Trees, the solution proposed by Head Ranger at Wassley Hills Park was to fell 3 no. trees each year for five years and lie them flat to prevent access. The Councillors felt that was not feasible as The Beech Trees are a landmark feature, visible from afar, and the area would lose its prominence. A meeting will be arranged to view the area.

5.3 At the request of Worcester County Council a letter was sent to Mr Mabbley at the Old Vicarage asking that the hedges at the top of Church Hill be maintained. No response has been received or action taken. The Chair will update WCC.

5.4 The Hadley Team, who are responsible for litter picking, will be dropping off hi-viz vests, bags and pickers. Residents will be asked if they want to take part in a "Pride in the Parish" litter pick - anyone interested should contact the Chairman by email at gwinnett3@sky.com.

- 5.5 The Parish Lengthsman, Rain or Shine, have cut back trees by the bench at the crossroads. Railway sleepers will be used to form flower beds. Materials for the flower beds will be provided by a local company who are donating the sleepers and top soil. Bulbs will be a contribution from Councillors Gwinnett and Bailey, together with the Lengthsman.
- 5.6 At the AGM in May the first action is to vote for a Chair. JG is happy to continue if no one else wishes to take up the role.
- 5.7 Cable ties are required for the grit bins, in order to secure them until winter approaches. Dependant on funds, a grit bin may be purchased for The Barns.
- 5.8 Post meeting update on detecting fly tippers: the last communication from Bromsgrove district Council was that we could erect notices and use an overt camera but we were advised to wait as it could be to our advantage as the Hadley Clean Up Team have purchased cameras which will be deployed over the area of Bromsgrove. Signs are being erected - one of the can be seen in the lay by along Frankley Hill Lane, another is located in Doctors Coppice wood in Yew Tree Lane.

6) **Finance**

- i) A spreadsheet was presented detailing payments in / payments out. Cheque stubs have been signed by two signatories.
- ii) The spreadsheet for 2015/2016 balanced with the bank statements, concluding that the 2015-2016 accounts were in order (minute ref April 2016, 6ii).
- iii) The budget forecast for 2016/2017 was presented. The figure allowed for replenishing grit would remain, in case there is a harsh winter.
- iv) The services of Diane Malley as internal auditor were approved.

7) **Planning Matters**

It was agreed that the questionnaire regarding the Neighbourhood Plan be issued (proposed by JJ, seconded by PM). It is for the residents to decide if they wish to develop a plan as their input is essential. If no response is received to the questionnaire, then it will be assumed that there is no interest.

A recent news article advised that Birmingham City Council will be utilising under used park space to build houses up on, in order to meet housing numbers.

8) **Roads and Footpaths**

No response has been received from WCC regarding signs. The Chair will send an email, cc'd to CAJ, MS and RJ.

9) **Outside Meetings**

This was covered in the Chair's Update (item 5).

10) **County Councillor**

Margaret Sherrey was not present.

11) **Correspondence**

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12) **Any Other Business**

- i) Transparency Funding – a grant has been received for a lap top, scanner and building a web site. It was agreed to delay discussing the content of the web site until feedback is available from the Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire.

Items of Parochial Interest

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Dates for future meetings:

Thursday 12 May 2016 – AGM

Thursday 14 July 2016

Thursday 13 October 2016

I agree that these Minutes are an accurate reflection of the meeting held on Thursday 14 April 2016.

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Signed, J Gwinnett, Chair

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Dated