

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 12 January 2017
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: C Allen-Jones (CAJ)
R Jenkins (RJ)

Apologies: None received

1) Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present to the meeting.

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. JJ proposed, PM seconded.

5) Chairman's Report

- i) The Chairman's report is combined with Planning Matters (see item 7) and Roads / Footpaths (see item 8).
- ii) The off-road bikers are known within the area. JG and JJ are to visit the Ranger at Waseley to discuss works required to protect The Beech Trees.

6) Finance

- i) A bank statement was produced which agreed with a financial spreadsheet prepared by the Clerk.
- ii) The cheque book stubs were checked to confirm that they are initialled by two parties.
- iii) A cheque in respect of hire of the Church hall was signed.
- iv) It was agreed the Precept would increase by 3%, which equates to less than £1.00 per week for Band D properties.
- v) The budget forecast for 2017/2018 was discussed. A sum should be allowed for Danish oil for the noticeboard (Chair to purchase and be reimbursed).

7) Planning Matters

The Councillors had attended a number of meetings with Local Parish Councils regarding a "grass roots upward approach" to a collaborative Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair has twice spoken to BDC who advised Frankley Green do not need a plan. It is proposed that brownfield sites be built on first, however there are no brownfield sites in Bromsgrove as it is 90% Green Belt. There will be a Green Belt review which will take 48 months to complete.

MP Sajid Javid attended a meeting recently at the Hagley Parish Council office. He has changed his tune about building on the Green Belt. We await the White Paper and Brownfield Register which the MP made reference to.

Post meeting note: The Inspector has approved the BDC Plan. It is proposed that 66 no. units be built in the Parish in the next 6 to 11 years.

8) Roads and Footpaths

- i) The bridge in Frankley Green Lane will not be repaired until April 2017.
- ii) Speed signs: The Chair is actively chasing outstanding signs / roundels.

9) Outside Meetings

- i) A CALC meeting was attended.
- ii) Cllrs met again with Hagley and other neighbouring Parishes; a total of 3 no. meetings have been attended to date.

10) District Councillor and County Councillor Update

Geoff Denaro was unable to attend the meeting due to diary commitments.

11) Correspondence

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12.) Any Other Business

- i) Electronic storage: The Clerk holds 3 no. storage boxes of archive material. It was believed that the old Minute books were in these boxes, however this is not the case. No further action required at the moment.

Contact to be made with CAJ regarding reporting back on cameras and tipping (from the October 2016 meeting).

13. Items of Parochial Interest

The meeting closed at 20.40.

Dates for future meetings:

Thursday 13 April 2017

Thursday 11 May 2017 (AGM)

Thursday 13 July 2017

Thursday 12 October 2017