

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 13 April 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 (CA)
G Denaro (GD)

1) Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present and thanked them for attending. No apologies were received.

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, PS seconded.

5) Chairman's Report

- i) The elections in May for District Councillors was discussed. Rachel Jenkins is no longer standing.
- ii) Speed guns need to meet certain criteria. JG to research further.
- iii) The Chair and Clerk have attended a number of meetings in the last quarter regarding a collaborative Neighbourhood Plan. The CALC meeting in March 2017 featured the NHP working group on the agenda.
- iv) Councillors from the Parish recently met with Mike Dunphy, Planning Manager, Bromsgrove District Council. The Green Belt review will be completed by 2023; at the moment there is no indication as to what may happen in the area – there may be a Frankley 2, there may be a new town developed elsewhere to accommodate 40,000 to 50,000 houses, nothing may happen. The area is being scrutinised by developers as is all BCC Green Belt. BCC and Severn Trent own land in the Parish.
Andy Street, who is standing for Mayor of Birmingham, would like to see brownfield land built on, and empty offices / shop / unoccupied houses bought back to life as Green Belt should only be used in exceptional circumstances. A newsletter will be put together to keep residents informed. A map showing planned housing in the SHLAA to 2030, as approved by the Inspector in January 2017, was inspected and this map will be available at all future Council meetings for residents to view.
- v) The Chair provided an update on the Beech Trees.

6) Finance

- i) The last cheque written covered 2 no. grit bins from Worcester CC (total £300.00). The cheque stub was initialled by JJ and NB.
- ii) The bank statement tallied with the reconciliation spreadsheet. A spreadsheet showing income and expenditure was presented. It was agreed that all is in order with the accounting figures. This will allow the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017 to be completed with Section 1 Annual Governance Statement and Section 2 Account Statements signed and dated by the Clerk and Chair. These Minutes will be published on the Frankley Parish Council website for members of the public to view. They will also be displayed in the Parish Notice Board until 20 July 2017. In turn, the approved, signed and dated statements will also be posted on the website.
- iii) The budget forecast was discussed. An allowance is included for cleaning and creosoting the bus shelters, bench and noticeboard. "Frankley in Flower" is a project funded by local residents, which will see a planter formed behind the bench at the crossroads. Parish funds will not be used for this project.
- iv) It was agreed that Diane Malley be appointed as Internal Auditor, for a fee of £70.00.

7) Planning Matters

Councillors were updated with the content of planning meetings attended, the content of The White Paper, BCC and BDC plans.

8) Roads and Footpaths

The Chair is to contact Highways regarding 30mph roundels in Frankley Green Lane, the centre white line in Church Hill being removed and “slow” painted by “road narrows” sign.

9) Outside Meetings

Covered above.

10) District Councillor and County Councillor Update

No apologies received.

11) Correspondence

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12.) Any Other Business

- i) The new grit bins are not in the location requested. JG is to speak to a local farmer regarding relocating.
- ii) Email exchanges continue with the local MP concerning the waste tipped in Yew Tree Lane. JG is to speak to local farmers re progressing further with the NFU and local media.

13. Items of Parochial Interest

The meeting closed at 20.40.

Dates for future meetings:

Thursday 11 May 2017 (AGM)

Thursday 13 July 2017

Thursday 12 October 2017