

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 12 October 2017
At St Leonards Church Hall 1900 hours

MINUTES

Present: J Gwinnett (JG)
N Bailey (NB)
J Jarrard (JJ)
P Morgan (PM)
P Smith (PS)
K May (KM)

Apologies: M Sherrey (MS)

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present.

2. Declarations of Interest

The Declaration 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 approval of the Previous Minutes was proposed by JJ, seconded by PM. The Chair signed the Minutes.

5. Chairmans Report

5.1 Reverend Tebbs is retiring and leaving the Parish. A plaque was presented to him on behalf of residents of the Parish. The plaque was made by Liz Clarke of Park Farm. A photo will be included the October newsletter.

5.2 The Chair highlighted a recent newspaper article regarding probes into £7 million worth of contracts in Redditch. The Parish can be audited by BDC/WCC to verify that payments made are for genuine works carried out, ie the funding for the Lengthsman must only be used for the purpose of cleaning ditches, cutting over hanging branches, grass cutting, litter picking etc.

5.3 Most of the works executed by the Lengthsman are carried out this side of the Parish. In the October newsletter, an enquiry will be made as to whether The Barns needs anything attending to.

5.4 Velo – the marshalling was poor. 50% of the Parish were imprisoned. The Chair and Clerk will be attending a debrief meeting with CALC.

5.5 The Chair presented a picture of a mobile speed sign from Morlock. It was agreed that a cost would be sought.

6. Finance

6.1 A spreadsheet was presented, showing the balance on the HSBC bank statement matches with the figure on the spreadsheet. The cheque book stubs are initialled by both the Chair and the Clerk.

6.2 The external audit has been completed. Grant Thornton commented on the level of the Precept. Cllr May advised that other Parishes hold the same level in comparison to their Precept and no adverse comments were made regarding that.

7. Planning Matters

- 7.1 Cllr May highlighted that BDC are looking to build rental properties for key workers. There are 28 Ha of industrial land not yet built out.

NB enquired about the 3200 houses on Frankley Hill referred to in the Bromsgrove Plan. BDC have not received any information from Birmingham in relation to planning.

8. Roads / Footpaths

- 8.1 A discussion took place regarding the repairs to the bridge in Frankley Green Lane. R Clewer agreed that the road is narrower. Cllr May is to meet with R Clewer on 13 October 2017.

9. Outside Meetings

- 9.1 Owen Sweeting is the new Chair of CALC. At the last meeting there was a talk from Hereford Fire and Rescue, who carry out free safety checks within houses. Details are to be posted on the Parish Noticeboard.

10. County Councillor Update

Cllr May asked what is outstanding re highways works as she has a pot of money to be shared between Parishes. White lines need removing in Church Hill, 30 MPH roundels are required and some kerbing.

£60 million of cuts are planned over the next three years in County Council. They are looking to sell old buildings, rent out office space etc.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 The Chair raised concern with the Data Protection Bill and will write to CALC. Cllr May suggested CALC take out a policy that covers all Parishes, as we pay a subscription to CALC.

12.0 Velo

- 12.1 As mentioned above, the Chair and Clerk are to attend a meeting post Velo. A number of Parishes welcomed Velo, a number are opposed to the event being held this side of Birmingham in future.

13.0 Any Other Business

- 13.1 Crime in the surrounding areas was of concern. Future consideration will be given to inviting John Champion to discuss same.

The meeting closed at 20.50.

Dates for future meetings:

Thursday 18 January 2018
Thursday 19 April 2018
Thursday 10 May 2018
Thursday 19 July 2018
Thursday 18 October 2018

Distribution:

Chair
Cllrs x 4
MS
KM

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