

Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 18 October 2018
At St Leonards Church Hall 1930 hours

MINUTES

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

Apologies: M Sherrey

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 PM, seconded by JJ. The Chair signed the Minutes.

5. Chairman's Report

- 5.1 The Chair had met with R Clewer (Highway) twice during the quarter regarding roads. At the bridge in Frankley Green Lane, a fence and reflective bollards will be installed. "Dragons teeth" are to be painted in Spring 2019. On Frankley Hill Lane, yellow reflective 30 mph signs will be installed. Hedgerows should be 1m back from the road. Proper foundations are to be laid before highway repairs are carried out.
- 5.2 Beech Trees – motorbikes are still riding through the area. The hedgerows are overgrown on a public right of way. JG has written to WCC who have contacted the National Trust – matters are in hand. It has been previously agreed that a number of trees would be cut down to allow young trees to grow. The cut down trees would be used around the border to prevent bikes. Kissing gates were also to be installed. JG will contact Laura Smart if no response is received within a reasonable timescale.
- 5.2 Regarding proposals for the Pound Asset transfer, this land belongs to Lower Farm. The Council would still like to erect a noticeboard in the vicinity – KM will view the area with R Clewer.

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 A new cheque book has been ordered. HSBC have not updated their records regarding the change of Chair three years ago, so forms are required to be completed.
- 6.2 D M Payroll Services conducted an audit for the purpose of data protection.

7. Planning Matters

- 7.1 KM provided an update: sustainable development around currently infrastructure is being reviewed.
- 7.2 A planning application for a menage at Yew Tree Farm was discussed. There are no objections.

8. Roads / Footpaths

- 8.1 Covered in 5.0.

9. Outside Meetings

- 9.1 A total of 7 meetings were attended in the last quarter, including CALC and NHW. 33% of burglaries are not investigated by the local police.
The Chair and Clerk attended a meeting hosted Client Parish Council where a presentation was made by Bromsgrove District Council. There is an 8 week consultation period on the Options papers.

10. County Councillor Update

KM took an active part in the meeting. KM will speak to M Sherrey regarding the changing of batteries in cameras in fly tipping spots.
Spending is being reviewed by BDC as massive savings are required. 70% of the budget is going on adult social care. Children in care, libraries and community hubs are being looked at.

11. Correspondence

12. Any Other Business

There is £87 in the NHW fund. JG would like to sustain funding. Figures are to be put together for purchasing shed alarms and small torches.

Elections fall in May 2019 – this can be discussed in detail at the January meeting.

The meeting closed at 20.45.

***NOTE.** Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.*

Dates for future meetings:

Thursday 16 January 2019
Thursday 17 April 2019
Thursday 16 May 2019 – Annual Meeting of the Parish
Thursday 17 July 2019
Thursday 16 October 2019

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