

## **Fradley Parish Council**

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### **Fradley Annual Parish Meeting (Parish Assembly) – Held on 25 May 2023, at Fradley Village Hall commencing at 7pm**

#### **Present:**

Cllr Cross (in the Chair), Cllr Prabhaker and Cllr Bown

#### **23/01/PA – Chair’s Introduction and Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **23/02/PA – Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Leytham.

#### **23/03/PA – Annual Report of the Council 2022/2023 – Fradley and Streethay Parish Council**

As most people will be aware, Lichfield District Council undertook a Community Governance Review. The outcome under a Re-Organisation Order, was that Fradley and Streethay Parish Council would be abolished as of 31 March 2023 and two new Councils would be established as of 1 April 2023. The two new Parish Councils are now known as Fradley Parish Council and Streethay Parish Council. I am confident that the new separate Parish Councils will continue with the great work of Fradley and Streethay Parish Council to continue to make our parishes a great place to live, work and visit.

I would also like to thank our dedicated Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer Clare Orme. Clare has worked hard through the year, helping, advising and supporting the council and its councillors. She has also worked extremely hard in partnership with officers at Lichfield District Council, the Staffordshire Parish Council Association and the National Association of Local Councils, to make sure that the Parish Council split has been successful.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish the two newly formed Parish Councils and their new Parish Councillors all the best for the future.

Cllr. Kate Hull – Chair to Fradley and Streethay Parish Council

#### **What has happened between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023**

- At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held in May 2022, Cllr. Kate Hull was elected to serve as Chair, whilst Cllr. Shikha Prabhaker was elected to Vice-Chair. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Councillors past and present for their hard work, help and support over the past 12 months.
- I would also like to thank our Assistant Clerk Kate Clover for her hard work, Kate left the Parish Council back in December 2022 for pastures new.

- Two new Defibrillators were purchased and installed at Streethay, one at Streethay Play Park with the kind help and support of a resident, and the other in the Burton Road phone box with funding given from a kind resident.
- The Parish Office Hub Project was shelved in favour of a Community Sports Hub project to roof the MUGA in Fradley and to have an all-weather pitch. This project is well on its way, surveys have been completed and planning has already been approved. We are now awaiting the tender packs to move the project forward to fruition.
- S106 funding has also been agreed for £33,216.93, towards the installation of a BMX Pump Track to compliment the Community Sports Hub at the MUGA site.
- A memorial bench was installed at Watersmeet paid for by a kind resident and installed by the Parish Council.
- A new Planetarium climbing frame was installed at Worthington Road Play Park. This play equipment was chosen with the help and support of the school children at St. Stephens Primary School.
- There are plans to still plant a tree at Fradley and a tree at Streethay as part of the project for the Platinum Jubilee. The plaques have already been received ready for the trees to be planted in the autumn.
- CIL money of £600,000 has been agreed with LDC towards the building of a new Community Centre at Streethay. An agreement has already been drawn up and is with the Parish Council Solicitor for checking.
- The Parish Council Office is no longer in existence, the owner of the site gave the Parish Council notice to 01.12.2022. The Office had not been used since the start of the Covid Pandemic and staff have been working successfully from home ever since.
- All the bark areas at the children's play parks were topped up in April 2022 and the play equipment inspections continue to be completed weekly.
- The Handyman is currently maintaining, repairing and painting all of the benches in both Fradley and Streethay.
- The Parish Council have given small Parish Council Grants under section 137 to local non-profit/charity organisations for example, Fradley FC, Fradley PTA and they gave a see saw to St Stephens School.
- Bee Orchids were found to be growing on the Watersmeet Open Space, to protect the Bee Orchids, mowing of the area was stopped for 8 weeks until the Bee Orchids had seeded.

**What are the main plans for this year – 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 for the two new Councils.**

Now that Fradley and Streethay Parish Council has split into two separate Parish Councils, they are in charge of their own destination. This is a clean sheet for the new Councils to make things even better going forward.

**Fradley Parish Council**

- Fradley will move forward with their main project of a Community Sports Hub, to roof the MUGA and have an all-weather pitch including the project to install a BMX Pump Track.

## **Streethay Parish Council**

- Streethay Parish Council will move forward with their main project to build the long-awaited Community Centre.

Cllr Prabhaker asked if the following information could be added to the Annual Report for Fradley Parish Council.

- The time limit on the section 106 money, which was initially allocated for a Parish Council Office/Hub which has been shelved, has been extended for a further year towards the Community Sports Hub Project.
- Section 106 money of £33,216.92 had been secured from LDC towards the installation of a BMX Pump Track.
- The Precept for Fradley Parish Council had been reduced by 3% for 2023/2024
- The Parish Council supported the Horner Avenue residents by obtaining professional advice in objecting to the planning application from Greenlight.

### **23/05/PA – Open Forum for residents to ask questions, raise issues or make comment.**

There were no members of the public present at the meeting and there was nothing to report.

### **23/05/PA - Close of Meeting**

Meeting closed at 7.10pm