

Fradley Parish Council
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Minutes of the Fradley Parish Council Meeting held at 7:00pm at Fradley Village Hall on 27 September 2023

Present:

Councillors Glen Bown (Chair from item 23/16), Mike Ashcroft, Matt Evans and George Petrou

In Attendance:

Claire Crompton (Clerk), County Councillor Janet Eagland and District Councillors Mike Wilcox and Derick Cross.

23/15 – Temporary Chair to start the meeting only.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bown was elected as temporary chair to start the meeting.

23/16 - Election of the Chair for the rest of the year 2023/2024, and the completion of their Declarations of Acceptance of Office Local Government Act 1972 s 83 (4)

RESOLVED: That Cllr Bown be elected as chair to Fradley Parish Council for the ensuing year. Proposed by Cllr Bown, seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. AGREED unanimously.

RESOLVED: In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, Cllr Bown signed the Acceptance of Office Form before the Clerk.

23/17 - Declarations of Members' Interests.

None.

23/18 – Apologies for Absence. Local Govt Act 1972 s85 (1)

a. To receive and approve apologies for absence from Councillors.

***RESOLVED: Apologies received and accepted as follows:
Cllr Leytham due to annual leave***

23/19 – Adjournment for Public Speaking. Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 s1 extended by the LG Act 1972 s100

County Councillor Janet Eagland was present at the meeting and gave a report as follows:

- Cllr Eagland explained that the Clerk should have received and circulated all of her emails.

- Cllr Eagland explained that there was no record of RAAC in our schools in Staffordshire.
- The County Council were dealing with the flooding issues on Jordan Close and were trying to resolve this.
- Cllr Eagland reported on her DHB Program, money that was allocated to her for the year to help with highway issues in her area. If there is anything like potholes that can be looked at let Cllr Eagland know, and she would see about adding them to the list.
- Cllr Eagland had sent through an email with regards to a consultation on Hilliards Cross.
- Cllr Eagland had received a complaint from a resident in relation to HGV's. She explained that they were not allowed to use Church Lane during school drop off and pick up times. SCC were now looking at the whole problem surrounding this issue. She advises that extra street furniture will be erected and existing street furniture moved to highlight the school.
- Cllr Eagland gave out information on how Cllrs could contact HS2:
 - Freephone: 08081 434 434
 - Email: HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk
- Cllr Eagland raised the HS2 drop-in event to be held at the Guild Hall, on 03.10.2023 commencing from 6pm to 8pm.
- Cllr Eagland advised that the next round of weed spraying will be next month.
- Cllr Eagland advised that David Williams will be sending an email out regarding Highways issues.

District Councillor Derick Cross was present at the meeting and gave his report as follows:

- Cllr Cross reported that the Horner Avenue Planning application was again back on the agenda and under discussion.
- Cllr Cross reported that there were amendments for the application for the Canal Side Development.

District Cllr Mike Wilcox was present at the meeting and gave his report as follows:

- Cllr Wilcox reported that the Leisure Centre is on target and would be completed by 2024.
- Cllr Wilcox reported that LDC were producing a new Design Code which would be ready in 4-5 months' time.
- Cllr Wilcox reported that there was a proposal at LDC to withdraw the current Local Plan and replace this with a new Local Plan.
- Cllr Wilcox reported that LDC were in talks with Network Rail. This was in relation to the disused railway line between Hammerwich and Lichfield, to turn this into a cycle path and leisure walking path.
- Cllr Wilcox reported that LDC were in the final stages of naming who the Cinema Operators would be in the old Debenhams building.

23/20 – Election of Vice Chair for the rest of the year 2023/2024.

RESOLVED: Cllr David Leytham was elected as Vice Chair to Fradley Parish Council for the ensuing year. Proposed by Cllr Bown and seconded by Cllr Petrou. AGREED unanimously.

23/21 – To Confirm Claire Crompton as the Proper Officer, Clerk and Responsible Officer for Fradley Parish Council. (Local Govt Act 1972, s112)

RESOLVED: Claire Crompton be confirmed as the Proper Officer, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for Fradley Parish Council.

A discussion took place with regards to delegation of authority to the clerk where necessary.

RESOLVED: Cllr Bown proposed that the clerk would have delegated authority as per “scheme and scope of delegation of powers – clerk”. Seconded by Cllr Ashcroft. AGREED unanimously.

Meeting closed at: 19.26pm