

FRADLEY AND STREETHAY PARISH COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

The Parish Council has again found itself in unusual circumstances this year. Government legislation changes on 6th May 2021 compelled parish councils to meet in person, however, due to the social distancing measures and the fact that not all councillors and staff have been fully vaccinated, has prompted us to hold our Annual Parish Meeting outside this year, in a much slimmed-down version of our normal meeting. Local community groups would normally attend this meeting and the Parish Council Chairman would deliver a speech.

In order to inform residents of the parish council's progress over the last 12 months and our aspirations for the coming 12 months, I have produced this report which I hope is informative.

Cllr. Simon Roberts - Chairman

What has happened between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021

- At the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 6 May 2021, Cllr. Simon Roberts was re-elected to serve as Chairman, whilst Cllr. Glen Bown was elected to Vice-Chair, taking over from Alan Cope. 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.
- Unfortunately, Cllr. Alan Cope and Cllr. Darren Peck have both stepped down from their roles with the Parish Council after many years of service and they will be greatly missed.
- We have gained a new councillor in Cllr. Jurgen Nijim and welcome him into the parish council.
- Our Parish Clerk, Clare Orme, has applied for Level 1 of the Local Council Award Scheme (Foundation Level) which allows our Parish Council to be completely transparent with respect to publishing our financial information and our policies and procedures. These are all available on our website.

What we achieved between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021:

- We have continued to put in place proper governance and completed all policies to enable us to apply for the Foundation Level of the Local Council Award Scheme.
- We have successfully run all parish council meetings and continued our responsibilities over the last 12 months via Zoom. Despite the pandemic, we have managed to continue with our duties fairly seamlessly.
- A new notice board has been installed outside Fradley Post Office
- The bus Shelter at Streethay has been repaired

- We have successfully produced a quarterly newsletter, delivered to all Fradley and Streethay residents, detailing the latest information from the Parish Council
- We continue to update and grow our website, with the latest page giving useful details to new residents to our villages
- We successfully worked with Staffordshire County Council to deliver double yellow lines along Halifax Avenue and beyond. Fradley has had an on-going problem with lorries parked along the roads of Fradley Park, not only making it difficult to navigate the roads, but the occupants of the lorries often leaving their rubbish and waste in the neighbouring hedgerows. We hope that this action will stop this problem.

What are our plans for this year - to March 2022

- The Parish Council has published its Strategic Business Plan, accompanied by a 'Project Tracker' (both available to view on the PC website). These documents set out and prioritise projects we would like to achieve over a 5-year period and will help us budget appropriately.

Some of the projects set out for this coming year:

- Apply for planning permission for our new Parish Council Office/Hub which will be located centrally in Fradley
- Replacement play equipment in Worthington Road Park, Fradley
- Set up a 'Parks and Open Spaces' working group to look at replacing play equipment (including the skate park), adding outdoor fitness equipment and assist with sports provision. This will require the help of residents/volunteers
- Refurbish the Play Area at Streethay Park and The Green at Streethay. The Parish Council have already filed a funding application with HS2 and have published the tender documents on the Government Contract finder to refurbish Streethay Play Park
- Install a new dog litter bin at Fradley Junction
- Install a defibrillator in the phone box at Streethay
- Install more picnic benches
- Tackle loneliness and support vulnerable residents with the help of volunteers
- Set up a speed watch campaign with the help of volunteers and/or install speed -activated signs or traffic calming measures to 'dangerous' areas of Fradley
- Install information board and bench at Bridge 90 (Bridge Farm Lane)
- Maintain the village to a high standard in readiness for the Best Kept Village Competition resuming again
- Review and revise Fradley Neighbourhood Plan
- Continue to correspond with LDC and Miller Homes in relation to the proposed community centre at Streethay

I hope this has been informative and would welcome any feedback from residents with ideas to add to our Strategic Business Plan. The Parish Council holds quarterly project-tracker meetings to regularly assess our projects, priorities and budgets.

It will be impossible to achieve a lot of the projects listed above, unless we are supported by individuals and our communities. Please contact our clerk at: clerk@fanspc.org if you like to volunteer to get involved with any of the projects above or if you can contribute to our strategic 5-year plan.

Cllr. Simon Roberts

Chairman