

Fradley and Streethay Parish Council



Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at 7:30pm on Tuesday

19th December 2017 in Fradley Village Hall, Church Lane, Fradley WS13 8NL

Present: Cllrs Harry Warburton (Chairman), Derick Cross (Vice-Chairman), Lynn Beaumont, Alan Cope, Stan Whitehead and Mike Wilcox (from 8:20pm)

In Attendance: Kate Roberts (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for late arrival received from Cllr Mike Wilcox and apologies for absence from Cllr Simon Roberts and District Cllrs David Leytham, Ben Rayner and Margaret Stanhope. Tony Ford had tendered his resignation earlier in the day.

2. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting

None received.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 21st November 2017 were approved as being an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed by:** Cllr Cross **Seconded by:** Cllr Whitehead

4. Public Open Session

None present

5. District Council Reports

- a) Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) could be used to protect public spaces. It was decided that the need for PSPOs, for areas in the Parish, would be discussed further at a later date.
- b) Cllr Wilcox reported that additional trucks had been brought in to catch up on bin collections which had been cancelled due to bad weather. Bin operators had also been authorised to work on Saturday. Brown bins would be emptied during weeks commencing 8th and 15th January to ensure that residents not subscribing to the garden waste scheme could have their garden bin emptied before collections stopped.

6. County Council Reports

The Community Infrastructure Liaison Officer had been invited to attend the next meeting to discuss assisting Parishes to have a bigger role in grounds maintenance.

7. Fradley/Streethay Village Issues

a) Play Areas and Grounds Maintenance

1. It was agreed that the handyman would replace the new swing seat and button seat for the zip wire at the Barlow Drive/Worthington Road play areas.
2. The contractor had been requested to provide more bark for the Streethay play area and sand for the sandpit at Barlow Drive.
3. The Parish Clerk would address items identified as needing attention in the annual play park inspection reports and equipment in need of repair at Streethay park, which had been highlighted in a recent maintenance report.
4. Three quotes had been received for installing paving slabs at three of the notice boards. It was agreed to place an order with the successful supplier **Proposed by:** Cllr Cross **Seconded by:** Cllr Whitehead
5. It was agreed to extend the existing grounds maintenance contract for one year, including recently undertaken extra works, as per the quote. It was also agreed to add a grass verge at Rogerson Road **Proposed by:** Cllr Cross **Seconded by:** Cllr Beaumont

6. Quotes had been received for widening and resurfacing the path at Watersmeet. The specification and costs needed to be looked at in more detail, with a decision deferred until the February meeting.
7. A site meeting had been arranged with Redrow Homes, in respect of necessary snagging work following completion of their work across Watersmeet to connect their drainage pipe to existing drainage.

b) Best Kept Village

At the meeting held the previous week, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had been elected. Cllr Cross had spoken to a member of St. Stephen's School about children's posters for the competition and the £550 allocated to use towards school funds and prize money.

c) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Cross had submitted comments and would comment further after carrying out more research. The need for provision for the elderly had been included, however, there was no action plan to demonstrate how the need would be met and it was likely that the Inspectorate would ask for this.

The Clerk would arrange a meeting to discuss the proposed Streethay Neighbourhood Plan.

d) Village Signs

New images of the signs had been received and it was agreed to place the order **Proposed by:** Cllr Cross **Seconded by:** Cllr Cope

e) Subcommittees

1. The BKV subcommittee had been set up.
2. The Development committee was in the process of being formed.
3. A Finance meeting had been held to discuss the budget and precept for the next financial year.
4. The Sports and Leisure committee was yet to be set up.
5. A Grounds Maintenance meeting would take place early in the new year.
6. Cllr Cross was arranging a further meeting with representatives from a brewery, to look at possible sites in Fradley and The Anchor in Streethay.

f) Streethay Parking Restrictions

A questionnaire would be sent to residents in the new year.

8. **Planning Applications for consideration**

There were no comments on the planning applications sent to Councillors before the meeting. Details of two recently received planning applications would be sent to Councillors after the meeting.

9. **Finance**

- a) Financial statements for November 2017 were received and approved. **Proposed by:** Cllr Wilcox **Seconded by:** Cllr Whitehead
- b) The list of payments was approved.
- c) A further meeting would be arranged by the Parish Clerk to finalise the budget and precept for the next financial year, for presentation and approval by full council in January.

10. **To receive an update on the first meeting of the Alrewas Liaison Committee**

Cllr Cross had represented the Parish Council and in future Simon Roberts would be invited to attend meetings as a resident, representing the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and Heritage Group. County Cllr Eagland had been formally elected as Chair of the committee. The traffic routing had been well planned.

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Details had been provided on proposals for footpaths, a lake and an extension to the Arboretum carpark. Dates had been arranged for quarterly meetings.

Lorry movements of about 400 a day were expected in future years, with the quarry supplying gravel for HS2. Proposals had not yet been made for the routes for these lorry movements.

11. To discuss the entrance to St Stephen's School and request for the exclusive use of the MUGA

A meeting would be arranged with the Headteacher to discuss these issues, arising as a result of the school extension works.

12. To consider a grant application from Fradley Toddler Group

This application had been considered at the September meeting, when a recommendation had been made to purchase a more suitable heavy gauge metal shed. The Toddler Group were happy to have the shed recommended by Cllr Cross. It was agreed to provide a grant to cover the full cost of the shed including installation **Proposed by:** Cllr Cross **Seconded by:** Cllr Wilcox

13. Police Report – update on Staffordshire Smart Alert

There was nothing to note in the report which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

14. Correspondence received

- Items for the agenda had been requested for the next Lichfield District Parish Forum meeting, to be held at 7pm on 28th February. People Helping People, a new initiative from the County Council and Universal Credit, which would replace benefits, were due to be discussed at the meeting.
- The Clerk had been corresponding with the Archdeacon of Lichfield with a view to arranging a meeting in February.
- IM Properties would like to meet with the Parish Council to discuss the new housing development at Curborough. An invitation would be sent for the meeting in March.
- A meeting had been arranged in Alrewas on 17th January to discuss the impact of gravel extraction for HS2 and HGV traffic.

15. Date of next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 9th January 2018

Organising an event to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War could be discussed further at a future date.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm