

# Fradley and Streethay Parish Council



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

20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 in Fradley Village Hall, Church Lane, Fradley WS13 8NL

**Present:** Cllrs Lynn Beaumont, Tony Ford, Fiona Lever, Simon Roberts, Harry Warburton (Chair), Stan Whitehead and Mike Wilcox

**In Attendance:** Geoff Evenson and Kate Roberts (Clerk)

## 1. Apologies for absence

District Cllrs David Leytham and Margaret Stanhope, Cllr Alan Cope and Tim Heminsley, SCC

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> November were approved as being an accurate record and signed by the Chairman. **Proposed by:** Cllr Wilcox **Seconded by:** Cllr Whitehead

## 4. Public Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

## 5. Highways Development Matters – Geoff Evenson

Mr Evenson, from Staffordshire County Council Highways, had been invited to the meeting to discuss local roadworks. He explained that the temporary traffic lights on Burton Road were fairly random, with set times, whilst the new installations would be completely different, although they might take up to six months to settle down. The temporary lights were manned at peak times, to alleviate problems from long queues of traffic. The two sets of lights at either end of the road would be stand alone. They could not be connected due to the distance apart and as one set came under Staffordshire County Council and the other, Highways England. Concerns were raised for residents pulling out onto Burton Road, with a long stream of traffic one way, then the other, due to the lights at either end.

The new pedestrian lights on the railway bridge would be linked with the nearby intelligent lights at the junction to the housing development, to help avoid drivers having to stop at both sets.

Construction vehicles had been seen holding up traffic, with drivers not following the highway code. These instances had been passed to the County Council and Mr Evenson would speak to the construction men on site.

The Highways England junction had to be finished by a certain time, otherwise penalties would have been imposed. The main reason for closing the road had been for all of the utility companies to work concurrently, rather than one at a time, to reduce disruption for residents.

Both junctions onto the Miller Homes housing development were being built by the County Council, along with some of the onsite roads, with Miller Homes also doing onsite roadworks.

Discussions on new planning applications should be with Lichfield District Council Planning Authority.

Mr Evenson went on to explain that when planning permission for the whole of Fradley Park was granted in 1995 it would predominately have been for call centres and offices. If B1 office developments were not built, then B2 general industrial and B8 storage or distribution warehouses could be built, with housing developments in lieu of employment. The market place had changed over the last 10/15 years, resulting in some of the triggers in the 106 agreement being impossible to reach, but improvements had been made at Wood End Lane and Hilliard's Cross to improve traffic flow.

## 6. Police Report – update on Staffordshire Smart Alert and the Staffordshire Police website

There was nothing to note in the local area, in the report which had been distributed with the agenda.

#### 7. Fradley/Streethay Village Issues

##### a) Play Areas and Grounds Maintenance

Derek had been working through the play areas inspection reports and had started to lock the gate at the Community Centre car park on Friday evenings. SJL had provided details of the bark used, which appeared to meet requirements, as this had been identified as requiring attention due to oversized particles.

##### b) Best Kept Village

New posters would be displayed to encourage volunteers to keep their own part of the village tidy. LDC would write to Bellway Homes, for contact details of the Ecology Officer and to Bovis Homes about adopting a green area, which could be used as another play area in Fradley.

##### c) Neighbourhood Plan

The 2nd questionnaire had been delivered to residents and so far, 242 responses had been received. The group had written 4 draft policies and were in the process of putting together all of the evidence and data, which would then be passed to the consultants to finish. There would be a financial shortfall, but a grant had been received, to get through February.

##### d) Village Signage

Quotes had been obtained, with further investigation required to ascertain which images to use on the new signs and to check the cover with the insurers.

##### e) Danger on the A38

Stationary vehicles queueing at the traffic lights in Streethay had been backing up the southbound slip road and onto the A38. This had been reported to the County Council, Highways England and the local Policing Team.

##### f) Streethay Parking

New parking restrictions had come into force on six roads in Streethay. Two complaints had been received, along with some positive feedback from local residents. The scheme could be extended to other roads in Phase 2 within 18 months.

#### 8. District Council Reports

- The Council Tax Support Grant would finish at the end of the next financial year, as this had been stopped by the Government.
- Staffordshire County Council had decided not to fund Debt Benefit and Consumer Advice, currently commissioned from Citizens Advice and had asked if others would be prepared to contribute to maintain some level of service from April 2017. The District Council was already supporting South East Staffs Citizens Advice Bureau (SESCAB). The District and Parish Council would not be joining the scheme to contribute towards the cost of these services.

#### 9. County Council Reports

- a) Quotes for works to install a hardstanding area on Church Lane, Fradley had been received. Councillor Eagland had offered to use £1,500 from her Divisional Highways Programme (DHP) funding and had asked if the Parish Council would fund the extra monies for the work to be undertaken. It was resolved to contribute the remaining £1,000 towards the total cost of £2,500 for a hardstanding area with dropped pedestrian access. **Proposed by:** Cllr Beaumont **Seconded by:** Cllr Whitehead

#### 10. Planning Applications for consideration

There were no objections to four of the five applications, on the list which had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. Concerns were raised with one of the applications as to whether this would affect the oldest building in Fradley village. Further investigations into this application would be made following the meeting and any comments would be passed to the planning department.

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## 11. Finance

- a) Financial statements for November 2016 were received and approved. **Proposed by:** Cllr Wilcox  
**Seconded by:** Cllr Beaumont
- b) Cheques would be signed following the meeting as the Clerk had been unable to print the list due to technical difficulties. As the contract for the printer was due for renewal, Councillors agreed to upgrade to an A3 colour printer.
- c) Budget Plan 2017-18. The Budget and Parish Precept Analysis form would be discussed at the meeting in January.

## 12. Correspondence received

- An email had been received from a resident on Turner Croft, advising that branches from a large oak tree on the green space off Statfold Lane had been falling onto their garage roof and driveway. One quote had been received from a tree surgeon and the Clerk was awaiting receipt of a second quote. All Councillors were in favour of the work to be carried out.
- One of the three designs for the headings on the notice board for Fradley Village Hall was chosen as the best option. The deposit could then be paid and the order placed.
- Problems had continued for residents on Worthington Road due to cars parking on the grass verge and obstructing the view. Different options were discussed as PCSO Tracy Horton had advised that she could no longer ticket for obstruction and had asked the Parish Council to find a solution.

## 13. Date of next Parish Council meeting - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The meeting closed at 9:10pm

Signed..... Name..... Date.....