

MONTHLY UPDATE



The Parish Council meets formally each month. Here are some of the things discussed at the meeting in March. The detailed minutes are available on our website.

We heard representations from Fradley Youth and Community Committee, Fradley Open Gardens, AFC Fradley and LDC Cllr. Mike Wilcox

We then discussed the production of a Parish Council newsletter and action plan to support a new Biodiversity policy. Our new Council Grants policy will allow local groups to apply for grants up to £500.

We then heard about our latest monthly meetings with Barrett's and Bellway, where we discussed present and future activity on both sites. We are making particular headway on installing a proper surface on the overspill car park at Hay End Lane. Improved safety measures at the Sheasby Park pond were also discussed.

Our next section covered our working groups' activities –

Project group – Funding from LDC will allow us to place bins, flower tubs, new benches and floral displays at key locations across the parish. The Hay End Lane Playing Court will be resurfaced and the Skate Park improved.

Environment Group – A Grounds Maintenance Contract was awarded at the Group's March meeting. Higher standards have been specified across the village and some additional work removing road side weeds has already taken place. Vulnerable wildflower areas at Watersmeet will be identified and protected.

Engagement Group – Work continues on the Council's Engagement Policy and plans for Police Surgeries to be held in the Village Hall are well under way.

Following this we talked about the provision of bus shelters in the Village and the provision of a battery powered mobile speed warning sign for use on selected routes through the Parish. It was decided that we should consult our communities about the provision of bus shelters and discuss setting up surveys with our County Councillor.

We then considered the Council's financial position, where we established that we have healthy reserves and authorised the application for a Council bank card, which will be used for necessary purchases up to a value of £500.

We then looked at two planning applications received in February and March which are still awaiting decisions from LDC. We haven't commented on the applications, which refer to improvements at a canal side café and a private house.

We learned that work to deal with flooding in Church Lane is ongoing and that we could buy D Day Commemorative flags for our two Primary Schools. We also noted the resignation of Cllr George Petrou.

We went on to discuss and record what we have done to make Fradley a better place to live in since our last meeting. We felt the awarding of a new Grounds Maintenance contract, the setting up of Police Surgeries, the improvement in road sweeping and the finally successful bid to re-purpose funding from LDC were all note-worthy.

Next meeting as Thursday 18th April 2024.

The meeting closed at 9.31pm

