



COMMUNITY

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The Newsletter of Fradley and Streethay Parish Council

We're building a strong community together

The last year has shown us the importance of having a strong community around us. When most of us had to stay local, and couldn't see friends and family, it was often the smiles and hellos from our neighbours that helped keep us buoyant.

Being part of your local community has been shown to be important to mental health, and there are many ways that you can play your part. In this newsletter we look at how important volunteering is, and how it helps to enrich the lives of people around you – including your own family.

For example, there was a litter



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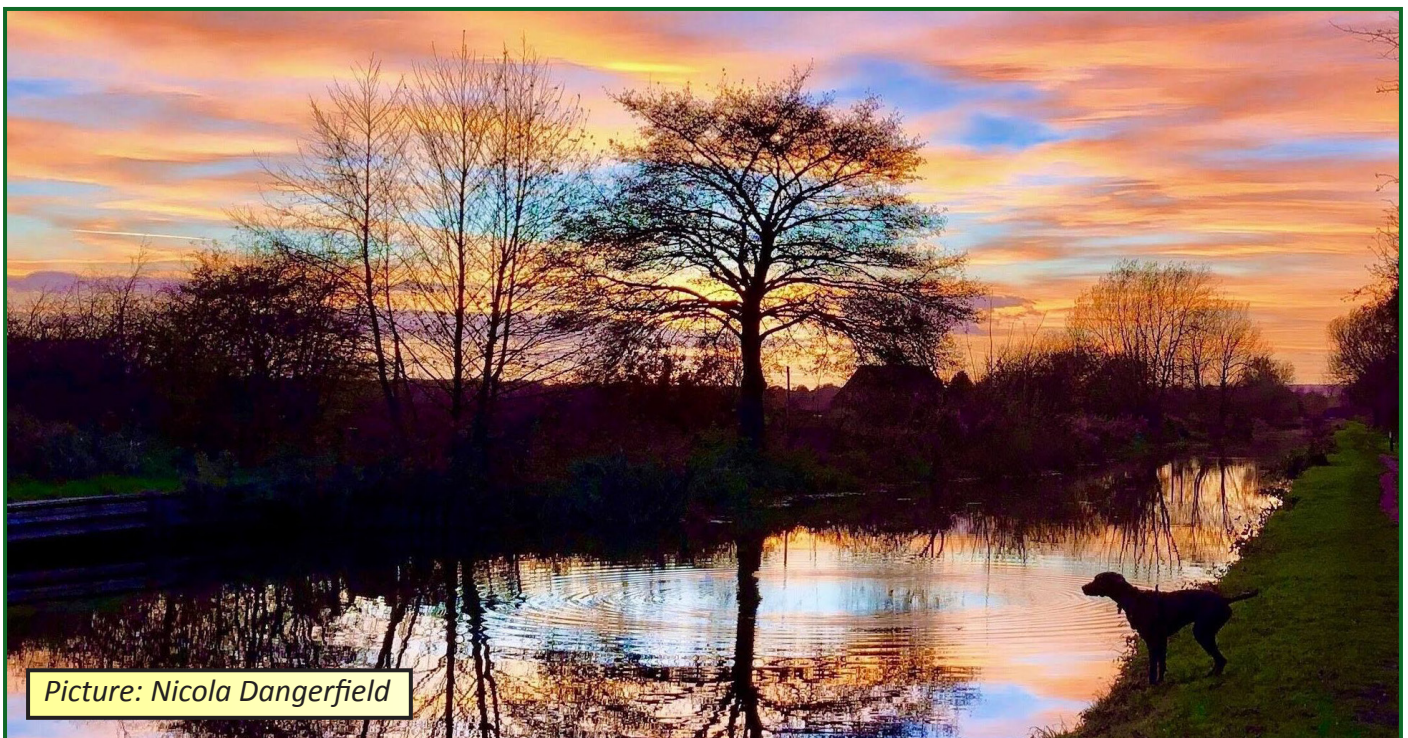
pick in Fradley where those who joined in not only improved their neighbourhood, a lot of them also had a bit of fun. This newsletter is produced by volunteers and our

fantastic local Scouts do a great job in delivering it to you all.

Our parish council is made up of volunteers, each one giving up their spare time to help improve the community they live in.

We currently have a vacancy for two parish councillors, and details of this role can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Giving up some of your time is not only valued by those around you, as a parish councillor you can respond to the needs and views of those in your community – and your voice can make a big difference.



Picture: Nicola Dangerfield

Fradley and Streethay Parish Council work in partnership with the local community to make our Parish a great place to live, work, visit and enjoy.

Offering a warm welcome to all of our new neighbours

Councillors would like to extend a warm welcome to all new residents and invite you to bookmark Fradley and Streethay's new website packed full of information about the area.

The site covers everything you might need to know, from a calendar of local events to information about community groups and sports clubs, to the

local neighbourhood plan and updates on our latest projects.

It even contains nuggets of local history such as the fact that Fradley first appeared in 12th century records as 'Frodeleye', or 'Frod's lea' and that Streethay is an ancient township that was once two hamlets called Streethay and Morughale.

Cllr Jurgen Nijim, from Streethay,

said: "I moved into Roman Heights in 2017 and it still feels very new but I feel passionately about getting involved and helping to build our community."

You can read more about Cllr Nijim on our 'Meet Your Councillor' section on the back page. To find out more about Fradley and Streethay visit: www.fradleyandstreethayparishcouncil.gov.uk

Streethay residents have view on new facilities



A café, a bar and new sports amenities are among the top facilities Streethay villagers would like to see in their new community hall, according to a new survey.

More than 245 people completed the Fradley and Streethay Parish Council survey in April, demonstrating demand for a wide range of services including a drop-in café as well as improved provision for children and young people.

Cllr Glen Bown said the results would be used to help Lichfield District Council and the developers plan and design the new building.

"We'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who

contributed," said Cllr Bown. "The information will be invaluable in helping guide how the community hall is designed and the facilities it needs to include."

A Section 106 agreement was drawn up between Miller Homes and Lichfield District Council allowing £250,000 for the building of the community hall. Following our recent survey, the Parish Council is doubtful that this will be enough money to deliver what is required.

Though this project will most likely be delivered by LDC, the Parish Council will input as much as possible to deliver a facility that can be used by the whole community.



Scout group delivers the news to your door

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in Fradley have been pitching in to help get the parish news delivered to local residents.

The 1st Fradley Scout Group has taken on the job of posting the parish council newsletter through the doors of thousands of homes across the two villages. For their efforts the group will receive an annual donation, and use the experience to gain badges such as the fundraising badge.

Scout leader Owen Pontin said: "We worried that just a few of us would be left to deliver all the newsletters, but we put out a call which was answered by the children and their families. The donation from the parish council will be added to our funds and used for buying activity equipment, or subsidising any camps that we take the children on.

"Being part of the beavers, cubs or scouts is excellent for children as it helps increase their sense of responsibility, friendship and camaraderie. It builds up their independence and they mix with children



that aren't necessarily from their usual year group.

"For the adult leaders it's a great chance to get to know people in the village, which is one of the reasons I joined 20 years ago."

To get involved in the group email opontin08@gmail.com

Making progress across our villages

Here are some of the things taking place in our parish:

- Cllr Simon Roberts was re-elected to serve as chairman, Cllr Glen Bown was elected to vice-chair and a new councillor was elected – Jurgen Nijim.
- A new notice board has been installed outside Fradley Post Office.
- The bus shelter at Streethay has been repaired.
- A quarterly newsletter has been successfully produced and delivered to all Fradley and Streethay residents.
- Updates and improvements have been made to our website.
- Also, 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 left their rubbish and waste in the neighbouring hedgerows. We hope that this action will stop this problem.

An update on the Local Plan:

Lichfield District Council is still reviewing the Local Plan which was adopted in 2019. There are four proposed Strategic Housing Allocations and two of these fall in our parish. These are:

1. Land north east of Lichfield City in Streethay – approximately 3,300 homes.
2. Land off Hay End Lane in Fradley – approximately 500 homes.

The draft Local Plan will now be considered by the Planning Inspector and a full public enquiry will be held. We will keep you updated on this.



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Litter Legends join Fradley villagers on crusade to clean up Fradley's streets

What do a set of knives, a mouldy football, a bollard, and a broken television all have in common?

They were all dumped in Fradley and retrieved from the latest litter pick organised by environmental group 'Keep Fradley Tidy' in June.

More than 50 villagers young and old joined in the crusade to clear the streets, bagging up items from broken bottles to discarded masks and even an

industrial sized For Sale sign. A team of volunteers from Lichfield Litter Legends came along to help the half day clean-up on Saturday, June 12.

Footsteps Nursery hosted a meeting point for families to assist with a litter pick around Fradley Junction.

Organiser Teresa Walters said: "I'd like to say a huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who took part in the litter-pick. It was an absolutely brilliant morning and we bagged up a huge haul for Lichfield District Council to take away.

"I'd also like to thank Café Number 8 for judging the weirdest item competition and offering a prize of a farmhouse breakfast for two."

The winning 'weirdest' item was judged to be two knives still in their original packaging found by Christine and Martyn Evans on the Northbound A38 slip road.

If you would like to get involved and help keep Fradley tidy, litter pickers are available to borrow from Fradley Post Office.



What sport and leisure facilities would

Did you know that when a developer gets the go-ahead to build in a community there is often a clause that requires them to invest in facilities to improve the area?

This so-called "Section 106 money" is earmarked for improvements local people would like to see as a way of offsetting the impact of a development.

Given the large amount of building work taking place locally, we asked people what sports and leisure

facilities they might like to see in their villages.

The next step is to set up a working group for people to take some of these ideas forward.

Cllr Caroline Dale has been speaking to people about creating a pump track in the village.

This is a track for bikes, scooters and other wheeled sports equipment that requires no pedaling or pushing but a 'pumping' action to maintain

momentum. "A pump track would be a great addition to Fradley," she said.

Marie Morris, from Fradley said: "I'd definitely like to see something for the older children. Not all teens want to roam the streets, but there is little in the way of entertainment for them."

Several people were keen to create dedicated sports clubs in both Fradley and Streethay, now that the villages have grown in size. Angela



(Left) Litter pickers Carol Ainsworth, Janine Gibbs Haviland and Teresa Walters; (above) Katie Connolly, Alex Munsami and helpers; (below) Paula and Steve Ballinger



YOU like to see added to your village?

Thomas, who lives in Fradley South, said: "We play cricket at Alrewas but I'd like to play for the village I live in."

Fradley mum Claire Gardner agrees: "A pavilion could show sporting events and bring the village together too," she said.

Beverly Carless, added: "I would love to see a football club permanently here."

In Streethay, residents were also

very keen on the idea of more sports provision.

Jane Gregory, whose three young grandchildren live on the new Roman Heights development, said: "I'd love to see some sports clubs being set up locally.

"My grandson was in a football club but it would be brilliant to have somewhere for him to get coaching close to home."

James Gale said: "Football pitches

for adult and youth setups at amateur level with changing facilities would be great.

"Within Lichfield there are 7/8 teams at amateur level and currently we only have five pitches which will be reduced to three once Curborough is gone."

If you would like to get involved in a working group to take forward some of these ideas, please get in touch. You can email: clerk@fandspc.org

Heritage group brings our history back to life



RAF ground crew in November 1944

The pandemic may have stopped a lot of clubs and groups across the parish from taking place, but Fradley Heritage Group has continued its valuable research on the history of the village.

The group, which started in 2017, is currently focused on three topics - Home, Families and School, Old Hall Farm and RAF Lichfield. Chair Lyn Tyler said: "Thanks to the headteacher of St Stephens Primary School, we've been able to work on the school log books, which date from its opening up until the 1960s. They make fascinating reading and provide a real insight into daily life at the school.

"Through our website we get a number of queries about RAF Lichfield. One of these was from a history group based in Victoria, Australia, seeking

information about JH Rogerson, who is one of the Australian airmen buried in our village graveyard. We were able to provide details of the accident in which he lost his life, and in return they gave information about his early life in Australia.

"We've also been able to provide information about the accident in which Donald Ernest Smith of the RAF was killed at Fradley in 1942 to someone who was researching the graveyard in Norfolk, where Donald's body was buried. Also, one of our residents, Richard Goodall, has donated a number of old photographs taken by his father, showing the various stages of the construction of the airfield in 1939."

The group's three walks – the Coffin Trail, Building Walks around Fradley and Fradley Aerodrome – have been popular during lockdown with walkers making the most of the chance to explore some of the village's history. These are available from Fradley Post Office and local community buildings.

Get in touch with the group if you have any further information or photos about the village's history, if you would like to be a member or if you can contribute to the website.

Call secretary Richard Green on 01283 791611.

Defibrillators in Fradley

Defibrillators are devices that restore a normal heartbeat by sending an electric pulse or shock to the heart, which can save lives in an emergency. Here are the locations of the defibrillators in Fradley: Post Office; Fradley Village Hall; the Pharmacy on the Stirling Centre; the phone box on Worthington Road; and at the Canal & River Trust Welcome Centre at Fradley Junction.



Build, build, build...

Building activity throughout the parish is continuing at a pace

With building work taking place across the parish, and other applications still being discussed by Lichfield District Council (LDC), here is an update on developments in our two villages:

Hay End Lane

The area occupied by the two temporary sales offices will be converted into a car park for the community, hopefully around September this year. Lorries coming past the school during drop-off and collection times have been an issue for residents. This is not allowed and Barratts are working with contractors to stop this happening. Further work will involve connecting services, providing access to the new car park and enlarging the current island on Hay End Lane with a fourth exit onto the new estate. There are also plans to reconfigure the road outside the school, which will be disruptive. Dates are not yet known for this work.

Horner Avenue

This application is still ongoing and Bovis has submitted plans to LDC. The parish council has submitted a new objection letter in response to this. District Councillor Mike Wilcox will be presenting

residents' objections to the planning committee when it sits, supported by Councillor Simon Roberts.

Sheasby Park

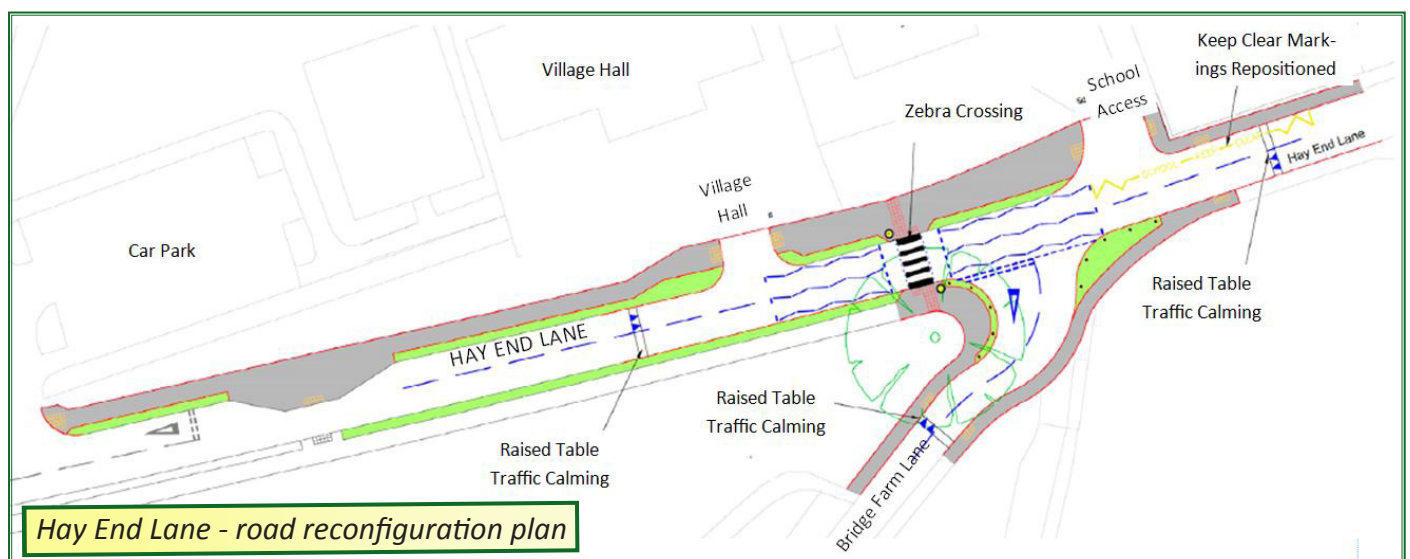
Unfortunately, despite objections from the Parish Council, LDC has approved an application for two areas of housing. One area is just south of the proposed primary school on Sheasby Park for 23 houses. The other area is the landscaped area on Tye Road, opposite the Stirling Centre, for 12 houses. A planning application for a one-form entry primary school has been approved.

Canalside Development

The development along Hay End Lane up to Gorse Lane, replacing the pig farm, was given the go ahead by the Planning Inspectorate after a recent appeal.

Streethay applications

No new applications have come forward, although building work continues on the estate. A small estate, bordering the A38 junction, is currently being built by Keon Homes, providing 20 affordable homes.



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**Your
councillors**

Join the parish council and make a difference in your community

Two vacancies have arisen for parish councillors following the resignations of Darren Peck and Alan Cope. We would like to thank them for their dedicated service.

Councillors are elected for a four-year term but when vacancies occur between elections, the positions can be advertised.

Parish Councillors represent the views of all residents within the Parish. They identify the issues

and needs of various groups in their community and help ensure appropriate action is taken. They suggest ideas, influence local policy, engage in constructive debate and respond to formal proposals to help ensure the best outcomes for residents.

Cllr Glen Bown said: "Becoming a parish councillor is a fantastic way to get involved in your local area and really make a difference. We actively encourage diversity as we believe councillors from

different backgrounds can better represent the whole community and possess different skills and interests – we need a wide range of skills to work as a team. Parish councillors are volunteers who help coordinate local services, oversee shared amenities and who are strong advocates for the community."

For more information about the vacancy contact parish clerk Clare Orme at clerk@fandspc.org or call 01543 444 233.

Meet your councillor: Jurgen Nijim, of Streethay

Role/Job outside Council: Engineering Program Manager – Electronics & Software

Why did you get involved in the parish council?

My wife and I moved to Streethay in 2017 and are starting our family here. It was in my best interests to ensure that some of the newer residents in Streethay are represented fairly. The area is growing fast, and the parish council contributes to many decisions on behalf of the local population. I felt the community needed representation from somebody who was not afraid to voice concern and from somebody who could relate to the local demographic.

What issues are you really interested in or concerned about?

As a resident of Roman Heights, I am very interested in the proposed community centre on Yoxall Way. I am keen to ensure LDC listen to the residents and deliver something purposeful to proudly meet community needs. The continued and vast growth of the area can sometimes be concerning. We are dealing with contractors and large housebuilders who can sometimes be tenacious. The parish council plays a crucial role in reviewing any new planning

proposals ensuring that everything is fair and in line with community expectations.

How much time do you spend on your parish council role, and what does it entail?

On average, I spend around two hours a week on parish council duties. Typical duties include our monthly meetings, reviewing planning applications, and discussing the status of planned projects.

What achievement are you most proud of in your time as a councillor?

An ongoing project I am proud to lead is creating a parish council mobile app. It is early days yet; however, I believe it could be a game-changer. We all live busy lives with work and family, and with simplified, convenient communication with the parish council, we can better understand and serve your needs.

How would you like to see Streethay developing over the next few years?

It would be great if there were an improved community feel; at the moment, there is a lot of change, and everything feels new. I hope that with some improved amenities such as a café, convenience store, and the community centre, we can all further establish ourselves in the neighbourhood and expand our connections.

