

MONTHLY UPDATE



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

We started our meeting by co-opting a new member. Welcome, Councillor Matthew Richards.

Public Speaking -Mike Wilcox, one of our LDC Ward Councillors, then addressed us on plans to regenerate Lichfield City Centre and proposals that could see Fradley having a new NHS Health Hub – look out for further news on this.

He added news from the County Council and HS2 about community funding becoming available and how HS2 will deal with future complaints.

Parish Council business –

We discussed the production of a Council newsletter, which will involve 2000 newsletters being produced and distributed 3 times a year.

We adopted a new Community Engagement policy and deferred the adoption of a new Training and Personal Development policy. Arrangements were finalised for our Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Council meeting, both to be held on 16th May.

We then heard reports from our various work groups, which included news of a successful first meeting for the Police and Parish Surgery. Look out for more news on this.

We agreed to have the village War Memorial cleaned in good time for ceremonies to mark the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings (6th June this year).

We discussed bus services in the Parish and resolved to encourage the service provider to reinstate the route that included the whole of Worthington Road by integrating it into the proposed 33 service or the existing 12/12E services. Fingers crossed.

We then discussed finances and approved all transactions made in the reporting period.

Our Clerk's report –

The County Council is dealing with flooding in Church Lane with the Parish Council having financially supported initial investigations.

We are still waiting to hear from LDC on when money raised from housing development in the parish will be released to us. This is a matter which is now causing Councillors some irritation because some of our projects are being stalled unnecessarily.

Wear and tear on Worthington Road Play Park equipment needs our attention and contractors have been commissioned to provide a full report.

Making Fradley a better place to live in –

We will be distributing newsletters across the Parish to boost a sense of community and keep residents informed; we are improving hygiene by increasing the number of dog waste bins; we are promoting residents' safety and making Councillors more accessible through our ongoing programme of Parish/Police surgeries; we are improving Fradley's facilities for children at the play park in Worthington Road; we are celebrating the history of Fradley by cleaning the War Memorial and donating D-Day commemorative flags to our primary schools.

Date of next meeting

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held at 6.30pm on Thursday 16th May, to be followed by the Annual Council meeting at 7.15pm.

