

# MONTHLY UPDATE



**The Parish Council meets formally each month. Here are some of the things discussed at the meeting on April 10th 2025. The detailed minutes are available on our website.**

The Parish Council met on Thursday 10 April at Fradley Village Hall. Present were Cllrs Ashcroft, Beswick, Gilmour, and Leytham (Chair), with the Clerk/RFO, PCSO Tracy Horton, District Cllr Derick Cross, and one member of the public in attendance. There were no apologies or declarations of interest, and no co-option applications received.

**PCSO Horton** delivered a detailed report of local incidents. These included the theft of a van from Cowhill Lane, a serious burglary and trespass at the ASOS warehouse on Fradley Park by travellers, who damaged property and threatened staff. There were further traveller-related incidents, including one involving an alleged dog bite and aggressive behaviour. On 2 April, a vehicle was stolen from Screwfix (CCTV obtained), and the same day, two males were seen acting suspiciously at Tesco. An uninsured vehicle was seized on Common Lane, and reports of a quad bike being ridden dangerously around Common Lane and the Stirling Centre were noted. A serious incident on 5 March involved a group of children and an adult attempting to access a private home, with one male assaulting the homeowner. A Police pop-up surgery is scheduled for 3 June at the Stirling Centre.

**District Cllr Cross** reported on the Horner Avenue planning appeal. An inspector is expected to be appointed in June, with a hearing later this year and a decision due by 16 December. He advised the Council to discuss the future use of parish-owned land at Shaw Drive, which may be proposed as an alternative access route to the development. While both LDC and SCC appear inclined to approve the application, residents and the Council are urged to prepare objections. The Paskin Close application has been refused and the Bloor Homes development remains on hold due to unresolved drainage issues.

**Finance matters** included approval of April's payment schedule (including a correction to the Fradley Village Hall invoice) and noting no income this period. The Clerk presented the unaudited year-end accounts, showing a balance of £243,223.65. A full report on underspends and overspends will follow next meeting.

**The Working Group report** confirmed the completion of S106-funded works at Hay End Lane. The Worthington Road Park project remains delayed pending LDC's appointment of a new project manager. A revised proposal is being submitted to include more accessible equipment.

The commemorative tree ceremony is set for 2 May, with a full itinerary, invitations sent, refreshments organised, and rosemary tributes planned. An additional budget of £1,500 was approved to support the event.

Other matters discussed included:

Environment Agency updates on two pollution incidents at Bown Pond—an oil spill in December and a paint incident in March—both now contained and monitored.

Approval of fencing repairs at Worthington Road to address damage and safety concerns.

Approval of a community grant application.

Independent progression of the bat box project due to delays from Bellway.

No objections to the Statement of Community Involvement.

Councillors agreed to subscribe to Canva (£99/year) to support communications, and to sign the CIL Annual Report.

**Next Meeting:** 15 May 2025, Annual Parish Assembly (6.30pm), followed by the Annual Council Meeting at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm.

