

# MONTHLY UPDATE



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

Eight out of ten Fradley Councillors were present, with two apologies for absence.

A resident complained about speeding in the village. He would like preventative measures taken to avoid a major incident. We are considering whether a blanket 20mph speed limit on all village roads would be an appropriate proposal and how we could set about investigating residents' concerns over speeding.

Members of the Fradley Heritage Society told us that the old RAF hangers in Gorse Lane are to be renovated. The Society needs suitable storage places for archive material. Projects are being run on the histories of local families and members are working with St Stephen's and Fradley Park Schools.

County Councillor Janet Eagland told us about the winter road gritting programme and the County Council's Community Strategy, where we can offer views on what is needed in the Parish.

From LDC Councillor Mike Wilcox we heard about proposals for the District's new leisure centre and cinema. There is a recycling campaign in schools and a re-launch of the LDC Councillors' Community fund, where each Councillor will have up to £300 in grant money to support local organisations.

From PCSO Tracey Horton we were informed about three offences involving theft of or from cars. Public concerns over cannabis being used openly in areas around the Stirling Centre had also been expressed.

We then discussed the renewal of Fradley's grounds maintenance contract. We decided to put a three year contract out for tender and to extend the current contract by a month to allow for completion of the tendering process. Our new specification is more demanding than previously. We aim for Fradley's environment to be better maintained and to look smarter.

We then discussed our concerns over how to deal with flooding in Church Lane and Jordan Close. Our County Council colleagues assure us they are doing all they can to prevent the repeated flooding in the village centre within available budgets.

Following this we adopted a resolution to allow public speaking time at our meetings to be increased from 15 to 20 minutes. We then looked at the possibility of the Council awarding prizes to competitors at the annual Florette 10k run. This is to be discussed further at the next full Council meeting.

We then discussed and ratified the previous month's expenditure, which amounted to £5,713.

Planning applications for housing developments off Watery Lane were discussed. These will affect Fradley residents should they be granted. It was agreed that we should submit reports airing our concerns to LDC.

In the Clerk's Reports section we discussed our Councillors' training needs, the need for a suitable fence by our Christmas tree at Watersmeet, the development of a Council Biodiversity programme and the planting of a commemorative tree at Watersmeet.

Meeting closed 9.40pm

