

MONTHLY UPDATE



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

Cllr Janet Eagland (Staffs CC) spoke about work at the bridge, Brookhay Lane, funding for climate change related projects, Tarmac's ambitions for the current Cemex site, the siting of speed information boxes on Turnbull Road and Common Lane. In response to a question, she said she would look into the County dealing with overhanging trees in Jordan Close.

A Fradley resident led a discussion promoting improvements for the canal towpath. The Council will look into its ability to support local efforts to upgrade the canal towpath. The tow path will be included in discussions when considering the results of our resident's survey have been analysed.

A councillor presented proposals to award prizes to local winners in the annual Florette Fradley 10k Run. This will be further discussion at the December Parish Council meeting.

The Council decided not to ask for a councillor to be appointed as a member to Village Hall Committee. The Clerk will liaise with the Village Hall representatives and update the Council of any matters needing consideration.

The Council agreed to the removal of the rosemary hedge around the War Memorial to boost its visibility.

The Council confirmed the Clerk's authority to determine what should be published on its website and who she should consult regarding sensitive or unusual items. We went on to approve payments and income for the month of June, 2024.

The Projects Group reported that a contractor to re-surface of the MUGA had been commissioned. Further progress with other projects had also been made. There was preliminary discussion regarding the possible re-naming of the Watersmeet open space. The Council voted not to co-opt a resident onto the Environment Group.

Environment Group are developing plans to plant a Queen's memorial tree. £1000 was earmarked to prepare a wildflower area at Watersmeet in collaboration with Fradley Open Gardens. Our monthly inspection of Grounds maintenance work showed welcome improvement Overgrown verges on The Moor and surrounds. Costs for a one-off cut back and annual maintenance to be established. When costed the Clerk will seek Council approval for the work to be carried out.

Our Engagement Group made recommendations regarding which applicants should be awarded our new Community Grants. Successful bidders will be notified in due course.

We agreed a new Performance management policy. Decisions were made on all proposals, which included how the Clerk's performance can be monitored and reviewed. The Council went on to receive reports on financial matters and the delivery of our newsletters.

No comment is to be made on a planning application for a fence to be erected in Godfrey Drive.

Notable actions which will contribute to making Fradley Even Better include:- production and delivery of our first newsletter, commissioning the re-surfacing of the MUGA and recruiting community champions from businesses on the Fradley Park Industrial Estate.



Date and time of next meeting:- 7pm, 19th September at the Village Hall