

MONTHLY UPDATE



The Parish Council meets formally each month. Here are some of the things discussed at the meeting on June 12th 2025. The detailed minutes are available on our website.

The Parish Council met at 6:30pm on 12 June 2025 at Fradley Village Hall. Present were Cllrs Ashcroft, Beswick, Garner, Gilmour, and Chair Cllr Leytham. Clerk Claire Crompton and nine members of the public attended. No apologies for absence were received. Cllr Ashcroft declared a non-pecuniary interest in the Fradley Heritage Group's grant application and abstained from discussion on that item.

During public participation, residents expressed concern over the Horner Avenue development, highlighting issues with road layout, traffic volume, and safety. The Council was urged to continue opposing the development based on traffic concerns. A resident also requested improved communication regarding planning applications, including a mailing list. PCSOs provided a written update covering a range of incidents including vehicle thefts, HGV-related concerns, and Speed Watch activity. No officers were in attendance.

The FYCC Chair presented plans for DDA-compliant emergency exit works and boundary fencing improvements. The proposal involved accessing Parish Council land and removing a fence panel. Costs were shared, and funding avenues were discussed. The Council invited formal applications for grants and S106 funding.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting (15 May 2025) were approved. In planning matters: The Council made no comment on a Wellington Crescent storage application. It resolved to make representation at the appeal hearing for the Horner Avenue residential development (109 units). A planning application for an air source heat pump at Rogerson Road was noted as granted..

The Council unanimously approved June's payment schedule (over £13,600), including grants to St Stephen's PTA and the Community Choir, and noted a VAT reclaim income of £25,335. Unaudited accounts (to 31 May 2025) showing £377,999.40 were approved. Key year-end items were resolved: The 2024/25 Annual Governance Statement was reviewed and approved unanimously. The 2024/25 Accounting Statement was agreed, signed, and the period for public inspection confirmed as 16 June – 25 July 2025. East Midlands Audit Services Ltd was re-appointed as internal auditor for 2025/26.

Working Group Updates:

Worthington Road Park: The S106-funded play area project now takes priority over the Church project due to time-sensitive funding. Proposed equipment was itemised. A shortfall of £80,549 will be met from historic CIL funds and earmarked reserves.

Project Group: *Christmas Lights:* Locations were agreed in principle; the Clerk will now seek permissions and quotes. *Newsletter & Tech:* Councillors discussed future content and software for Councillors issues. Next edition topics were agreed. *Horner Avenue Appeal:* Use of Council-owned land as an alternative access route was discussed. Land valuation is being investigated. *Heritage Group Grant:* A £900 request was deferred pending more information.

Environment Group: Hedge and footpath complaints were referred to the County Council. Bat box materials are being sourced with volunteer installation. Grounds maintenance concerns were noted, with weed growth a key issue.

Clerk's Report:

Diary dates and updates on play park proposals, audits, newsletters, and event planning (notably St Stephen's 150th celebration) were noted.

The next meeting is scheduled for 17 July 2025 at 7pm.

Meeting closed: 8.30pm

