

MONTHLY UPDATE



The Parish Council meets formally each month.

Here are some of the things discussed at the meeting in September. The detailed minutes are available on our website.

The Fradley Parish Council meeting addressed various procedural, community, and planning matters. Apologies were noted from Cllrs Dhillon and Cross. There were no declarations of interest or applicants for councillor co-option. The meeting then proceeded with updates from Cllrs England and Wilcox. Cllr England reported on local issues, including hedge maintenance, road openings, and pothole repairs. She noted upcoming liaison meetings and the provision of traffic data yet to be analysed by the Parish Council. Cllr Wilcox highlighted ongoing district projects, such as the construction of a leisure center, a new cinema, and plans for relocating the bus station. Lichfield District council also reviewed its increased housing targets due to recent government changes.

The minutes from the July 18 meeting were confirmed. Financial updates included approved payments for August and September, totaling over £3,000 each month, covering grounds maintenance, salaries, and miscellaneous expenses. The council noted a VAT reclaim income of £6,765.69 and reviewed unaudited accounts, showing a current balance of £362,373.93.

Committee reports followed. The Projects Group reported on the Multi-Use Games Area upgrade and the upcoming installation of outdoor gym equipment. Plans to refurbish Worthington Road Play Park and discussions about managing football pitches were also mentioned. The Environment Group is researching the possibility of converting pillboxes into bat habitats, securing a new temporary grounds maintenance contractor, and advancing a wildflower project. Additionally, plans are underway for a commemorative tree with an opening ceremony. The Engagement Group discussed upcoming events, including a Police and Parish food bank drive, and liaising with Tesco for a remembrance event. The HR Committee set their next meeting date, and updates from representatives on CEMEX, HS2, and local charities were shared.

The council considered three community grant applications, approving those from St. Stephen's Church and the Village Hall, but declining a request from the Fradley Choir. The Planning Advisory Group reviewed several local planning applications, delegating authority to Cllrs Bown and Leytham to provide feedback on a particular proposal for Florette House. The council approved a resident's request to place Halloween items on council land for a fundraising activity.

Clerk updates included noting positive outcomes from a planning meeting regarding Horner Avenue and updates on budget expenditures. The council ratified appointing JR Landscaping as a temporary grounds maintenance provider and approved additional costs for resurfacing the Multi-Use Games Area. They also acknowledged the resignation of Cllr Deathridge.

Cllr Gilmour shared insights from a recent community survey, with the council expressing gratitude for his work. Highlights included the council's achievements, such as village enhancements, progressing S106 projects, advancing environmental initiatives, and acquiring speed watch equipment.

The next meeting was confirmed for October 17, 2024, at Fradley Village Hall, beginning at 7:00 pm. The meeting concluded at 9:14 pm.

