

MONTHLY UPDATE



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

Our first action was to co-opt a Fradley resident, Paul Deathridge, onto the Council, which gave us our full complement of 10 Councillors.

The minutes of the last meeting were then accepted as a true record.

We welcomed visitors from the Fradley Youth and Community Centre and the Village Hall Committee who told us about their future plans. We agreed to consider a request for financial support from the FYCC and to consider having a Councillor on the Village Hall Committee. Full details of our discussions can be found on our website.

We then talked about how we engage with our communities and several proposals were put forward for consideration. We are currently working on a policy on how we should consult, engage and communicate with our communities.

This was followed by a proposal to adopt a new protocol on how we meet and communicate with developers. It was accepted that there is a need for Councillors to meet developers and a policy with firm guidelines on such meetings was adopted.

We then received reports from our Environment and Engagement groups, during which we agreed to replace the collapsing fence at the front of the FYCC, co-opted our new Councillor, Paul Deathridge, to the Engagement Group and discussed how we can be seen and heard across the Parish. It was suggested and agreed that the Groups should meet monthly. It was also agreed that these meeting dates would be displayed on the Council's website.

This led us to financial matters where we ratified all payments and unaudited accounts submitted by the Parish Clerk.

Planning matters came next and it was agreed that we would object to an application to create HGV parking on an industrial area. We object because the applicant wants to remove trees from the site.

We then considered our Clerk's report, where we discussed and approved arrangements for the 2024 Florette 10k run, training courses for our Councillors and how we dealt with flooding in Jordan Close.

As usual we closed with discussion on how we are making Fradley a better place to live in. Two examples are the commitment to replace the fence at FYCC and the topping up of safety bark at Worthington Road play area. More information on this discussion can be found on our website, under 'Council Meetings'.

The meeting closed at 9.41pm and the date of our next meeting was set for 7.15pm on 18th January 2024. It will be preceded at 6.30pm by a talk by Cllr Alex Farrell, LDC cabinet member for the Local Plan and Housing, who will tell us about his views and proposals on development in Fradley.

