

# Frankley Parish Council

Thursday 16 January 2026  
St Leonard's Church Hall

## MINUTES

**Present:** John Gwinnett (JG)  
Jane Jarrard (JJ)  
Pam Morgan

Nancy Bailey (NB)  
Phil Smith (PS)

**Apologies Received:**

Karen May (KM)

Simon Nock (SN)

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair welcomed those present, as listed above.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

The Declaration of Interest form was signed off.

3. **Public Session**

A resident was in attendance in but had no issues to raise.

JG had read an article regarding John Champion, Police, suggesting those who volunteer as "special" officers receive a 25% discount on their council tax, as a reward.

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The October 2025 Minutes were approved by JG and JJ.

5. **Chairman's Report**

5.1 The new lengthsman, Russell, identified 20 blocked drains, some of which have been cleaned with the rest to be actioned in the next four weeks.

Grit has been supplied and distributed throughout the Parish. The lengthsman is trying to obtain more grit. All bins were filled prior to the bad weather. The bin by Frankley Hill / Egg Hill was empty before the snow storm.

The grit bins are not for private use. Grit should be use sparingly. The Parish reserve the right to remove the grit bins if they are being abused.

The Parish receives one delivery from WCC in October. Now that we have changed lengthsman, the Parish will be unable to store ton bags.

WCC do not have to grit secondary roads; they will do so if they have the time and the grit.

There is a flood by the bus shops on Raven Hayes Lane. JG is to chase the lengthsman for a quotation to repair the shelters.

Litter picking has taken place.

5.2 Fly tipping – JG wrote to MP Bradley Thomas regarding fly tipping. JG and JJ met with Brian Cox, Worcester Regulatory Service. 26 tips of evidence has been recorded. Many collections were made without evidence being collected.

37 fixed penalty notices have been served since November 2024 for fly tipping or littering in the Bromsgrove district. 7 enforcement files have significantly progressed to enable interviews under caution to be arranged.

2 enforcement files are with the legal team for consideration to prosecute.

The meaning of fly tipping is "**any item that is placed outside your boundary on land that is not licenced, including furniture, garden waste or other waste**". A fine of up to £500 can be issued to continuous offenders.

BDC posted a flying tipping enforcement message on Facebook (see page 3).

5.3 Sewer – still awaiting power. In the meantime, the sewer is being emptied fortnightly.

5.4 Speeding – the Safer Neighbourhood team intend to carry out more checks in the future.

## 6. Finance

- 6.1 The bank statement was reconciled. The reconciliation details the name of suppliers paid in the last quarter and the amount paid.
- 6.2 There is approximately £1100 monies available to be re-claimed for works carried out by the lengthsman, by 31 March 2026.
- 6.3 Precept – prior to the meeting a precept calculator had been distributed showing a 5% increase by the Parish Council. Bearing in mind the Parish needs its own website from 1 September 2026 which will have on-going hosting costs, as well as the requirement for .gov domain websites, the expenditure of the Parish will be increasing. A budget forecast was forwarded to the Chair by the Clerk. In order to maintain monies in the bank, moving forwards a 5% increase will be required to meet overheads. The precept will stand at £2713.20 for 2026/2027. A website will cost £569.00 plus VAT to build. It will cost £25.00 per month to host. Gov.uk domains are a flat £30.00 plus VAT per year for the domain registration and management with an initial one off domain registration of £20.00. The Parish has to comply for audit purposes.
- 6.4 It was proposed Gill Lumley carries out the audit, however it is noted that she will retire after this year.

## 7. Planning Matters

Nothing to discuss.

## 8. Outside Meetings

JG and JJ met with Regulatory Services.  
JG and NB held a Zoom meeting for banking purposes.

## 9. County Councillor Update / District Councillor / Ward Member for Belbroughton & Romsley Update

Apologies received. Some highlights of work activity at BDC during 2025 were submitted to JG and NB.

## 10. Correspondence

Bradley Thomas, MP, had written to JG to thank him for the support against inheritance tax on farmers.

## 11. Any Other Business

KM advised JG that the tractor signs had been re-ordered.  
Bradley Thomas voted for a one tier system in Worcester, which will prevent any divide.

## 12. Items of Parochial Interest

The meeting closed at 20.20.

**NOTE.** Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

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Karen May		Simon Nock	
John Gwinnett	(Chairman)	Nancy Bailey	(Acting Clerk & Councillor)
Jane Jarrard	(Councillor)	Pamela Morgan	(Councillor)
Phil Smith	(Councillor)		

### Dates for future

16 April 2026  
14 May 2026 – AGM  
16 July 2026  
15 October 2026

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