**FRENCHAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

Minutes of the **AGM Meeting** held on Thursday 17th November, 7.45 pm, 2016 held at the Unitarian Chapel Frenchay.

Present: Members of the public and committee members which are recorded in the attendance register.

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the AGM.

2. **Minutes of AGM meeting June 2016 – signed and approved**

3. **Apologies –** Sally Swann, Eurof Lewis, Carole Averis, Trevor Pincott

\*\* Attendance sheet going round \*\*

4. **Welcome Lee Wakeman**, Chair of the Governors at Frenchay school (& Sandra Allen, Head Teacher) to give us an update on the school.

FPS and WPC have given written support as requested by the Governors to the new school and we would all like to thank them for the hard work they have put in on behalf of the school and the community.

John Swainston – Diocese of Bristol Academy support – bid submitted in September – currently waiting for indication of success – not sure of timescale? Positive feedback from parents and carers wish to continue the Diocese relationship. Free school DoE view new school bids as free schools. 2 form entry school application – this is the only way this bid will be accepted.

New proposal breaches open area guidelines on playing field area but this should not be a problem as this guideline can be flexible. Winterbourne PC have written letters in support of this bid. The school would still keep its multi-cultural focus even if under the Bristol Diocese umbrella.

Redrow are committed to build a 1 form entry school as part of the 106 agreement there is a shortfall but the DoE will fund the gap to make this a 2 form entry.

Philip Whitby Coles updated us on the success of this year’s show. Huge success lots of people – many thanks to all. Bigger sign on Hambrook Traffic Lights – more people than expected. Make sure more organised next year. £2,250 donations, keep some of the profit kept. Introducing more for the children next year including Hedgehog rescue, alpacas, exotic animals etc. next year – July 15th

Tomorrow (18th) Metro bus meeting at Begbrook School (5 to 7pm) – proposal to change one-way system and make it up to the University

Museum – Millennium project – derelict when they got it – accredited museum asked if we could buy the premises. 125 year lease arranged from South Gloucestershire – they are still waiting to sign off the lease.

5. **Chairman’s Report – Paul Kembery**

A new tenant has been found for the Tuckett Field so cows will be back in the field next year.

A section of the wall that was knocked down by a vehicle has been rebuilt.

Stoke Lane closure northbound has caused us peak time delays in Frenchay so the sooner it is completed the better. The next big thing is the A 4174 ring road repairs to the viaducts over the Frome from Bromley Heath towards Frenchay. It is proposed to shut one side to do essential structural repairs and make a pedestrian and cycle lane which SGC have got government funding for. It may be June 2017 for one year but will be single lane traffic on one viaduct. We have a concern that Frenchay will be even more saturated as drivers look for an alternative so we are discussing this with SGC highway officers.

Frenchay Village Hall junction improvement scheme has been implemented and I have had many positive comments from residents. It slows the traffic down and importantly makes a safer crossing for residents. Whilst we were all aware it was not a solution to the issues there but it’s a good help in the right direction in the meantime.

The car park on the road leading up to the church opposite has been re surfaced and drainage work done by WPC. I’d like to thank Eurof for his expertise and time he put into getting the specifications and the work done.

BT wanted to remove the red telephone box from Frenchay Hill. It’s a great landmark and we asked WPC to adopt it for the community which is going ahead. If any resident has any idea on what to use if for please do contact us. Other communities have done mini libraries and book exchanges for example as well as a notice board.

Regarding Travellers that camped on the hospital site – bunding is very effective, meeting today to raise the level and improve in certain areas.

6. **Treasurer’s Report – Carol Thorne**

Carried Forward £723.40

If you would like to suggest new name for the new development please contact Lauren/WPC – not sure what the deadline is? Trevor to find out what the deadline is? Could someone write a brief article for the magazine please?.

7. **Parish Council Report – David Fletcher**

Defibrillators – some councillors are trained.

Pond – application for holiday house now declined and land is now back for sale.

Make good Frome valley walkway from Grange Park to the viaduct.

Laurels down Pearce’s Hill to be removed

New double size bin placed by White Lion

1st Phase of Hospital site 88 dwellings now approved.

2 applications in 1,290 dwellings and 320 dwellings up to the M4 – now further infrastructure to cope with this.

Old Rectory requires access to the common to assemble the pre-constructed panels – this has been granted by WPC.

Access to do Bromley Heath bridge repairs – would this be accessed via Grange Park?

8. **Any Other Business**

Access across the common to FVH – lots of questions that need to be answered. Could be £50K to implement this scheme.

9. **Date of next meeting 15th June 2017 7.30pm at the same venue.**

The meeting closed at approx 8.45pm.

Approved

Chairman

Date