**FRENCHAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

Minutes of Frenchay Preservation Society Meeting Thursday 21st February 2019 held at The Village Hall, Frenchay - 7.30pm

**Present:** Paul Kembery, Eurof Lewis, Hugh Whatley, David Fletcher, Carol Thorne, Mary Ryan, Neil Lemin, Geoff Haskett, Charlie Watkins, Jon Hunt

Cllr Jon Hunt was introduced to the FPS. New electoral boundary changes will see Frenchay fall under the Frenchay and Downend ward following council elections in May. WPC area will stay the same. His two Downend Parish Council colleagues will attend future meetings but were unable to attend this one.

1. **Apologies** – Adrian Collins

2. **Minutes** ½ Yearly Meeting Thursday 15th November 2018 on the FPS website.

3. **Matters Arising**

a) Handover of parkland. The new play area next to the museum has failed an independent safety inspection hence why it is still fenced off to the public. Some residents frustrated by not being able to use it. Plans are in place to install a path alongside the play area/tennis courts in order to prevent mud from getting onto the tennis courts.

NBHT have retained ownership and long-term maintenance of the car park next to the museum. Thus, they are responsible for any ongoing maintenance i.e. cutting of shrubbery etc.

Plan to expand parking spaces for the museum in the existing car park suggested from Hugh Whatley.

b) Traffic calming. Further encroachment and erosion of the bunding on the common has been observed. Further reported incidents of damage to vehicles as a result of hitting the granite kerbstones which are more unforgiving than normal concrete kerbs. The area outside the Unitarian Chapel where a proposed crossing/traffic calming installation was due to be installed has been delayed/postponed and many residents do not want this to be implemented. There is an adequate crossing point by the road leading to the Church which is well used for adults and children crossing. The current sign for the bus stop for the Winterbourne Academy bus was suggested to be moved to the the existing crossing point.

We are currently awaiting the results from the recently conducted Independent traffic survey and numerous requests have been put in by Paul Kembery to SGC..

c) Beckspool pond. Awaiting details of when Beckspool Road will be shut again in order to complete the works to the pond. Length of closure potentially up to 5 weeks. Permission asked by SGC for silt to be put on land thought by them to be WPC owned land but not. No objection to them doing this.

4. **Chairman’s Report**

 a) Cutting back of trees/shrubs from car park next to the museum have been asked to be done by Redrow and NBHT but neither parties have given the go ahead to date. The removal of old poles/signage/street furniture etc from the area will be done by Redrow at a future stage.

b) FPS 50th year.

The Village Hall has been booked for 28/09/19 in order to hold a celebration event. It will be on the previous format 10 years ago of a wine tasting and cheese quiz and any funds will go to FVH/FPS/FRA Beckspool Fund.

5. **Treasurer’s Report**

£100 in

£154.24 out.

Total funds: **£497.34** balance

6. **Planning**

Planning matters. Frenchay

1. P19/1108/F – Roads 1 and 1B Former Frenchay Hospital (Creation of a new road and associated highway works)
2. P19/1316/TCA – Riverwood Lodge, Beckspool Road – (Works to crown reduce 1 no. Lawson Cypress tree by 3m, situated in the Frenchay Conservation Area)
3. P19/1401/TCA – 6 Cliff Court Drive (Works to fell 1 no. Horse Chestnut tree, situated in the Frenchay Conservation Area)
4. P19/1526/TCA – 6 Cliff Court Drive (Works to fell 1 no. Horse Chestnut tree, situated in the Frenchay Conservation Area)

7. **Any Other Business**

1. Geoff raised the issue of no electronic signage at the Metrobus stop on the ring road.

Geoff to follow up with Trevor Jones.

1. Hugh advised the FPS that the Museum extension plans have been formally refused.

 Now looking at a 3rd iteration – single storey building. Jon Hunt suggested that the planning application refusal could have been ‘called in’ and looked at by the planning committee.

c) Byelaw sign on the common has been cleaned !

d) Jon Hunt highlighted that a 'no right turn' at Hambrook lights is to be trialled. SGC

 monitoring traffic flows at the junction with a view to finding a solution to cutting high

 emissions which are one of the highest in the SGC are and a government directive to SGC to deal with the excessive pollution at this point.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Date of next Meeting– Thursday 18th April 2019 at Unitarian Chapel, Beckspool Road at 7.30pm.

 The meeting closed at approx. 8.50 pm.

 Approved

 Chairman

 Date