**FRENCHAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

Minutes of the **½ Yearly Meeting** held on Thursday 15th June, 7.45 pm, 2017 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. **Apologies**

 Geoff Haskett, Margret & Ray Bulmer

3. Tim Bowles - Mayor West of England

 Introduction from Tim. The job not about running metro bus and there are no robes or chains. Tim is not a mayor – we have a Lord Mayor instead he represents Bristol and North Somerset LEP planning for long term economic growth (NS, BANES, South Glos. (Housing and Transport)). Housing 20 year plans – homes to meet the supply & demand. Also, the role involves how we will address skill gaps over 20 years which brings huge challenges, identifying what are the growth industries? Other than SE we are the only other net contributor in revenue i.e. we have the second strongest economy in the UK. Tim is involved with liaising with our three strong Universities.

 Q: Coming out of the EU? This provides significant challenges alongside London but there can be global opportunities

 Q: How many people work with you? 2 employees (assistants) + 1 other

 Q: Who is your boss? The people are

 Q: Mayors part of devolution process? Focus is to ultimately devolve decisions to the region

 Q: Bus routes? Who is in charge of bus franchisees – this stands with the Local Authorities

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

 Updates – developments with primary school – presentation given last Sunday. They were looking for a single school with links to the church. Diocese would only support through Bristol Academy trust.

 Final outcome is an Infant school (135 pupils), the old building is to be refurbished. New junior school (180 pupils) - 315 children total i.e. 1.1/2 form entry. Free school entry was for 2 form hence rejected. July Aug – plan put forward /formal consultation process. Construction for new school – aim is to be ready Sept 2019

 Q: Re-build at existing school – plans will be put forward soon.

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

 WPC Support what Lee and the Governor team are doing.

15th July – 47th Flower Show – Last year most successful ever - £4,500 profit! Half of this money has been used for local good causes. Leaflets on front desk. New attractions this year include Hedgehog rescue/Alpacas etc.

Meeting last night at Village Hall – plan showing routes that will be closed. A4174 commence after July – structure needs repair. Contraflow will be installed – 6 months work. Funding available if it doesn’t come in on time! Concerns with heavy vehicles coming through Frenchay. The suggestion made for concave mirror by village hall – no longer considered an option.

Live monitoring – for the volume of traffic coming through Frenchay. Concern over traffic going both ways – which will make it very difficult.

Lorries – should be monitored.

A suggestion for keep clear boxes at the end of GP, Riverwood etc. was thought unnecessary at the moment.

End of Beckspool Road needs a yellow box? Bus stops should not be an issue – as they are outside of the controlled area. Rain runoff will be controlled properly. The number 46 bus is unaffected.

Local volunteer groups for hospital land are being created.

Allotments within the area may be introduced.

Redrow – red mud – they have been reminded them of their obligations to ensure the mud is removed.

White lines by the school have been successful.

New tenant in Tuckett fields – cattle soon.

Bunding to be done soon.

Work to be done on road by Cedar Hall, Riverwood etc to relieve water pooling also on Bristol Road – 6 gulley’s that need cleaning out – they are on the list to be done.

Himalayan Balsam – Neil Greenwood big pull up!

Cricket – Noon on Saturday

BT Red box – suggest Redrow use their £1500 to refurbish it?

Brick BBQ on the common – WPC to investigate.

Drone racing – WPC are looking into the by-laws.

Duck pond issue – on-going.

Help required at the museum please.

Sue Horrocks - 16th July Frenchay Flower Show [www.frenchayflowershow.com](http://www.frenchayflowershow.com).

Encouraging entries for the show, flowers, baking, chutneys, art, photo’s etc.

Volunteers would be most appreciated.

Church is open on the day.

Geoff /Neil – Himalayan Balsam – A survey has been done and there is a lot less around than previous years, although it is unlikely that it will be eradicated completely.

10 volunteers from the Environment Agency will be working in the valley next weekend any additional help would be most appreciated.

Carole – Vintage car show, museum open on the Flower Show day. A copy of the lease has been handed over (25 year lease for £80,000). Grants available once they own the premises.

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

 Carried Forward £634.48

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

Planning – ground in Bristol road – 4 houses where is a bungalow

14b Riverwood road – awaiting decision

Hospital now under decision

92 bed Student accommodation (20 car parking spaces) – awaiting decision

Newlands planning application - refused

Pearces Hill – on-going – no finish date (Oct?)

7. **Any Other Business**

8. **Date of next meeting**

AGM – Thursday 23rd November 2017.

 The meeting closed at approx 21.06pm.

 Approved

 Chairman

 Date