**FRENCHAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

Minutes of ½ Yearly Meeting Thursday 15th November 2018 held at The Unitarian Chapel, Frenchay - 7.30pm

**Present:** See attendance list

1. **Apologies** – Paul Kembery

2. **Minutes** of the AGM Meeting 20th September 2018 on the FPS website.

3. **Matters Arising**

a) Village Museum and Lime Tree Avenue (Hugh Whatley). Revised plans for the Museum extension – ground floor extension only. Currently with WPC to review. Hugh issued a request for museum volunteers and if interested to contact Margaret Bulmer.

b) Beckspool Road layout changes (Trevor Jones). Trevor explained the layout changes to Beckspool Road that are currently in progress.

- Lengthy discussion regarding the physical layout changes and the perceived lack of consultation.

- Reports of traffic backing up along Beckspool Road, Cleeve Hill Road in morning rush hour.

- Reported incidents of road rage – no signs showing priority, people cutting up the verge on the common and damage to cars who have hit the newly installed kerb stones.

- Reports of people cutting down Frenchay Hill.

- Reports of increased traffic through Malmains Drive to avoid the queues on Beckspool Road.

- Concerns received from Frenchay PCC regarding lack of parking for worshippers to the St John the Baptist – particularly when weddings, baptisms, funerals and concerts are taking place at the church. Also noting lack of consultation on the impact of the proposed scheme.

A request was made for an urgent meeting with Highways to discuss in more detail.

c) VVG area update (Adrian Collins). 2 Lime Trees have been removed due to disease. Replacement trees should be planted by the end of November. There is currently no footpath to the Tennis Court – this has been raised with Redrow. Redrow contractors are cutting hedges/scrub but leaving the cuttings in the wooded area. Cherry Laurel which can be evasive has been cut back – however the roots remain likely to grow back. Several fallen trees need to be removed.

d) Bat population. Unfortunately, Lawrence Armstrong (Ecologist) was due to talk on the Bat population in Frenchay – however he was caught in traffic and was unable to attend. Will look to re-schedule

4. **Chairman’s Report**

 a) BBQ area by the corner of the school on the common has been finished and large topping stones placed on the top. This is the designated area and we hope will stop the increased use of disposable BBQ’s burning the grass.

5. **Treasurer’s Report**

Carried forward from April.

Total funds: **£647.58**

6. **Winterbourne Parish Council Report**

David Fletcher – explained current activities of the WPC and detailed some of the imminent changes to planning with respect to the two current committees – DC East and DC West are to become one committee.

7. **Any Other Business**

 a) Frenchay Community News (Kate Davison) – request for someone to take on the role of Secretary. As population of Frenchay increases the growth of required copies has seen costs go up by £50 per month (likely to increase further next year as new house completions increase).

- There is a subsequent need for new volunteers to deliver copies. (currently 52 volunteers)

- There is an urgent requirement to find a new printer who can keep up with this increased demand at a manageable cost (possibly in colour)

- Redrow support will come to an end and need to find additional advertising revenue to continue.

 b) FPS Subscription (Carol Thorne) – do we need a yearly subscription to FPS? If so what is the best method to collect subscriptions – cash, bank transfer?

8. **Date of next meeting**

Date of next ½ yearly Meeting– Thursday 20th June 2019 at Unitarian Chapel, Beckspool Road at 7.30pm.

 The meeting closed at approx. 8.45 pm.

 Approved

 Chairman

 Date