**FRENCHAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

Minutes of ½ Yearly Meeting Thursday 21st June 2018 held at The Unitarian Chapel, Frenchay, 7.30pm

**Present:** See attendance list

1. **Apologies** – Philip Whitby-Coles, Eurof Lewis

2. **Minutes** of the AGM Meeting 17th November 2017 on the FPS website, copy signed by Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising**

a) Layout changes to Beckspool Road. Trevor Jones outlined the proposed layout changes to Beckspool Road as a result of the housing development on the old hospital site and the new school. Trevor explained these layout changes are funded by the Section 106 money from the developer. Changes include a number of ‘build-outs’ on Beckspool Road, speed limiting tables, crossing points and associated signage. No confirmation as to whether a 20mph limit will also be introduced.

b) Latest position with WPC and VVG – WPC lined up to take over the future maintenance of the sports facilities and some of the green open spaces. Negotiations ongoing with Redrow, NBHT and SGC regarding amendments to some of the proposed sports facilities. No requirement for cricket pitch and croquet lawn, also a request to move the Boulle’s area by the White Lion. WPC are however willing to take over and manage the new children’s play area and the rest of the village green – including the allotments and nature reserve.

c) Parish Councillors – Thanks given to Eurof Lewis, Carol Thorne and David Fletcher who are standing down as Parish Councillors next May. Hugh Whatley, Adrian Collins and Charlie Watkins are standing. Hugh and Adrian addressed the meeting.

c) Future Hospital Provisions – Trevor Jones provided an update on the care facilities that will or won’t be provided on the old hospital site as detailed in the 4th June cabinet meeting.

 - 45-55 Step down beds

 - 72 care home beds (across both Thornbury/Frenchay sites)

 - Extra care housing scheme – 50 to 80 dwellings.

To be funded by both the NHS and private sector.

d) Himalayan Balsam – Geoff Haskett provided an update on the work undertaken to control this invasive species along the banks of the River Frome. As a result of the last 4 years clearance work - the amount of Balsam remaining has reduced from 60% to 20%. Volunteers always welcome – contact Geoff.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/profile?pid=480>

4. **Chairman’s Report**

 a) Telephone Box – the red telephone box at the top of Frenchay Hill adopted by the WPC has now been restored and is now a community book exchange (see link to Bristol Post article below). Thanks to Carol Thorne for securing £500 from the Redrow community fund which went towards renovating it as well as helping with the books and labels.

 <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/what-residents-disused-phone-box-1726757>

5. **Treasurer’s Report**

Payments: Expenses – £94.78, Room Hire - £30, Website renewal - £122.12

Total funds: **£547.58**

6. **WPC Report**

David Fletcher reported on the following WPC highlights: -

* £250 given to the Frenchay Flower Show
* £1500 for maintenance of the churchyard
* Secured 125 lease for Frenchay Museum.
* Undertaken hedge work/fencing so that cattle could be introduced back into Tuckett Field as well as installation of new kissing gates which have been painted black.

7. **Any Other Business**

 a) Sue Horrocks gave an update on preparations for the Frenchay Flower Show – 14th July.

 b) Parking at the top of Frenchay Hill (on double yellow lines). Paul to follow-up.

c) Overgrown hedges on Bristol Road. Trevor to follow-up.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Date of next Meeting– Thursday 15th November 2018 at Unitarian Chapel, Beckspool Road at 7.30pm.

 The meeting closed at approx. 8.40 pm.

 Approved

 Chairman

 Date