**FRENCHAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

Minutes of the **½ Yearly Meeting** held on Thursday 16th June, 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. **Apologies**

Christine Horrocks and Alan Freke

3. **Welcome Lee Wakeman, Chair of the Governors at Frenchay school to give us an update on the school.**

Sandra Allen, Dave Williams, Rebecca Lemin

Slides showing indicative plan however nothing is set in stone. The governors are trying to be pre-emptive to reactive stage and are committed to building on the successes of the current school. A single school rather than split schools is their preferred option and they are active in lobbying against two schools. School outline on proposed location map is at the centre of the village. The real evaluation process has just started (4 weeks ago), working with diocese to get the right result. A recent Ofsted review rated the school very good and they consistently strive for very good education for all of their children.

The proposed new site is based around the temporary car park area on the old Hospital site. Developers want to finance a one form entry school only but the governors want a two form to serve the needs of the entire community. The proposed 106 requirement for Redrow is a one form entry school. A proposed idea is that it is a free school but the governors are looking at every option and will recommend the best.

Questions/comments:

If we only get a single form entry will the existing school continue running? – the aim is to go to a single 2FE school.

In 18 months there are likely to be 88 new families where will they go to school? – Trevor Jones – the approval could happen quickly i.e. 18 months. They are keen not to play catch-up to the building of the homes and demand. If a free school they can be built within 12 months from previous examples.

Is there a mechanism whereby the existing school will get the new building? The governors are working closely with the diocese to engage and win the new school however this is not guaranteed.

The community needs to highlight to the diocese that it is important that the local community have their say and input in the development process.

It was agreed that a follow up meeting would be useful later in the year at the next FPS meeting.

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

Sue Horrocks - 16th July Frenchay Flower Show, please view the new website for details and the schedules - [www.frenchayflowershow.com](http://www.frenchayflowershow.com).

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

Volunteers would be most appreciated.

Churches will be open on the day.

Geoff Haskett – 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 working with Neil will be working in the valley next weekend any additional help would be most appreciated.

Carol Thorne – Vintage car show, museum open on the Flower Show day. A copy of the lease has been handed over and is nearing completion (125 year lease for £80,000). Grants available once they own the premises.

Lancaster bomber may do flyover on flower show day!

Replacement planter for the stolen one by Cleevewood Bridge has been replaced; let’s hope it does not get lifted like the other one!

Cows will hopefully be back in the Tuckett Field, a section of the wall has been knocked down by a vehicle and has taken a while to sort out the insurance so we did not want cows wandering down the road!

Phasing of traffic lights has been reduced at A 4174 junction from Frenchay since the cycle lane improvements – hoping to get changes sometime in the future to increase the phasing time

and junction layout from SGC who have been advised of issues.

Stoke Lane closure northbound has been halted as many of you will know, I think it would have added a large amount of extra traffic towards Frenchay even before the UWE staff and students return in September. It has been recently announced that it will close for 6 months from 26th June 2016 northbound.

Frenchay Village Hall junction improvement scheme has been delayed due to the proposed Stoke Lane closure but is under review. Chair of the FVH (Jeff Lewis) - the access is quite dangerous and access would never be granted now. Request for FPS, council etc. to do something about the entrance to alleviate this issue with a new entrance. The location of the entrance is an issue i.e. across the common. The Frenchay Pre-School owner expressed her concerns with safety at the entrance. Eurof Lewis would like to start the ball rolling with a show of hands – unanimous show of hands to pursue this with WPC.

Defibrillators have been installed by WPC at the NatWest Bank in Winterbourne High Street, The Cross Hands Pub in Winterbourne Down and the White Lion Pub in Frenchay. There is also one at the Village Hall. I would encourage anyone to go on a CPR and Defibrillator course or check out online how to do this. The Defibrillators actually give you audible instructions on what to do in the event of using one.

The planned Cricket tournament and village day this Saturday on the common is postponed.

Hambrook lane planned closure for 36 weeks – Trevor will pass on the concerns to the local authority that this road should now be open.

5. **Treasurer’s Report – Carol Thorne –** Santander have sent a cheque for £ 200 for the hassle

Caused in changing the account over. Our thanks to Carol for all the work and stress caused!

Carried Forward £506.46

Subscriptions/Donations £100.00

Stationary/printing £83.06

**Total £723.40**

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

Planning – land over by pylon fields opposite the Holiday Inn Hotel ‘Land East of Harry Stoke’ is proposed for 2000 dwellings

7. **Any Other Business**

Alan Jocelyn has concerns over the location of the proposed school and would like all to consider the impact and implications.

8. **Date of next meeting**

AGM – Thursday 17th November 2016.

The meeting closed at approx 21.00pm.

Approved

Chairman

Date