

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

The Parish Council now has five female councillors and a new clerk and assistant clerk who are very forward thinking. The Responsible Financial Officer after many years, is now working less hours but still imparts his considerable advice and knowledge when needed.

The Parish Council is involved with various organisations, not only through funding but assisting where needed.

The funding for the Street Champions truck is provided by the Parish Council. The truck is currently out on the road five days a week and operated by our team of volunteers. In the last 12 months 188 tonnes of fly tipped rubbish has been collected by the Street Champions and taken to Lifford Lane.

Some of the other work the Street Champions undertake is tidying and maintaining areas such as Princess Diana Walk, clearing and de-silting of the ancient monument moat. There is ongoing funding for the library as well as Frankley Family Forum who have very successful football training and Multi Sports sessions running every week at Balaam Wood School. Frankley Family Forum are currently working on a family garden within the Balaam Wood School site by the library. The Parish Council also contributed funds to the refurbished boards on New Street, which are a welcome, colourful update to the area.

Two former councillors were granted Honorary Freeman of the Parish for their contribution to the Parish Council and the community. These were Gareth Griffiths and Bill Hollis.

In October the Parish Council was awarded a special blue plaque from the Birmingham Civic Society for services to the community and environment. The Parish Council was nominated for the plaque by the pupils and staff of Balaam Wood School.

On behalf of the community we are actively involved in objecting to the proposed cemetery/crematorium on New Inns Lane, which although is out of our boundary will affect the residents of New Frankley.

We have now purchased a defibrillator which will be sited in the Supermarket on Arden Road. This is due to be fitted mid May and will be a valuable community resource. Training will take place on the use of the defibrillator and will be open to other community groups in the area.

The Parish Council is also pursuing three new projects which will benefit the community in general. These are in the very early stages and as they come to fruition, residents will be informed of any developments.

We now have an updated Parish website and facebook page to keep the community informed of all our work and upcoming projects. The Clerk has attended social media training with B31 voices and is working closely with them to grow the Parish Council's web presence.

I would like to thank all the residents of Frankley who help us by reporting lamps that aren't working, reporting fly-tipped rubbish, using dog waste bags provided by the Parish Council. Lastly I would like to pass on my thanks to all the volunteers who make the community of New Frankley a better place to live.

I.Bruckshaw - Chairman