

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Freeby Parish Council
Held on 7th January 2019
at 7.30pm in Freeby Village Hall**

Those Present: Mrs Beverley Howes (Chairman)
Kerry Conboy (Vice Chairman)
Ian Manchester
Simon Faulks
Peter Barnett
Frances Waberski (Clerk)
Joe Orson

1 Apologies: Malise Graham

2 The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Matters Arising:

The potholes which had been repaired in the road between Brentingby and Wyfordby have begun to form again. The Clerk is to contact Leicestershire Highways.

The hedges along the side of Lag Lane leading to Thorpe Arnold have still not been cut. The Clerk wrote to the Clerk of Thorpe Arnold Parish Council following the last meeting. No response has been received so she is to write again.

3 Precept 2019/2020 The Clerk circulated copies of the budget for 2019/2020. It was agreed to keep the Precept the same as the current year and the forms were completed and signed.

4 Bank Account Amendments – the forms to change the signatories can be completed online, so the Clerk will do this and liaise with the two Councillors who will take over as signatories.

5 Stapleford Bus Shelter – it has been inspected and felt to be safe.

6 The future of local government in Leicestershire – There was an informative discussion about potential structural changes to local government in Leicestershire. Melton Borough Council and Leicestershire County Council will keep Parish Councils updated.

7 Changes in decision making arrangements in MBC – MBC agreed in November to change its governance arrangements from a ‘Committee system’ to ‘Executive arrangements’ in the form of a Leader and Cabinet model.

8 Parish Boundary Survey – A survey is being run in the East Midlands by the Council for British Archaeology. The aim is to get groups to record the remaining historic physical features of their local parish boundaries. If anyone wants to get involved with this, more details are available on <http://boundaryproject.cbaem.org/>.

9 Broadband Update – Following the last meeting, an email was received from Andrew Viney on 8th October 2018. Amongst other comments, he says that ‘we are unable to get any Buckminster Broadband services to Brentingby and some properties in Wyfordby’. At present, there do not appear to be any providers of superfast broadband in these areas. Residents should contact the Superfast Leicestershire team and advise them of this as the map on the Superfast Leicestershire website says that superfast is available.

10 Parish Council Elections – The Parish Council Elections are due to be held this year.

11 Any Other Business –

The speed cameras are now installed on the B676 and are working.

Date of next meeting – Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.