

FRESHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Report on the VPA 8/2/2022

I attended the VPA meeting on 8/2/2022. The main item for discussion was the Way Forward for the organisation following comments from the seven participating Parish Councils; Freshford, Limpley Stoke, Monkton Combe, Winsley, Bathampton, Bathford and Claverton.

Proposal

- 1 The organisation will continue in a semi-informal manner, with only two meetings per year, one of which will be on-line.
- 2 The constitution will be rewritten, ready for approval at the AGM on 14 June 2022.
- 3 From the AGM, the current Chairman and Secretary will resign and not be replaced. The treasurer Ian Berry will remain in place.
- 4 The Account of the VPA is just under £3,000. No further subscriptions will be sought from any of the participating Parish Councils.
- 5 The aims of the organisation will remain the same, to act as a point of liaison between the parishes along the River Avon, to exchange information via email.
- 6 If the prospect of an A36/A46 link road becomes current again with central Government or National Highways, it can act as a focal point for a campaign of opposition.
- 7 The VPA website domain expires in September and will not be renewed, so the website, which is very old and unusable, will cease to exist.

Other matters

There have been no communications from either National Highways or Kennett and Avon Canal Trust despite an attempt since November to open a dialogue. So it would appear neither organisation recognises the VPA, further eroding the value of the organisation.

Action for Freshford PC

Confirm that you are content for me to remain a member of VPA, attend the one meeting a year and remain in contact with the other parishes via this group.

There will be no need for subscriptions, so the budget can be amended to reduce this commitment.

Julian Carpenter

9 February 2022.