

NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the New Frankley In Birmingham Parish Council held at St Christopher's Church Centre, Holly Hill, Frankley on Monday, 16 May 2005 at 1930 hours.

Present

Councillor Eric Carter (In the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Gareth Griffiths, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Geoffrey Stephenson, Stephen Trefor-Jones, Joanna Walker and Geoffrey Williams

Also in attendance Chris Smith – Frankley Youth Affairs Forum

There was one member of the public in attendance

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Joanna Walker (family commitments) and Councillor Denny (work commitment)

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

A Longbridge Ward Advisory Board

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was -

- 1134 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Carter be appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Longbridge Ward Advisory Board.

B Frankley Community Church Project

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was -

- 1135 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Linda Banks be nominated to serve as the Council's representative on the Management Committee of the Frankley Community Church Project.

C City Council's Standards Committee

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 1136 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Griffiths be nominated to serve as the Parish Council representative on the City Council's Standards Committee

D CENTRO Frankley Public Transport Improvements Stakeholders' Conference

Upon receipt of nominations, it was –

- 1137 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillors Carter, Griffiths and Stephenson be appointed to serve as Parish Council representatives on CENTRO's Frankley Public Transport Improvements Stakeholders' Conference.

E Northfield Constituency Pathfinder Group

Councillor indicated that the Pathfinder no-longer met and therefore the Parish Council did not need to nominate a Councillor to serve thereon.

F District Committee (Northfield Constituency)

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 1138 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Trefor-Jones be authorised to attend meetings of the District Committee (Northfield Constituency) as a representative of the Parish Council.

G Northfield District Strategic Partnership Executive

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 1139 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Griffiths be appointed to attend meetings of the Northfield District Strategic Partnership Executive as a representative of the Parish Council.

H Northfield District Governance Commission

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 1140 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Trefor-Jones be appointed to attend meetings of the Northfield District Governance Commission as a representative of the Parish Council.

J Safer Neighbourhood Steering Group

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 1141 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Griffiths be appointed to attend meetings of the Safer Neighbourhood Steering Group as a representative of the Parish Council.

K Environmental Services Review

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 1142 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Carter be appointed to attend meetings of the Environmental Services Review as a representative of the Parish Council.

L Stock Option Appraisal Team

Upon receipt of a nomination, it was –

- 1143 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Trefor-Jones be appointed to attend meetings of the Stock Option Appraisal Team as a representative of the Parish Council.

DATES OF MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2005/2006

The Clerk pointed out that the pattern of dates for meetings of the Parish Council meant that the April 2006 meeting of the Council would fall on Easter Monday. Following a brief discussion it was agreed that the April 2006 meeting of the Council be held on 24 April.

- 1144 RESOLVED: That meetings of the Parish Council for the forthcoming Municipal Year be held on the following Mondays at 1930 hours at the St Christopher's Church Centre -

20 June 2005, 18 July 2005, 15 August 2005,
19 September 2005, 17 October 2005,
21 November 2005, 19 December 2005,
16 January 2006, 20 February 2006, 20 March 2006,
24 April 2006,
with the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Annual
Parish Meeting on 15 May 2006.

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENTAL, HIGHWAYS AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was:-

- 1145 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillors Linda Banks, Bruckshaw, Stephenson, Joanna Walker and Williams be appointed to serve on the Planning, Environmental, Highways and Public Transport Committee, together with the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson of the Council as ex-officio members of the Committee and that Councillor Bruckshaw be appointed Chairperson of the Committee; further that meetings of the Committee be at the call of the Chairperson as and when there is business to transact.

STAFFING COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was:-

- 1146 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillors Carter, Denny and Trefor-Jones be appointed to serve on the Staffing Committee and that meetings of the Committee be called as and when there is business to transact.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

Following receipt of nominations, it was:-

- 1147 RESOLVED: That, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillors Linda Banks, Bruckshaw and Stephenson be appointed to serve on the Appeals Committee and that meetings of the Committee be called as and when there is business to transact.

AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

- 1148 The Clerk explained that due to the appointment of the two additional Standing Committees, Staffing and Appeals and the non-appointment of the Section 137 Committee it would be necessary to make an alteration to Standing Order 40. He therefore proposed bringing such an amendment for approval to the next meeting.

PUBLIC MINUTES

Councillor Griffiths pointed out that his apology for his absence through sickness at the last meeting had not been recorded.

- 1149 Subject to the amendment referred to above, the Minutes of the public part of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 April 2005 were noted.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- 1150 Hereon, the under mentioned Member declared his respective interest in the Agenda Item indicated below -

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Griffiths	Chairperson's Allowance	Personal and Prejudicial – Approval of Chairperson's Allowance for the forthcoming Municipal Year

Hereon, the Chairperson withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the following item and the Vice-Chairperson took the Chair.

COUNCILLOR CARTER IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRPERSON'S ALLOWANCE

It was proposed by Councillor Hollis, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones and –

- 1151 RESOLVED: That the Chairperson's allowance of £625 for the forthcoming Municipal Year as increased in line with the percentage increase applied to City Council Members' allowances be approved and that the payment thereof be in 10 equal monthly instalments commencing at the end of May 2005.

Hereon, Councillor Griffiths returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

COUNCILLOR GRIFFITHS IN THE CHAIR

CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none

QUESTIONS

There were none.

APPLICATIONS FOR SECTION 137 FUNDING

A Frankley Youth Affairs Forum Summer Camp

The following application for funding of £3,000 towards the costs of taking 24 young people to 2 three day camps at Blackwell Outdoor centre was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 1)

A number of Members, whilst supportive of the application, questioned the amount required, in particular, it was felt that the sum of £1800 to cover staff costs for the two camps, which amounted to more than 50% of the anticipated costs was inordinately high. In response Chris Smith stated that the Forum was a charity and relied on grants from bodies such as the Parish Council to fund its extra-curricular activities such as the two summer camps. Accordingly, all the staff costs associated with the camps would have to be met by grants and not from the Forum's Budget. He went on to point out that the staff involved would be on duty for the whole of the duration of the camps. With regard to the points raised regarding the other costs, he explained that those estimates had been provided by a local Scout leader.

However, it was pointed out that, in approving Section 137 Expenditure, the Council had to be satisfied that the benefit to the community was commensurate with the expenditure proposed and, in relation to the application currently being considered that was not felt to be the case. A number of Members proposed approving a lower amount but ultimately it was agreed that a decision on the application be deferred until the next meeting and that in the meantime, Mr Smith be urged to seek alternative means of funding.

- 1152 RESOLVED: That the determination of the application for £3,000 submitted by the Frankley Youth Affairs Forum be deferred until the next meeting of the Council and that in the meantime, Frankley Youth Affairs Forum be urged to seek alternative sources of funding.

B Frogmill Pre-school Play Group

The following application for funding of £281.24 towards the cost of insurance to enable the group to continue its work in the community was submitted -

(see Interleaved documents no. 2)

- 1153 RESOLVED: That the Council, in accordance with its powers under Sections 137 and 139 of the Local Government Act 1972, agree to incur the following expenditure, which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the area or of its inhabitants and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure; expenditure of £281.24 to pay for the annual insurance to enable the group to continue its work in the community.

ANNUAL RETURN FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2005

A Annual Return – Section 1 – The Statement of Accounts

The following Statement of Accounts was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 3)

- 1154 RESOLVED: That the Statement of Accounts, as now submitted, be approved.
B Annual Return – Section 2 – Statement of Assurance

The following Statement of Assurance was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 4)

- 1155 RESOLVED: That the Statement of Assurance, as now submitted, be approved.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none

DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were none.

FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT

There was nothing to report.

CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION

There was nothing to report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

Road Name Plates

- 1156 Councillor Linda Banks remarked that a number of road name plates were beginning to look 'scruffy' and suggested that the Parish Council contact Transportation to have them cleaned up as had happened in the past.

PAYMENTS

A Business Visa Credit Card

- 1157 The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was noted -

(see interleaved document no. 5)

B Schedule of Payments

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 6)

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones seconded by Councillor Hollis and –

- 1158 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted, be approved.

LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

At 2016 hours, the meeting adjourned to enable the Members of the Public to raise issues of concern.

There being no issues to be raised by the public the meeting was reconvened at 2016 hours

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

- 1159 RESOLVED: That, pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded for the meeting during the consideration of the following -

Private Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council on 18 April 2005

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- 1160 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the private part of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 18 April 2005, having been previously circulated were, together with the Public Minutes submitted earlier in the meeting and as amended, taken as read, confirmed and signed.

The meeting ended at 2015 hours

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Chairperson