

## **NEW FRANKLEY IN BIRMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

At a meeting of the New Frankley in Birmingham Parish Council held at St Christopher's Church Centre, New Street, Frankley on Monday, 20 February, 2006 at 1930 hours.

### **Present**

Councillor Gareth Griffiths (in the Chair)

Councillors Linda Banks, Ian Bruckshaw, Eric Carter, Michael Denny, Sidney Grey MBE, Bill Hollis, Len Lovett, Geoffrey Stephenson, Stephen Trefor-Jones, Joanna Walker and Geoffrey Williams

Also in Attendance Mr Welch, Secretary, Rubery Amateur Boxing Club plus two other members

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies.

### **MINUTES**

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

- 1278 RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 January 2006, having been previously circulated, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 1279 Hereon, the under mentioned Members declared their respective interests in the Agenda Items indicated below -

Councillor	Agenda Item	Interest
Ian Bruckshaw	Application for Funding – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Personal and Prejudicial – Member of the Forum's Management Committee - Member left the room during determination of the application.
Sidney Grey	Application for Funding – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Personal and Prejudicial – Member of the Forum's Management Committee - Member left the room during determination of the application.

Bill Hollis	Application for Funding – Frankley Neighbourhood Forum	Personal and Prejudicial – Member of the Forum’s Management Committee - Member left the room during determination of the application.
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### **CHAIRPERSON’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairperson reported that Councillor Hardeman, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration had now started to respond to those residents who had sent him the letter which had been included in the current edition of the Neighbourhood News.

### **QUESTIONS**

#### **Hereford and Worcester Ambulance Service.**

- 1280 Councillor Stephenson reported that in April 2006, as a consequence of the proposed mergers of the Coventry and Warwickshire, the Hereford and Worcestershire, the West Midlands and the Staffordshire Ambulance Services, the current border between the Hereford and Worcestershire and the West Midlands Services would no longer exist. Coincidentally, the Hereford and Worcestershire Fire Service was undergoing re-organisation and plans had been proposed for a new joint Ambulance/Fire Service station to be built on the site of the current Ambulance Service station at Barnsley Hall. As yet, there had been no information as to where the Ambulance Service would be relocated while the new station was built and as a move away from Barnsley Hall could affect the response times of the H & W Ambulances which often attended emergencies within the Frankley/Rubery area after Hollymoor’s single unit had been called out Councillor Stephenson considered the matter to be of concern to the Council.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Hereford and Worcestershire Ambulance Service to seek clarification of the position regarding the Bromsgrove Ambulance Station.

### **ASSOCIATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD DEMOCRACY**

On receipt of nominations, it was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Stephenson and -

- 1281 RESOLVED: That approval be given to the payment of the Annual Subscription fee of £25 and that for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2006, Councillor Grey (or nominee) and the Clerk be nominated to serve on the Council for Neighbourhood Democracy.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR ATTENDANCE AT A ROYAL GARDEN PARTY AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE ON TUESDAY 11 JULY 2006**

Upon receipt of a nomination it was –

- 1282 RESOLVED: That Councillor Griffiths and partner be nominated to attend the Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 11 July 2006 and that the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils be advised accordingly.

### **APPLICATIONS FOR GRANT AID**

#### **A Frankley Neighbourhood Forum**

The following application for grant aid of £485 was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 1)

It was suggested, and agreed, that, given the frequency of the applications submitted by the Forum for financial assistance towards the costs of printing the Neighbourhood News, next financial year, one application to cover the financial year be submitted with the Clerk being authorised to make the necessary payments as required.

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Williams and –

- 1283 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; a grant of £485 to pay for the printing costs of the February/March 2006 edition of the Frankley Neighbourhood News.

#### **B Rubery Amateur Boxing Club**

The following application for grant aid of £785 was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 2)

Mr Welch, the Secretary of the Club, briefly outlined the aims and objectives of the Club together with its future aspirations following which he commented appropriately to Members' questions and comments.

It was proposed by Councillor Grey, seconded by Councillor Joanna Walker and –

- 1284 RESOLVED That the Council, in accordance with its powers under Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, 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 would benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure: a grant of £785 to enable the Club to register 10 new boxers with the Amateur Boxing Association.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT – 31 DECEMBER 2005**

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 3)

It was proposed by Councillor Trefor-Jones, seconded by Councillor Williams and -

1285 RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

#### **MEMBERS' ALLOWANCE SCHEME**

The following report of the Clerk was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 4)

It was proposed by Councillor Lovett, seconded by Councillor Grey and -

1286 RESOLVED: That the Allowances, as set out in the appendix to the report now submitted, be approved for adoption with effect from 1 April 2006 and that a copy thereof be circulated to each Member.

#### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **S/00528/06/FUL**

##### **Rubery Land, Land at, Rubery, Birmingham**

##### **Amendment to planning application S/01310/05/FUL involving amended layout and house types in respect of plots 12 and 37-43 to provide 8 revised houses (revised total of 43 dwellings).**

1287 Given that the proposed amendments related to a change to the type of properties to be included in the development and was not a substantive change to the scale of the development it was agreed that there should be no objection.

#### **DECISIONS MADE ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **S/07588/05/NOT**

##### **Frogmill Road, Highway verge adjacent to Frankley Industrial Estate, Frankley**

##### **12 Metre high timber telegraph pole with 3 no. antennae and equipment cabinets and ancillary development**

1288 Members welcomed the decision of the Planning Officers to refuse Planning Consent in respect of the above application for the reasons set out in the attached letter.

(see interleaved document no. 5)

#### **FRANKLEY CENTRE DEVELOPMENT**

##### **A The Birmingham Plan (Birmingham Unitary Development Plan 2005)**

- 1289 Councillor Grey was concerned that it appeared that no consideration had been taken when publishing the UDP of the situation at Longbridge. With the demise of MG Rover there was now a large tract of land available for development but the UDP made no reference to any proposals for the utilisation of that land. As the land at Longbridge would be zoned for industrial use and the fact that the former Garrington's site in Bromsgrove was also being developed for use as industrial purposes, he could see no purpose in continuing to restrict the development of Site C to industrial, irrespective of the status of the EU claw back.

## **B Frankley Centre Working Party**

The following letters from Councillor Hardeman and Phil Coyne (Area Manager, East and South West Regeneration Teams) were submitted –

(see interleaved documents 6 & 7)

- 1290 It was generally felt that the letter sent to residents by Councillor Hardeman and that sent to Councillor Barton by Mr Coyne, only reiterated what was already known and did not move the process on. Additionally, it was felt that the status of the £1.4 million referred to in both letters was confusing as the letters appeared to suggest that the money was available for the Centre development whereas the Clerk was of the opinion that access to the funding had to be by way of a bid which would set out the business case for the development.

Following some discussion it was agreed that the Council write to Councillor Hardeman, seeking clarification of the points raised in his letter and to Councillors Hardeman and Lines requesting a response to the letters sent to them from the Council; further that an approach be made to the Northfield District Committee to request that the Council be permitted to raise the issue of the Regeneration during the Committee's soapbox.

It was also agreed that a further meeting of the Working Party would be needed prior to the publication of the next edition of the Neighbourhood News to agree a further article.

*[Subsequent to the meeting, Councillors Lines' and Hardeman's PA contacted the Clerk requesting a meeting at Frankley to discuss the Regeneration proposals. That meeting will be held on Monday March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Offices and, in the light of that development, the Clerk delayed taking some of the agreed actions pending the outcome of the meeting]*

## **CROSS CITY LINE EXTENSION**

The following letter from Mr Tom Magrath, Projects Direct, CENTRO was submitted –

(see interleaved document no. 8)

Councillor Grey indicated that he and the Clerk would take up the matter with Mr Magrath at the forthcoming Transport Summit.

- 1291 RESOLVED: That the letter be noted.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

There were none.

**PAYMENTS**

**A Business Visa Credit Card**

1292 The following Business Visa Credit Card Statement was noted -

(see interleaved document no. 9)

**B Schedule of Payments**

The following Schedule of Payments was submitted -

(see interleaved document no. 10)

It was proposed by Councillor Carter, seconded by Councillor Trefor-Jones and  
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1293 RESOLVED: That the payments, as set out in the Schedule now submitted,  
be approved.

**LOCAL ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

At 2029 hours, the meeting adjourned to enable the Members of the Public  
to raise issues of concern.

There being no issues to be raised the meeting was reconvened at 2029  
hours.

**The meeting ended at 2029 hours.**

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Chairperson